

Minutes of the meeting of SEGH held virtually 19th May 2022.

Agenda:

- 1: Apologies
- 2: Minutes of last meeting
- 3: Matters arising
- 5: SEGH Kenya
- 6: ECR group: a) update
b) vote for best ECR paper in EGaH
- 7: Strategy and business plan
- 8: Finance
9. Election of new secretary
10. Proposal Waqar AHMAD as board member
- 11: Fellow's webinars
12. Past Presidents page
13. Change to editorial platform EGaH; -
- 14: Future meetings
- 15: AOB:

Attendees:

Akinade Olatunji (President)
Anthea Brown (Membership Secretary and Treasurer)
Olivier Humphrey (Webmaster)
Gillian Gibson (Secretary)
Michael Watts (Past President)
Odipo Osano
Keith Torrance
Ariadne Argyraki
Ofelia Morton
Sanja Potgieter
Chaosheng Zheng (Non -voting)
Taicheng An
Huo Xia
Bob Finkelman
Muhammad Zaffir Hashmi

1. Apologies were received from:

Maurizio Barbieri
Munir Zia
Clay Prater

2. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the amendments made by AO were discussed. The amended minutes were approved by KT. Outstanding actions had been completed with the exception of action 5.0. The secretary had allocated this to AO, but it should have been OO. The secretary apologised for this.

3. Matters arising

From AOB2:

AB informed the board that a liaison member has been appointed to liaise between SEGH/IUGH. AB will email members to inform them that this is the case.

CZ informed the board that there will be a MOU between SEGH and ISEG shortly. There has been a hold up on this as this year's meeting was scheduled for Moscow, and had had to be cancelled.

5. SEGH Kenya

OO indicated that they have put together a steering group, comprising Odipo Osano; Michael Watts; Olivier Humphrey; Anthea Brown; Akinade Olatunji; Belinda Kaninga; Diana Menya; Lydia Olaka.

It would be helpful to extend this to more board members to assist. Meetings are to be held every 2 weeks, for 30 mins to ensure that all is on track. GG proposed that SP might like to help, having hosted a conference quite recently. SP agreed.

OO indicated that there had been no submissions for abstracts. There is a deadline of 15th June for abstracts. There was a discussion regarding moving the deadline, however it was decided that a preferable action would be to promote the meeting more heavily, and reinforce the call for papers.

ACTION: OO to liaise with AB to promote the meeting

There were abstracts submitted for Kenya for the meeting which was cancelled due to covid. The abstracts are still valid.

ACTION: OO to contact authors to ensure that they are still happy to present submissions in October

MW indicated the need to contact sponsors as a matter of urgency to get the time in their diaries and their support. MW will be in Africa shortly and will provide some assistance, but matters need to progress more rapidly.

ACTION: OO to contact sponsors.

6: a) ECR update.

AA reported that there had been several events for ECRs.

The first meeting had been held in Africa, and was well attended. AO thanked AA for arranging it, it had been well received and appreciated. This was despite the fact that it took place under challenging circumstances, not least AA having a power cut in the middle of it! A presentation by Mike Ramsey on uncertainty of measurement had also been well received. There had been 82 attendees. The talks are now available on the website. MW pointed out that it is vital to ensure that these attendees remain engaged, there needs to be communication with them to ensure that they are aware of the resources available to them through SEGH.

MW has had conversations with Christian Hartman (see minutes from previous meeting).

There is a date proposed for 5th July for him to give a presentation. It will be translated into Spanish.

MW also suggested that there should be some regional ECR events. AA had been liaising with MB regarding something for central Europe, though this was still only at the planning stage.

b) ECR papers- best one. MW had sent these to AB and GG in April, but no action had been taken. However, it is for all the board members to participate in determining which papers should be rewarded. There are 43 to look at. OH to create a 'doodle' poll for board members to indicate their preferences. (<https://forms.gle/RgUwRGCvSHZw4na87>) There was a discussion regarding who should receive a prize. It was decided that there should be two-one for an ECR from all the papers, and one for an SEGH member paper. Part of the award should be free membership for a year.

