



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date and Location of Meeting:

3rd December 2019, The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG

26 members were present at the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Chaido Doulala-Rigby, Andy Cracknell, Gary Fowmes, Derek Smith, Alan Bamforth, Nigel Wrigley, Andrew Dunn, Colin Jones.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The Chair requested that the minutes of the AGM held on 20th December 2018 be accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance was proposed by Ian Fraser, seconded by Dave Woods and accepted unanimously.

3 Chair's Report

Andrew Belton presented his Chair's Report. The UK Chapter has:

140 individual paid members,

Including 3 honorary free memberships

13 student members (free).

153 Total Individual Members

36 UK chapter paid Sponsors

The UK chapter held 10 events across the country in 2019. This year's Invitational Lecture was delivered by Alan Bamforth (ABG) and was well attended in person and online. Next year the chapter will be running a two-day symposium at Manchester City's Etihad Stadium on the 12th and 13th May on "Containment Engineering" and "Brownfield Remediation".

Ian Fraser (IGS Treasurer) provided an update of international matters from the IGS. The current council officers are as follows:

President – Chungsik Yoo

Vice-President – Nathalie Touze

Secretary General – Edoardo Zannoni

Treasurer – Ian Fraser

Immediate Past President – Russel Jones

Ian outlined some of the events taking place internationally next year:

- Rio De Janeiro will host the GeoAmericas 2020 conference from the 26th to 29th April 2020.
- The EuroGeo 7 conference will be held from the 6th to the 9th September 2020 in Warsaw, Poland.
- Soil Reinforcement Workshop – 20th to 21st January 2020 in Barcelona.
- Barrier Workshop – 22nd to 23rd January 2020 in Barcelona.

Ian also highlighted a new British Standard that was published recently. BS 8661 Geotextiles Guidance for specification for basic separation and filtration functions.

The Chair summarised a list of UK Chapter members who sit on various relevant Technical Committees as follows (it should be noted that the list is not exhaustive):

- BSI B/553 Geosynthetics: **D Shercliff**
- BSI B/526-4 Reinforced Soil: **G Horgan**
- CEN TC189 – A Leech (Convenor, WG3) + various others
- ISO TC221 – P Atchison (Chairperson). WG6 (Design) – D Smith (Convenor) + various

- Ground Forum: **A Belton**
- BGA: **A Belton**
- IGS Council: R Jones and I Fraser
- EC7 Evolution Group: C Jenner
- TC218 Reinforced Fill Structures: WG1, WG2.

Names in **bold** type above are nominated representatives of IGS UK.

The Chair concluded his report and handed over to the Treasurer.

4 Treasurer's Report

Patrick Flood presented the Treasurer's Report. Detailed copies of the Accounts and Budget were presented on-screen. The accounts for the year ended 18 November 2019 show a deficit of income against expenditure of £2,677.18 [vs. a budget of £3,000] and total assets of £31,536.17. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Eugene Gallagher, seconded by Patricia Guerra-Escobar and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer then presented the budget for 2019-20. Individual membership fees will remain as in 2018-9 while Student memberships will remain free of charge. Chapter Sponsor fees will remain as in 2018-2019 with £130 including 3 individual memberships. The Golf Day will be expected to break even. With a successful symposium the committee expect to break even overall. Acceptance of the budget was proposed by Darren Bland, seconded by Peter Atchison and passed unanimously.

5 Election of Officers and Committee

The Chair reported that all committee members are willing to continue. The full committee for 2019 is as follows:

Officers

Chair: Andrew Belton
Vice Chair: Patricia Guerra-Escobar
Treasurer: Patrick Flood
Secretary: Scott Harvey
Immediate Past Chair: Yuli Doulala-Rigby

Continuing Committee Members

Andy Cracknell
Eugene Gallagher
David Shercliff
Dave Woods
Ian Scotland
Darren Bland
Alireza Tatari

Proposed by Patricia Guerra Escobar and seconded by Peter Atchison.

Four nominations for committee were put to the meeting; James Feest, Kasia Zamara, Peter Stevens and Mike Horton. Acceptance was proposed by Ian Fraser, seconded by Eugene Gallagher and passed unanimously.

6 Appointment of Auditors

The appointment of Chris Jenner and Ian Fraser to continue as Auditors was proposed by Dave Woods, seconded by David Shercliff and passed unanimously.

7 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the incoming Chair then closed the AGM and introduced the presentation by the Vice-President of the International Geosynthetics Society, Dr Nathalie Touze from Antony Regional Centre, Irstea, France. Nathalie Touze: "**Healing the World: A Geosynthetics Solution**"