

Association for Geographic Information

Annual General Meeting Minutes

1st December 2021 16:30

Held online via GoToWebinar due to Coronavirus restrictions

AGI Council Attendees:

Denise McKenzie (Chair), James Cutler (JC), Tom Timms (TT), Richard Duffield (RD), Peter Reynolds (PR), Stephen Croney, (SC), Rachel Higgins (RH), Adam Burke (AB), Steven Zhang (SZ), Alan Moore (AM), Katherine Smyth (KS), Ian Maxfield (IM), Jo Cook (JC)

Other attendees:

Emma Chown, Fergus Craig, Abigail E Page, George Firth, Jan Georgopoulos, Helen Griffiths, Duncan Hill, Roisin Mc Manus, Karen Nickel, David Owen, Tom Perks, James Reid, Anne Robertson, Rico Santiago, Longzhu Shen, Stuart Tosney, Hayley Walker-Smith, Matthew Webster, Simon Wheeler, Pam Whitham, Jody Shaw, Peter ter Haar

Agenda

1. Welcome and formalities, Tom Timms – on behalf of Matt Leaver, Honorary Secretary
2. Review of Year, Denise McKenzie – AGI Chair
3. Financial Review, Peter Reynolds – AGI Treasurer
4. Plans for 2022 – Denise McKenzie
5. AOB

1. Welcome & formalities [TT]

On behalf of the Council, Tom Timms formally welcomed all members to the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Geographic Information. The meeting was held online, was recorded, and confirmed as quorate.

1.1. Apologies for Absence [TT]

Apologies were received from Matt Leaver, Honorary Secretary who was suffering from Coronavirus.

1.2. Minutes of the previous AGM [TT]

The Minutes of the previous meeting (provided in advance of the meeting) were submitted for acceptance as a true record. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

2. Review of the Year [DM]

Denise McKenzie highlighted continued work with partner organisations and thanked AGI National and working Groups for their efforts, particularly Early Careers Network, Standards and GeoCom. She noted that this was her last year as chair and thanked 2021 Council for

their work. She highlighted work with Compleat Conference Services, and the new website and membership model which were starting to show benefits. Given the challenges of the year she noted the online events and content made available during the year and concluded by thanking the membership.

3. Finance Update [PR]

Peter Reynolds (Honorary Treasurer) provided a summary of the 2020 statutory accounts and a provided a financial update for members. He noted the challenges posed by the pandemic and the impact on finances. He reported a small deficit and expected a similar position in 2021.

4. Council membership

DM reported and welcomed new Council members joining from 2022, namely Richard Flemmings, Stuart Tosney, Fergus Craig, George Firth, Anne Robertson and Helen Griffiths.

5. Plans for 2022

DM outlined plans for AGI in 2021 including a new website and members portal and

- More online engagement
- Thought leadership events,
- Networking – hopefully in person, but also digital
- New opportunities to engage with each other,
- Benefits from strategic partnerships

6. AOB

Denise McKenzie thanked Council for their work during her tenure as Chair. Denise is stepping down as Chair and Tom Timms thanked her for her leadership on behalf of Council.

Due to technical issues no questions were received from attendees although some had been raised. These were answered subsequently.