

Economic Geography Research Group: AGM Minutes
13.10-14.00, Thursday 1st September 2016
RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London

Attendance

James Faulconbridge (Chair), Al James (Web Officer), Adam Dixon (Treasurer), Emil Evenhuis (Postgraduate Rep), Steve Masson, Sarah Hall, Ron Martin, Jon Beaverstock, Amy Horton, Jennifer Johns (PhD Prizes Officer), Mike Bradshaw, Sarah Marie Hall (Events Officer)

Apologies

Karenjit Clare (Secretary), Karen Lai (International Officer)

Review and Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the 2015 AGM were approved

Chair's Report

James Falconbridge thanked the committee for their service over the last 12 months, particularly those members due to step down after three years in post: Adam Dixon (Treasurer), Emil Evenhuis (Postgraduate Rep), Sarah Marie Hall (Events Officer).

James also congratulated Ron Martin, this year's recipient of the RGS Victoria Medal.

James reported on EGRG activity in the past twelve months, including the project 'in the business of economic geography', sponsorship of sessions at the Annual Conference, and sponsorship of attendees at the global Economic Geography event.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that the Group is in a good position financially. The main income for the group comes from the RGS, and special projects (such as book royalties).

It was suggested that the Group consider spending some of the current funds on activities over the next 12 months.

The written report below was circulated to all attendees.

EGRG Mid-Year Financial Update

AGM 22 August 2015

Balance carried forward at 31 December 2015: £2,196.65

INCOME (2015)

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Total -

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE (2016)

SIEG Travel Grants £350.00

EGRG Movers Survey Prize £50.00

Total **£400.00**

Balance at 15 August 2014: **£1796.65**

(£8.35 in reserve account)

The EGRG is in roughly the same financial position than this time last year. The group continues to make savings from previous years with SAGE's sponsorship of the dissertation prizes and with webhosting now managed through the RGS.

So far this year the EGRG provided two travel grants of £175 to Amy Horton (QMUL) and Kelly Kay (LSE) to attend the Summer Institute in Economic Geography (SIEG) held at the University of Kentucky. EGRG also provided a small sum to the EGRG 'In the business of economic geography' project that was used to purchase a gift for a randomly chosen survey participant.

EGRG had agreed to support fieldwork for the 'In the business of economic geography' project' of £350. This has not been invoiced. Once this is taken into account, the EGRG's financial position will close the year lower than in the previous 3 years by roughly this amount. However, it is the view of the Treasurer that the EGRG had a higher balance than necessary and the EGRG should continue to support initiatives that add value to economic geography in the UK.

Adam D. Dixon
Treasurer, EGRG

Future EGRG Events

A number of suggestions were raised for future EGRG events. Discussion ensued of preferred options, and some consensus was reached around:

- An event at the RGS-IBG mid-term conference 2017, in Cardiff, targeting postgraduate economic geographers;
- A UK economy post-Brexit event directly before the 2017 annual conference, potentially in collaboration with another research group.

The committee agreed to pursue these possibilities over the next 12 months.

Prizes

The Group's prizes for 2016 were confirmed/announced:

Best PhD dissertation: Erica Pani (Queen Mary, University of London)

Best Undergraduate Dissertation: Phoebe Kitchen (Durham)

James noted the Group's thanks to Sage for sponsoring both prizes.

Election

As three members were coming to the end of their three year terms, a vote was held for the following positions, for the term 2016-2019:

Committee position of Treasurer: Sarah Marie Hall was nominated by Adam Dixon and Seconded by Al James. Sarah's nomination was uncontested and confirmed.

Ordinary Member position of Events Officer: Emil Evenhuis was nominated, uncontested and confirmed.

Ordinary Member position of Postgrad Rep: Amy Horton was nominated, uncontested and confirmed.

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The next AGM will be at the RGS-IBG 2017, London.