ACTION All members to review EGaH papers and vote on the best three.

7. Strategy and business plan

Most board members had not looked at the strategy since approving it. AO reinforced the fact that it is the responsibility of all board members to look at the strategy on a regular basis between meetings, to ensure that we are delivering against our core values and the deliverables.

ACTION: All members to re-engage with the strategy on an ongoing basis.

8. Finance

AB reported that currently we have just over £5000 in the bank, with no large expenditure expected. This is comfortable.

Membership (187) breakdown is currently full, 93, students, 89, retired, 5. We need to ensure that we bring in new members. Recent activity from RF had added 15 new students; the zoom meeting from Muhammad Hashmi had also brought in new members. This was good, as they were speakers from the meeting, leading departments, and can thus bring in new members too. OM had been in touch with CP to hold an Americas meeting.

There was a report that the payment platform was not processing all the payments from different countries. OH noted the type of platform associated with the 'Go Daddy' web hosting. We have the maximum options available for payment.

Members by geographical location are Africa 70; Americas 26; Asia/Pacific 19; Europe 72

9. Election of new Secretary

Jerry Olajide-Kayode was unanimously elected as new secretary

10. New board member

Ahmad Waqar was unanimously elected to the board.

11. Andrew Hursthouse was unable to attend today's meeting to report on this. GG has emailed Fellows to engage them in the delivery of presentations. AH is co-ordinating. So far only a couple of Fellows have offered to do something. It is hoped to improve on this shortly, and have a schedule of presentations on the web site.

12. past president's project.

GG reported that this had stalled due to illness. She will pick up again asap.

13. EGaH editorial platform.

This is being migrated over to SNAPP. There is a programme of training for editors. GG had attended a session, and was currently unable to see any great advantage. CZ indicated that there will be 400 journals using this. Following training editors will need to create a new account.

EGah is a huge task for Ming Wong. MW is to join him as joint EIC. More Associate editors are required, please think about people who can step into this role.

14.Future meetings.

AO reported that the ISCMGEH-Africa conference being held jointly with SEGH is progressing well, and is also driving traffic to the SEGH website. It is being marketed aggressively. It will be hosted by Zoom. OH wanted to know whose zoom platform would be used, as the SEGH one currently can only host 100 attendees. OH to find out how much an increased licence would be.

ACTION OH to investigate costs associated with increased numbers for zoom licence

Conference 2023? AA offered to put together a bid for it to be held in Greece. Details for preparing the bid are on the website. It was suggested that the conference return to its previous timing of June.

ACTION: AA to prepare bid for conference 2023

AOB:

Jane Entwistle has a fully funded PhD on AQM jointly with Newcastle hospital. Please can we advertise this?

ACTION OH to place on website.

AB to mail out to members

Two board members have failed to respond to recent emails, or engage in any way. GG to send one final email, to ensure that they are ok, before removing them from the board.

ACTION: GG to email recalcitrant board members.

IUGS have funding available, however as the SEGH did not provide a budget in the report that was submitted for last year the IUGS could not consider us for any grant in 2022 failed. This was disputed. Copy of the report to be sent to AO.

ACTION: AB to send copy of IUGS report to AO

It was noted that the timing is still not ideal. It will be hard to find one which works for all members.

Action	Action required	owner	Due date
5.1	OO to liaise with AB to promote the meeting	OO	ASAP

5.2	OO to contact existing abstract authors to ensure that they are still happy to present submissions in October	OO	ASAP
5.3	OO to contact sponsors and engage their help	OO	ASAP
6	All members to review EGaH papers and vote on the best three.	All	29 th May 2022
7	All members to re-engage with the strategy on an ongoing basis	All	Regularly
14.1	OH to investigate costs associated with increased numbers for zoom licence	OH	Asap
14.2	AA to prepare bid for conference 2023	AA	Asap
AOB1	OH to place advert on website	OH	Asap
AOB 2	AB to email details to members	AB	Asap
AOB 3	GG to email board members	GG	Complete
AOB 4	AB to send copy of IUGS report to AO	AB	ASAP