

## ECSA Council Annual General Meeting

<b>Minutes for 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh at 2pm on the 1st May 2019.</b>	
Present: Sally Little (SL); Axel Miller (AM); Martin Wilkinson (MW); Teresa Fernandes (TF); Clare Scanlan (CS); Andrew Wither (AW); Donald McLusky (DM); Mike Elliott (ME); John Humphreys (JH); Lysann Schneider (LS); Tim Jennerjahn (TJ); Reg Uncles (RU); Jonathan Dale (JD); Alastair Lyndon (AL); John Pomfret (JP); Colin Taylor (CT); Jim Wilson (JW); Steve Mitchell (SM); Lois Calder (LC)	
<b>1. Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Gillian Glegg; Kate Spencer; Anita Franco; Ross Brown; James Tempest; Mike Best; John Baugh; Alice Newton; Victor de Jonge	
<b>2. Minutes of 48<sup>th</sup> AGM</b> Agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
<b>3. Secretary's report.</b> None received	
<b>4. Honorary Treasurer's report.</b> ECSA is in a good financial position at the moment, due largely to the large surplus from ECSA56 from Elsevier, but also to smaller amounts from Reg Uncles and Steve Mitchell allowing book royalties to come to ECSA. Martin is looking at putting some of the funds into a savings account to earn some interest, but is trying to find the most appropriate account. Opening a new account requires approval of ECSA Council, so will be discussed following the AGM. More grants were given out this year than ever before, and it was the greatest total sum in grant. We broke new ground by giving grants for child care to assist certain members who could not attend conferences without this help. Most of the increase in applications were for ECSA56 conference support applications, and the number of other research and conference applications had not increased. Colin Taylor raised the issue of ECSA becoming an incorporated charity - to be considered at Council. John Humphreys suggested allocating fixed sums of money to certain activities; this can be considered by Council. The report was approved.	

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<p><b>5. Membership secretary's report</b></p> <p>Membership numbers fluctuate from year to year and 2018 showed a welcome influx of members in Australia related to the ECSA56 meeting in Perth, Australia. Numbers rose from the previous low 200s to ca.340; however we do not expect all of these to renew, although students are signed up for three years. We now have an ambassador in Australia in Ruth Rush, so we hope there will be good developments with Ruth.</p> <p>Our ambassador in India, Salom Vincent, organised a very successful focus meeting in India, but this did not result in significant new membership applications.</p> <p>Some changes have been made, or are about to be made, to the website to enable easier compliance with GDPR.</p> <p>Some people cannot see their membership number when they log in so this will be checked with the developer. All present should check this and let the Membership Secretary know.</p>	<p><b>CS; All</b></p>
<p><b>6. Election of President.</b></p> <p>Axel Miller was re-elected as President, proposed by Martin Wilkinson and seconded by Clare Scanlan.</p>	
<p><b>7. People standing down from Council</b></p> <p>Jean-Paul Ducrotoy and Victor de Jonge are standing down from Council. We thank them for their work over many years on Council. Alice Newton's period of office has finished - she did not apply for re-election.</p>	
<p><b>8. Elections to council (councillor and trustees) – agreed the following:</b></p> <p>Tim Jennerjahn was approved as Conference Co-ordinator, proposed by Axel Miller and seconded Gillian Glegg</p> <p>Patrick Meire was approved as an Elected Member, proposed by Axel Miller and seconded by Kate Spencer</p> <p>Clare Scanlan was approved as an Elected Member, proposed by Axel Miller and seconded by Martin Wilkinson</p> <p>Ross Brown was approved as an Elected Member, proposed by Axel Miller and seconded by Kate Spencer</p> <p>Steve Mitchell was approved as an Elected Member, proposed by Axel Miller and seconded by Kate Spencer</p> <p>Alastair Lyndon was approved as an Elected Member, proposed by Martin Wilkinson and seconded by Clare Scanlan. As an elected member Alastair can no longer be auditor.</p> <p>Reg Uncles was approved as a trustee for a further 6 years, proposed by Gillian Glegg and seconded by Steve Mitchell.</p>	

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<p><b>9. Election of Auditor</b> Dr. Daniel Harries of Heriot-Watt University has been proposed as auditor by Martin Wilkinson, seconded by Teresa Fernandes. The nomination was approved by the AGM.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>International membership fees</b> - Changes to membership rates for people from DAC countries was agreed at the November 2018 Council meeting, but needed to be approved at the AGM. Several issues were raised as to implementation:- further changes will be needed to the application page of the website; how often does the list get updated. This was approved.</li><li>• <b>Age profile of ECSA Council</b> - we cannot specifically recruit younger members as this could be discriminatory. However, Council now has an improved age range and gender balance. Expanding early career events may help recruitment of more early career councillors, and we need to change perceptions of society memberships to potential members, and stress the value of involvement in societies. MASTS adopts a cohort approach to post-grads, but Lois Calder sees benefit in students associating with ECSA. It was felt that we should not concentrate on academia and try proactively to broaden our reach into non-academic organisations (e.g. NGOs, charities, regulatory bodies, consultancies and other environmental businesses, etc.).</li><li>• The President thanked all members of Council for their efforts. Mike Elliott and Jean-Paul Ducrotoy stood down at the last meeting after long service. Victor de Jonge and Alice Newton have stood down at this meeting, Victor especially was thanked for his long and dedicated service.</li></ul>	
<p><b>14. Date of next meeting:</b> TBD once the dates for the Plymouth 2020 meeting are confirmed.</p>	