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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of 28 June 2001**

held at Edinburgh International Conference Centre

Apologies

Mike Kendall, Graham Stuart, Jared West

1) Chairman's report

This was given by Paul Young. He reported that the Bullerwell Lecture in Nice had been very good and the EGS-BGA link worked well. The Committee have decided to continue the link for the next two years. UKGA had to be wound down due to falling support in the wake of the Geoscience conference series; but now the Geoscience series is also dead. In response, BGA will in future organise a New Advances in Geosciences (NAG) meeting series starting in 2003 and continuing as a regular fixture in the RAS calendar. In addition there will be a series of short student meetings held at different universities.

Peter Maguire suggested also involving the Geol. Soc. in NAG. Stuart Crampin suggested that NAG should be a two-day meeting, the first day being thematic and the second general. Russ Evans asked about the location proposed for NAG. Roger Musson said it would be held in the Geol. Soc. lecture theatre. Russ Evans thought that the RAS would have funds for sponsoring NAG especially if it could run in April alongside the NAM (National Astronomy Meeting) series. Jon Bull replied that money was already coming in from RAS for meetings,

but Peter Maguire said that there was scope for special funding as well. Russ Evans noted that the student meetings might well be of interest to graduate recruiters.

A nomination for the next Chairman of BGA has been received - Peter Maguire, proposed by Paul Young and seconded by Roger Musson. A one-year transition period will be managed by Paul Young.

Jon Bull will continue as Treasurer for the next three years and Roger Musson as Secretary. Measures will be taken to try and expand the membership of the Committee not only in academia, but also in industry. Russ Evans suggested approaching BAS as well.

2) Treasurer's report

The accounts were circulated to the meeting, and spoken to by Jon Bull. We have considerable concern about the organisation of Geosciences 2000 and how money was circulated back to the groups that supported it. Two oil companies already pledged support for BGA at Geosciences 2002; since this has been cancelled, the funds will be diverted to the first of the new student meetings.

Roger Musson reported on the Gray-Milne fund, which will in future be managed by BGA instead of the defunct Seismological Committee of the BAAS, to whom it was originally entrusted by Gray and Milne.

Action on Roger Musson to trace pictures of Gray and Milne for use.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting, proposed Paul Young, seconded Peter Maguire.

3) Membership of the Committee

This agenda item was already taken under item 1.

4) Links with parent bodies

Jon Bull will be the BGA nominee on the Geol. Soc. Science Board. A similar arrangement with the RAS would be useful. Links are needed in both directions. Russ Evans proposed that steps should be taken to improve the representation of geophysics on the Geol. Soc. Council.

5) Future meetings

The new structure of BGA meetings was already discussed. The 2002 Bullerwell Lecturer will be announced shortly. Peter Maguire gave the meeting a reminder that there are plenty

of funds available for organising meetings and members should not overlook this. This was endorsed by Sheila Peacock; it is also possible to bring in speakers from overseas. Sheila Peacock gave a report on the meetings that were organised in the last year.

6) Web site and publicity

The Committee hope that the web site will be improved dramatically in the near future. There should be big changes in the next year. Wyn Williams is the person taking charge of this.

BGA publicity material has been produced and is in the process of being distributed.

7) Other BGA activities and AOB

Peter Maguire mentioned the upcoming ORFEUS meeting, which Mike Kendall will be attending for BGA.

Nominations for RAS prizes are needed by 29 October. The Gold Medal and the Harold Jeffreys Lecturer are relevant to BGA.

Peter Maguire raised to issue of the Harold Jeffreys archiving project (Bath/Cambridge) which needs financial support. The meeting agreed that this was a good cause and efforts would be made to persuade RAS to support it.

The meeting was then closed.

Roger Musson
British Geophysical Association Secretary