



Association for Geographic Information

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held online at 16:00 on 18 January 2024

AGI Council attendees

Stuart Tosney, Ian Maxfield, Sara Stewart, Andrew Paul, Peter ter Haar, Vida Williams, Andrew Cameron, Denise McKenzie, George Firth, Adam Burke, Liz Scott, Richard Flemmings, Alan Moore, Fergus Craig, Mark Stileman, Pam Whitham,

Other attendees

Duncan Hill, Mark McLauchlan, Barbara Taylor, Jonathan Marshall, Matthew Webster, Michael Tink, Karen Nickel, Faith Clark, Anne Kearsley, Marcus Humphrey, David Owen, Christine Armour, Mark Wilson, Adetunji Adesemowo, Darina Brennan, Gbadamosi Olawale Bisola, Wayne Bowden, Bruce Gittings, Kavitha Seras, Natalie Small, Rhys Francis, Michiel Voermans, Cecelia Felcy, Katherine Smyth, Xander McKinstry, James Cutler, Mark McLauchlan, Cheryl Davies-Holloway, Matthew Abutunghe, Andrew Paul, Duncan Hill, Mark Wilson, Cathy Napier, Claire Edwards, Kenna Dallaway, Omer Ibrahim, Barbara Taylor, James Norris, Nicky Southam, Marcus Humphrey, Semir Kahrimanovic, Josie Vos, John Owen, Peter Parslow, Abigail Page, Rachel Higgins, John Fraser

Agenda

1. Welcome and formalities
2. Financial review
3. Review of the year
4. Council membership
5. Proposed change to Articles of Association
6. Questions / AOB

Welcome and formalities – Mark Stileman, AGI Honorary Secretary

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

Apologies were noted from Jonathan Marshall.

The draft minutes of the previous meeting, which had been published on the members' section of the AGI website, were submitted for acceptance as a true record. No comments were raised. Peter ter Haar proposed and Fergus Craig seconded the proposal that they be accepted.

Financial Review – Alan Moore, AGI Treasurer

Alan presented an overview of the accounts for the 2022 financial year, which had been prepared by Cutter & Co and submitted to Companies House.

Overall income was in line with the previous year, with an uplift in event revenues (reflecting a return to face-to-face activity) offset by a drop in membership fees and other income. The cost of sales rose this year, again reflecting the return to physical events; however, there was a good margin on events. Reduced secretariat costs were offset by an increase in advertising and marketing, travel and subsistence and the first full year of amortisation of the AGI website. Overall there was a loss of £15.5k compared to marginal profit of £1.9k in FY21. This loss was predicted. No corporation tax was paid.

Alan advised that the 2023 accounts, which are currently being prepared, indicate that the AGI is moving towards a healthier financial position.

Review of the year – Adam Burke, AGI Chair

After his second and final year as AGI Chair, Adam thanked the AGI Members, Partner Members and Strategic Partners for their participation and contribution throughout the year. He set out the Association's highlights from the year and presented a summary update from the national groups and working groups. Adam highlighted the opportunities to volunteer to support AGI and thanked the membership for its support. A summary of the year report will be published in due course.

Adam flagged key themes planned for 2024, including a focus on developing Special Interest Groups and an AGI Awards event.

Council Membership – Adam Burke, AGI Chair

Adam thanked the outgoing Council members for their commitment and contribution: Richard Duffield, Morgan Commins, James Cutler, Kathryn Smyth and Anne Robertson. He also welcomed the new Council members – Liz Scott, Peter ter Haar, Dr Sara Stewart, Vida Williams, Andrew Cameron and Kenna Dallaway.

Proposed change to Articles of Association – Mark Stileman, AGI Honorary Secretary

Mark set out a proposal, endorsed by AGI Council, to enable the election of two AGI Council Co-Chairs as an alternative to having a single Chair. This is because the workload of a single Chair can be onerous for an individual on top of his or her professional job, and this change is intended to facilitate the effective leadership of AGI Council. The specific proposal was to add the following definition to Article 1.1:

'Chair' means the elected Chair of the Council as per Article 37. The position of Chair may in any Council Year be filled by two Council members who will serve as Co-Chairs jointly acting as the Chair.

Questions from members were addressed regarding the purpose of the Vice-Chair role if there are two Co-Chairs, the impact on annual Council vacancies and the mechanism for decision making in the event that the Co-Chairs do not agree. A vote was held. 34 votes were made in favour and 3 against, and so the motion was carried.

Any other business

There was no further business and the meeting was concluded at 16:35.

