

Minutes of the meeting of SEGH board, 2nd Feb 2021, by Zoom.

Agenda:

- 1: Apologies
- 2: Minutes of last meeting (matters arising covered in specific items)
- 3: Anniversary publication
- 4: SEGH live
- 5: ECR group
- 6: Strategy and business plan
- 7: Finance
- 8: Future meetings
- 9 : AOB

Attending:

Michael Watts (President)
Gillian Gibson (Secretary)
Anthea Brown (Treasurer)
Ariadne Argyraki
Taicheng An
Maurizio Barbieri (Left 09.16)
Ahad Nazarpour
Keith Torrance. (Left 09.15)
Akinade Olatunji
Andrew Hursthouse. (Left 09.07)
Dan Middleton
Olivier Humphreys (Left 08.55)
Xia Huo
Paula Marinho
Belinda Kaninga. (Joined 08.25)
Chaosheng Zhang
Ofelia Morton (Joined 08.20)
Odipo Osano (Joined 08.35)

(Meeting held 1st Feb between M Button & M Watts, different time zone)

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from
Kosei Yamaguchi
Sanja Potgieter

2. All matters arising had been given agenda items. However, in a quick look at the actions in the minutes from the previous meeting, discussion started around the anniversary papers. (Item 3 on agenda)
There is an editorial overview paper, currently in preparation, and expected to be produced before the end of the month.

MBa gave a brief overview of the current situation regarding the short papers. There are several in the pipeline, on a variety of subjects. It was decided that the closing date for submission will be 31st March. At this point submission will be through the Springer procedures for special issue submissions. AH to speak with Sher at EGAH to advise her of the timing. MBu to be handling editor for these. MBa and AH happy with progress.

ACTION: AH to liaise with Springer re submissions.

ACTION: MBa to ensure papers meet deadline

AA provided summary regarding the ECR virtual event last November. (This covers item 5). KT and AO had worked with AA to set up event. It was well received, but for the future need to be mindful of time zone differences. Perhaps others in other countries can set up something similar? The event was well received. Need to capitalise on this. Need to keep ECRs engaged. They liked/enjoyed skill building. If using Zoom AH's slide deck would be useful.

ACTION: GG to re-send slide deck to board members.

ACTION: OH to make available on website for all to use.

Discussion regarding skills to offer? Suggestion of ARCGIS, or QGIS. 'HOW TO' is probably a day or so seminar, too involved, but "why" and "When" may be useful. Real life application is good. ECRs like this. Future events should be recorded and kept on website for members.

NB- we do not have any agreement on what happens next.

ACTION: Follow up event

NB- no ECR support in China. Can this be picked up please?

ACTION: establish ECR support in China

4. SEGH LIVE. Following the success of SEGH live last June, a shorter follow up event is due to take place Tuesday 9th Feb2021. MW and OH have organised this. 22 talks booked. Zoom links about to be sent out. 67 people registered to date. Event to be recorded and put on website in member's area (thus available across all time zones) ECRs from Kenya to field questions.

ACTION: future live event to be organised please!

5. ECRs. See earlier.

6. Strategy and business plan group have not engaged, other than AO who has looked at it recently. PM commented that it was difficult to know what to do with it. GG suggested that it needs input from the group, with suggestions- that was what had been asked for. PM would like a working group. MW to set up discussion.

ACTION: MW to set up zoom call.

7. Finance: AB showed slide of changes in membership over the last five years. Africa has increased its base, Americas really decreased. Need to rebuild Americas.

Finances are ok, just about. Lack of conferences impacts income. New web site has been successful and decreases outgoings considerably. AB sends out reminders to renew membership, but not everyone chooses to do so.

AN indicated that Iran has many people who would like to be involved but cannot be because of sanctions.

8. Future meetings. July meeting in Africa to be postponed until October- though this is doubtful. Do Africa go ahead, and make it a blended meeting?
 Need proposals for meetings for 2022. Sad that we have missed a big conference for 50th anniversary.

Meeting planned for September for America. Was rather ambitious- scaled it back to something which is workable.

ACTION: Set up international meeting for 2022.

AOB. No items.

Meeting closed at 09.25

ACTIONS:

Item	Action	owner	Due date	completeion
2.1	Liaise with Springer re special submission	AH	End Feb	
2.2	Ensure papers submitted by end march deadline	MBa	End march	
5.1	Send deck of slides to board members	GG	asap	
5.2	Make slides available through website	OH	asap	
5.3	Follow up ECR event	?	?	
5.4	Set up ECR group in china/asia	?	?	
6.0	Zoom call for strategy group	MW	asap	02/02/2021
8.0	Suggestions for meeting 2022	ALL	ASAP	