



## British Geophysical Association

Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting, held in the Geological Society Lecture Theatre, Burlington House, Piccadilly, at 1.00 pm on Friday 8th February 2008.

Present: Roger Scrutton, President, in the chair, and four members

Apologies: Tine Thomas, Anthony Morris, Lucy Mathers, Adrian Muxworthy

### 1. Secretary's report

In the absence of the secretary the chair reported that the committee had met once that year during the PRIP meeting in Cardiff.

### 2. Treasurer's report

In the absence of the treasurer the chair reported that the RAS decision to switch to a bid-and-award system for payments to its specialist groups had required the BGA to submit a detailed budget for two years in advance, so as to plan the 2009 NAG meeting more than one year in advance. The RAS and subsequently the Geological Society had refused to break precedent by paying Committee members' expense to attend Committee meetings, since no other specialist group in either society receives these expenses. The Gray-Milne fund trustees have agreed that Committee expenses might be paid out of that fund. The RAS has agreed to pay the sum requested in the Treasurer's budget request, £4601.75, less the amounts for Committee members' expenses (£596).

### 3. Committee Elections

For lack of due notice, no names were put forward for election.

### 4. UK Geophysics Education Review follow-up

The Chair reported that the budget and finance problems and other commitments this year had prevented the Committee from following up the Review. It is likely that the Institute of Physics will implement the proposed geophysics advocate post without the BGA needing to become an affiliate. The employee would be based at Imperial College and would feed into the IoP's current schools programme.

### 5. General points

(a) Disappointment was expressed that none of the solid earth geophysics candidates for the RAS Council in 2007 was elected.

(b) The EIGG might be interested in collaborating with the BGA possibly for the 2009 postgraduate meeting and other meetings.

(c) The 2008 Postgraduate Research in Progress (PRIP) meeting will take place at Durham University in September 2008.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm.