

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AT THE SEGH BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2025 AT 12:00 (LONDON, UK) ON ZOOM

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Report on Fellows' Matters
4. Report on Membership and Finance
5. Updates on the website/social media
6. Report on EGAH
7. AOB

Attendance:

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| 1. A Argyraki | 7. A Olatunji | 13. J Olajide-Kayode |
| 2. O Humphrey | 8. A Hursthouse | |
| 3. F Ajayi | 9. C Monteiro | |
| 4. M Gabersek | 10. M Abdou | |
| 5. M Hashmi | 11. D Purchase | |
| 6. K Rodgers | 12. M Watts | |

The meeting commenced at 12:05 (London) and the Agenda for the day was posted for members to preview.

1. Apologies were received from:

(i) Gillian Gibson (ii) Dan Middleton (iii) Keith Torrance (iv) Faith Onyangore

2. The Minutes of the last meeting had earlier been circulated to members. The Agenda items were taken sequentially and related matters that arose from the Minutes taken along with them.

3. GG stated in the report she sent in, that she had requested assistance from Fellows for evaluating the presentations and posters at the conference. A few fellows had responded and more responses were expected. She added that there would be a Fellows-only meeting at the Belfast conference and that Fellows had been asked to mingle with ECRs during their lunch time. She pointed out that AH was receiving ideas from Fellows for a high level presentation to be followed by an open discussion at the conference. MW had agreed to give a Fellows' Talk, and it was decided that best time would be the beginning of the next academic year. GG also added that she would try to galvanise more talks at the conference. The Fellows were assisting Alex Stewart with details and photos for his fifty-year reflection of SEGH to be presented at the Belfast conference.

4. In the report sent in by KT, the Society had ca. GBP 12,124.88 in its account, reflecting the deposit of the IUGC grant, and an advance payment to SEGH Belfast of £3,000.

5. OH reported that there was reasonable average engagement time on the website, and global spread, demographic and gender balance were similar to the last report, with most visitors still in the 18-34 age group. The top pages were *SEGH 2025 and Home Page*, while a blog on “*Hands-on filed workshop for MSc. students in Athens*” was added to the website in the period reviewed.

6. MW reported that ca. 625 submissions were received in the three months since the last Board meeting, and the current average TAT for first decision and acceptance were 7 and 106 days, respectively. The majority of author affiliations were with China, and there was good response rate by reviewers.

7. Other business: MG made the intention of the Geological Survey of Slovenia to host SEGH 2026 known. While he stated that some details needed to be worked out, he reported that Ljubljana would be glad to host SEGH members come 2026.

AA thanked all for their time and contributions, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 13:15 (London).