

RGS-IBG Economic Geography Research Group

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

7 September 2022, 1300-1400 BST

Location: Online meeting

Apologies: Jon Swords, Lotte Thomsen

Attendees: Allan Watson, Julie MacLeavy, Kean Fan Lim, Alexandra Dales, Sarah Hall, Karen Lai, Carlo Inverardi-Ferri, Yue Guo, J. Chu, William Monteith

Meeting called to order at 13:00

1. **Apologies:** Jon Swords, Lotte Thomsen
2. **Confirmation of minutes** of 2021 AGM were tabled at the meeting and approved.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Julie MacLeavy provided an overview of the EGRG's financial position: the EGRG is in a good and stable financial position with a current balance of £1945.51. Julie explained to the meeting why £350 was expended to support a UK-based candidate to attend the Summer Institute in Economic Geography (SIEG). On future support for candidates to attend the SIEG, the meeting discussed whether there is a possibility to increase the funds due to rising costs. No concrete amount was determined, but the meeting agreed on the need to be flexible and yet also realistic with the budget. The meeting discussed and agreed that the prize money for the dissertation awards would be the same as last year, when new amounts were introduced on an interim basis. Moving forward, the EGRG would continue to consider approaching publishers to sponsor funds for dissertation awards. In response to a query on the EGRG's support for the Young Economic Geographers Network, Julie indicated the EGRG has agreed to in principle to support up to £100 per annum. No further issues pertaining to the budget were raised.

4. **Report on last year's activities:**

Annual conference, EGRG sessions: Allan Watson reported to the meeting that the EGRG was able to sponsor all sessions at the RGS-IBG Annual Conference. The EGRG was also able to support the applications of non-academics for fee-waivers.

Prizes awarded: The decision on the undergraduate and PhD dissertation award was not made at the time of the AGM and will be announced via the Listserv once a winner is selected.

Statement on Sexual Harassment: The EGRG released a statement on its position on sexual harassment in the Academy in January 2022.

5. **Nominations and election of new committee members:** Six open positions – Treasurer, Evnts Officer, Early Career Representative, Web & Social Media Officer, International Officer and Education Officer – were advertised. Nina Willment applied for the open Early Career Representative post and her application was seconded by Julie MacLeavy and Kean Lim. Carlo Inverardi-Ferri applied for the Events Officer position and his application was seconded by Julie MacLeavy and Kean Lim. The other positions remain open, with Julie MacLeavy kindly volunteering to remain as Treasurer for an additional year. Karen Lai will vacate her role as Web & Social Media Officer, with her duties temporarily shared by the current committee members. The meeting agreed to leave the roles of International and Education Officers open, and warmly welcomed Nina and Carlo to the committee.
6. **Forthcoming events:** No forthcoming events are confirmed at the time of the AGM, and details of events will be promoted via the Listserv once the details become available.
7. **Date of the next meeting** The meeting discussed whether the next meeting could be held in a hybrid form at the next RGS-IBG Meeting in London 2023. This will enable to group to meet in person and yet also remain inclusive of remote participants. Further guidance will be sought from the RGS-IBG before a decision on the venue and date is made.
8. **Any other business:** None.