



Association for Geographic Information

Annual General Meeting minutes

Held online at 16:00 on 5 December 2024

AGI Council attendees

Sam Tizzard, Liz Scott, Kenna Dallaway, Vida Williams, Mark Stileman, Fergus Craig, Peter ter Haar, John Seaborne, Alan Moore

Other attendees

James Ward, Christopher Hopkins, Emmanuel Aniala, David Spence, Heather Enticott, Andrew Paul, Ben Blowers, John Ewosuyi, Karen Nickel, Duncan Hill, Lokesh Shrivastav, Faith Clark, Ravi Sangarappillai, Ruairi Maguire, Amani Mohamud, Adetunji Adesemowo, David Owen, Josie Vos, Lawrence Akpalu, Gamal Imtiaz, Arip Rahman, Samuel Tokpaf, Olawale Bisola Gbadamosi, Sean Jarrett, Michelle McKee, Tamsin Fulton, Alan Wilks, Natalie Small, Matthew Leaver, Olutosin Olunloyo, Ranford Campbell, Rachel Higgins, Emma Chown, David Bustard, Adam Hyslop, Duncan McLeish, Cheryl Davies-Holloway, Ezra Maichibi, Aleyda McDonald, Hornam Azanda, Georgios Anastasiou, Samson Essandor Asiedu, Wendwesen Taddesse Sahile, Mohamed Gamal, David Roberts, Mel Gillies, Joshua Disu, Andrew Paul, Emi Liang, Alison Moon, Chris Balmbra, Jonathan Marshall, Ifeanyi Njoku, Vera Anakwuo, Tom Knights, Gemma McErlane, Ben Blowers, Bob Chell, Adetunji Adesemowo, Abigail Page, Mark Mclauchlan, James Cutler

Agenda

- Welcome – Peter ter Haar and Fergus Craig, AGI Co-Chairs
- Formalities – Mark Stileman, AGI Honorary Secretary
- Financial review – Alan Moore, AGI Treasurer
- Review of the year – Peter ter Haar and Fergus Craig, AGI Co-Chairs
- Council membership – Peter ter Haar and Fergus Craig, AGI Co-Chairs
- Questions / AOB – AGI Council

Welcome

On behalf of the Council, Fergus formally welcomed all members to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Association for Geographic Information.

Formalities

The meeting was confirmed as quorate.

Apologies were noted from Denise McKensie and Vanessa Lawrence.

The draft minutes of the previous AGM, which had been published on the members' section of the AGI website, were submitted for acceptance as a true record. No comments were raised and they were duly accepted.

Financial Review

Alan presented an overview of the accounts for the 2023 financial year, which had been prepared by Cutter & Co and submitted to Companies House.



Overall income rose by around £16k to £107.3k in 2023, based in large part on an increase in income from events and a modest increase in membership fee receipts. Costs in the same period fell slightly from to £82.7k, resulting in an overall surplus of £1.7k; a significant improvement on the 2022 deficit of £15.5k. No corporation tax was paid.

At the end of 2023 AGI held £135k cash at bank and had an overall balance sheet of £106k. During 2024 £50k of our cash reserves have been invested in a fixed term savings account. Building on this improved financial position, our plan is to use some reserves to invest in additional engagement activities in 2025.

Although our membership fees have been frozen over the last 3 years, our supplier and overhead costs have continued to increase by inflation over this period. Consequently we will be increasing our membership subscription fees by 10% with effect from 1st January 2025.

Review of the year

Fergus 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, notably:

- GeoCom 2024 – AGI's very successful flagship event
- National Events - AGI NI, AGIS & AGI Cymru
- The launch of the AGI Earth Observation Network and the New Bristol Regional Network
- The AGI Government Survey following this year's general election.

Fergus 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.

Key events and activities currently planned for 2025 are:

- GeoCom hosted by AGI Scotland – 28th February 2025
- AGI EO Network – continued to 2025
- A new AGI Greater Manchester Network
- The compilation of the AGI Foresight Report 2025 and its launch at RGS on 13th November 2025

Council Membership

Adam thanked the outgoing Council members, Pam Whitham and George Firth, for their commitment and contribution. We are in the process of enrolling six new Council members and details will be announced shortly.

Questions

James Cutler asked a question about the value of AGI's IT expenditure. Alan outlined the re-platforming of AGI's website and digital estate this year, which is significantly enhancing efficiency and improving collaboration across and between Council, Networks and National Groups. This has been achieved with no net additional expenditure.

Rachel Higgins asked about plans for the Early Careers Network in 2025. Fergus replied that plans are in preparation and will be announced shortly

Any other business

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