

Summary paragraph concerning the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) for the BPS AGM Jan 2020 by Graham Underwood

The BPS is a full organisational member of the Royal Society of Biology (RSB). The RSB is a single unified voice for biology: advising Government and influencing policy; advancing education and professional development; and encouraging public interest in the life sciences. This year we have contributed to the work the RSB is doing on learned society publishing activity and income generation, in response to plans to make all publishing open access (plan S). This could have a significant detrimental impact on many Learned Societies, where publishing generates a significant element of the annual income. The BPS is in this category. It is important that the RSB can represent their members in this matter. We receive various notifications of events and training, which are passed to Council member and Society members where appropriate. Events are mainly based in London. The BPS will remain a member of the RSB in 2020.