

# 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Via Gathertown

Swansea University 17:10 to 18:10 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence:

John Beardall (JBd), Geoff Codd (GC), Eleanor Wood (EW), Martin Wilkinson (MW), Martyn Kelly (MK), Dan Franklin, Mariana Oliveira (MO) & Andy Davies.

- 2. Announcements
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the 69th AGM, January 2021 Nottingham University A proposal to accept the minutes was made by Graham Underwood and seconded by Hilary Redden.
  - 4. Matters arising

No matters arising were raised.

- 5. Reports from Elected Officers (\* reports are available from <a href="https://brphycsoc.org/annual-general-meeting/">https://brphycsoc.org/annual-general-meeting/</a>)
  - a. Secretary (Francis Bunker)
    Francis Bunker delivered the Secretary's report to the AGM.
  - b. Treasurer (Nicky Slee)

The treasurer presented her report to the AGM and asked the AGM to approve the following.

- I. Acceptance of the Prepared Accounts by members of BPS attending the AGM approve the accounts, then the YE2021 can be uploaded to CCW. A proposal to accept the prepared accounts was made by Jason Hall-Spencer and seconded by Gill Malin.
- II. To elect Paul Murray of LM Griffiths & Co. Ltd as the Independent Examiners for the BPS YE accounts for YE2022.

A proposal to elect Paul Murray in this role was made by Christine Maggs and seconded by Francis Bunker.

Jason Hall-Spencer proposed a vote of thanks from the AGM to Nicky Slee for all her hard work on getting the BPS financial affairs in order.

c. Membership Secretary (Hilary Redden)
Hilary Redden delivered the Membership Secretary's report to the AGM.

d. Student Representatives (Hannah Kemp and Eleanor Wood)
Hannah Kemp and Eleanor Wood delivered the Student representative's report to the AGM.
Hannah and Eleanor will now be stepping down from their role and Council extended their thanks to them for doing such as a good job as Student Representatives.

- Joint Editors in Chief of the European Journal of Phycology (Christine Maggs and Juliet Brodie)
- b. Hon Editor in Chief Applied Phycology (John Beardall)
  Christine Maggs presented reports on behalf of the Joint Editors in Chief of the EJP and the Honorary Editor in Chief of AP.

Nicky Slee proposed a vote of thanks to Juliet Brodie and Christine Maggs.

c. Editor of *The Phycologist* (Amanda Burson). The Editor of the Phycologist report was delivered to the AGM by Amanda Burson.

d. Webmaster (Andy Davies)

In Andy Davies's absence, the webmaster's report was delivered to the AGM by Christine Maggs.

Graham Underwood proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Davies.

Acceptance of the Elected Officers' reports was proposed by Graham Underwood and seconded by Juliet Brodie.

6. Elections and Council Vacancies (Francis Bunker)

Council vacancies for 2022 were advertised in the autumn issue of the Phycologist. The number of candidates put forward did not exceed the number of vacancies and so the following positions were filled:

Position	Tenure	Name	Proposed	Seconded
			Graham	
President Elect	2 years	Saul Purton (UCL)	Underwood	Jane Lewis
			Graham	
Ordinary member	3 years	Suzanne McGowan (NIOO)	Underwood	Francis Bunker
Ordinary member	3 years	Jo Wilbraham (Natural History Museum)	Juliet Brodie	Francis Bunker
Ordinary member	2 years	Jessica Adams (Aberystwyth University)	Hilary Redden	Francis Bunker
Ordinary member	2 years	Pippa Moore (Newcastle University)	Jason Hall-Spencer	Francis Bunker
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Ordinary member	2 years	Esther Hughes (Natural England)	Francis Bunker	Spencer
Overseas Vice		Line Le Gall (Paris Natural History		
President	2 years	museum)	Christine Maggs	Francis Bunker

A vote of thanks is given to the following retiring members of Council for all the work they have done for the society

Mariana Oliveira

Joe Taylor

Mahasweta Saha

Eleanor Wood & Hannah Kemp

We are very grateful to Graham Underwood who ends his term as Immediate Past President, Chair of Awards and Training Committee and Royal Society of Biology (RSB) Representative.

#### 7. Hilda Canter-Lund Prize

The results of this year's photographic competition are in the Algal Outreach Committee report (<a href="https://brphycsoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Algae-Outreach-Sub-Committee-Report-to-the-AGM-Jan-2022.pdf">https://brphycsoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Algae-Outreach-Sub-Committee-Report-to-the-AGM-Jan-2022.pdf</a>)

#### 8. Subcommittee reports (\*https://brphycsoc.org/annual-general-meeting/)

a) Awards and Training Committee (Graham Underwood) The Awards and Training Committee report to the AGM was delivered.

Graham Underwood proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Davies for his work on getting on-line application forms on the BPS website.

Francis Bunker proposed that a vote of thanks was given to Graham Underwood for his sterling work with this committee who is now stepping down as chair.

- b) Biodiversity and Conservation Committee (Martin Wilkinson)
  Juliet Brodie delivered the Biodiversity and Conservation Committee report in Martin Wilkinson's absence.
- c) Algal Outreach Committee (Martyn Kelly)

Martyn Kelly gave his thanks to Andy Davies, the student representatives Eleanor Wood and Hannah Kemp, and Martin Wilkinson.

- d) Algal Applications Committee (Gill Malin)
- 9. Federation Reports (\*https://brphycsoc.org/annual-general-meeting/)
  The following federation reports were presented for the AGM.
  - a) Federation of European Phycological Societies (FEPS) (Geoff Codd)
  - b) Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) (Anne Jungblut)
  - c) Royal Society of Biology (Graham Underwood)

### 10. Future Annual meetings

University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, January 2023

Finally the incoming president Jane Lewis extended her thanks to Jason Hall-Spencer for all his work during his term as President.