EARLY CAREER NETWORK

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 13th May 2026 (12:00)
Location: via Microsoft Teams

Present:	Dan Hope (Chair), Rachael Sims (Vice-Chair), Will Downes (Treasurer), Courtney Garbutt (Regional Group Liaison), Ayesha Landon-Browne, Ellie Smith, Harriet Pascoe, Ellen Mullarkey (Secretary), Jocelyn Barker
Apologies:	Jean-Jacques Ferguson, River Adler Smith, Carlisle Vyphuis (Specialist Group Liaison), Alex Christopher, Awei Mabi, Lucy Colleran

1) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Actions Arising

Item	Actionee	Target Date	Last progress update
London Field Trip – Follow up	DH	May 2026	Target summer. EGGS keen to collab. DH to try for walkover.
South Wales RG collaboration/sponsorship	CG	March 2026	In progress. Nothing to update. Hoping to re-engage. CG to keep updated.
2026 Budget review - Send Mohammed request for extra funds if required	WD	March 2026	RS emailed Mohammed. Awaiting response.
Send Mohammed 2027 Budget request breakdown	WD/RS	June 2026	On track

CHAIR UPDATE (DH/RS)

1. Membership and marketing meeting – Discussion with GeolSoc/marketing team. RS attended meeting last Friday to discuss support for ECN and potential for 20% discount for ECN members (chartership, fellowship etc.). Potential for ECN promotion. RS to maintain contact.
2. Strategic Geoscience Alliance – Initially university/GeolSoc push for more students to be involved. RS to follow through but unsure as to whether it can go further.
3. NextGen Geo event – AAPC YP – Attendance and socials – ECN media partner, asked ECN to promote. Free event in London, RS to share details on group chat.
4. AGM voting – 27th May at ECA, RS for chair EM for Vice and discussion of additional office roles.
5. Thank you Dan! – Last committee meeting.

TREASURER UPDATE (WD)

1. Budget update
    a. Focus on ECA but looking healthy. Expenses from award to be paid – email WD receipts and treasurer form saved on Drive.
2. Treasurer summary to be added to AGM pack.
3. Main award sponsorship – Atkins realis
    a. Atkins and funds from GSL. GSL not yet received funds from Atkins but WD will check again end of week and chase if still no funds.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Professional and chartership committee – RS
    a. Nothing coming out strategic alliance.
    b. Confirmed that there will be Australia regional group, ECN to try and contact and open communications.
2. Regional Groups meeting – CG
    a. Meeting next week.
    b. SW heats to be held Friday lunch time, CG to help judge.
3. Science Committee – ALB
    a. No update.
    b. Next meeting June 18th. ALB might not be able to attend October meeting. ALB to file meeting minutes/agenda on Google Drive after checking with Tom as to what information can be shared.
4. Specialist Groups – CV
    a. No major updates.

EVENTS

1. Early Career Award Updates
    a) Sponsorship lead – ALB – Completed
    b) Regional – CG – feedback after Friday
    c) Wildcard/semi-final – JIF/EM – feedback to be completed at weekend
    d) Final lead – ES/LC – completed
    e) Award to be recorded

2. Any other events to be added to the calendar

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Follow up with S. Wales RG	CG	April	Awaiting outcome of heat on 15th May
Trophy - Purchase inscribed gold rectangle to add to it. ALB to take photographs for advertising.	ALB	April	Trophy purchased. £20 trophy, £20 engraving. Call mid-week for engraving tbc.
Voucher to be purchased following the finals to be awarded to winner.	WD	May	No updates, waiting for winner decision.

Ensure this gets budgeted for £100			
Book Market Tavern.	ES	April	All booked. Pre-order link received. Booking under ES. 22 registered for social as of 13/5.
Catering review and agree budget	ES/RS	April	ES - Order on Monday 18th. Prices updated.
Get the event added to the GSL website	RS/LC	April	RS incorporated this in the general web update for ECN. Completed.
Contact science committee regarding award and promotion within their circle	ALB	April	Email sent to Tom and circulated. ALB to chase next week.
Contact Chartership office regarding award and promotion within their circle	EM	April	EM emailed and asked for promotion.
Contact other early career groups to share event: Sarah Harr*is (Remsoc), Emma Lindsay (IoQ), Sam Cook (EGGS-EC), Kieran Topen (Hydrogroup), Courtney Garbutt (Contam Land EC), Kirsty Simpson (Energy Group), Harneil / Marcella (AAPG-London), YMP - Alex Christopher*	CG/ES	April	RS contacted IOQ, mentioned at PCC meeting. EM contacted Contam Land Early Careers. All to contact/discuss other groups. All to contact London universities, junior members of staff etc. to encourage further attendance.
Write AGM and award presentation pack	RS	May	Written pending SW speaker. RS to chase judges for promotional "About Me "material.
Merchandise	ZG/JB/ALL	May	Tablecloth ordered. JB to order grain size cards (100 for £120 ish). Pin badges in future – reach out to GeolSoc marketing team. Merch presentation with prices and items to be updated/revised. RS to contact Sarah from Marketing for merch.
Gifts for Judges	RS	May	RS to purchase gifts for judges prior to award. Hotel Chocolat?

NEWSLETTER CONTENT - JB

1. Call for content (June newsletter).
    a. Award results.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – All

1. None.

2026 Event Tracker

Month	Event/Description	Lead
January		
February		
March	3rd - Cardiff careers event collab AAPG 19th - Geolsoc Parliamentary Event	EM/JB
April	23rd - Wildcard round ECGA 30th - Potential Semi Final round London clean up	EM/JJF EM/JJF
May	27th - ECGA Final & AGM	ALL/RS
June	Fri 26th - NextGen Geo (media support)	RS
July		
August		
September	Public Lecture	TBD
October		
November	Careers day	EM
December	1-3rd Resourcing Tomorrow	TBD

Ideas in discussion

- Field Trip #1 – London area – DH/EM (Gilbert's Pit?) – Collab with EGGS/Hydrogroup/SERG – Possible sponsorship by Mott MacDonald for a drinks/coffee after? – Date TBC – February 2026, on a Saturday morning? – may need prep work by 2-3 volunteers to clear some bramble/shrubs.
- Field Trip #2 Scotland - LS
- Field Trip #3 South Wales / Southwest – ES/CG
- Field Trip #4 East Midlands – via Pick Everard?/local RG
- "An interview with incoming GSL President" - LS
- ECN geology Photo competition - RAS
- Careers/technical "lecture series" – multi sector – Lead to be appointed, 1 to be organised per committee member
- Online webinars – JJF/AM
- AAPG collab - Energy on draft joint event? - RS/ECN event rep
- Bristol pavement geology walk
- AI guidance in chartership application webinar with Eleanor Williams/Kate