

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 11.00am (BST)

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Provisional date for the Annual General Meeting 2027 – Tuesday 8 June 2027



The Geological Society of London

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 11 June 2025

The President, Jon Gluyas, noted in observance of Charter and Byelaws the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held to conduct the formal business of the Society. It will be a hybrid meeting, allowing in-person and online attendance. It is recorded for the preparation of minutes only: the recording will not be published or circulated.

The President noted the meeting was quorate with over 25 Fellows in person, and more online. Along with in-person voting there would also be e-polls allowing Fellows online to participate. The President warmly welcomed Fellows in-person and online, and staff in attendance.

The President emphasised that under the Society's byelaws, only Fellows can vote and requested that Student Fellows and non-Fellow staff members do not take part in ballots or polls. The President spoke briefly to meeting agenda and said there would be an opportunity for comments and questions following the reports from the Society's Officers and the Editor-in-Chief of *Geoscientist*.

1. APOLOGIES

The President noted and thanked those who had apologies sent in advance of the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2024

The President noted the minutes of the 2024 AGM were circulated with the agenda for the meeting to all Fellows registered to attend the AGM, no comments were received on the accuracy of the minutes and there are no outstanding actions.

The minutes were APPROVED unanimously by a show of hands and e-poll.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The appointment of John Talbot and Eleanor Williams as the scrutineers for the Council and Officers ballots was APPROVED unanimously by a show of hands and via e-poll.

4. i. BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE, COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

The President reminded those present that the Fellowship had already voted in the advisory ballot for the President-Designate and Council and today's AGM was to give formal approval for the election of those receiving the most votes.

On behalf of the Fellowship, the President thanked the members of Council standing down: Dr Jennie Gilbert, Gemma Sherwood, and Dr Natasha Dowey. He noted thanks to Jennie Gilbert and Gemma Sherwood for their respective roles as Secretary Science and Vice President Regional Group that carry additional responsibilities and time requirements, and to Natasha Dowey for chairing the Awards Review.

Voting was carried out via an e-poll and in person paper ballot and votes unanimously AGREED Jessica T Smith as President-Designate.



Voting was carried out via an e-poll and in person paper ballot and votes unanimously AGREED Dr Caroline Gill as a Council Member.
(See item 7. Report of Scrutineers below.)

Council for the 2025/26 term comprises: Prof Mark Anderson, Dr Anna Bird, Prof Sian Davies-Vollum, John Davis, Dr Andrew Dobranski, Hollie Fisher, Dr Neil Frewin, Dr David Giles, Dr Caroline Gill, Prof Jon Gluyas, Martin Griffin, Leanne Hughes, Dr Ilias Karapanos, Dr Michael Kehinde, Prof Daniel Le Heron, Ben Lepley, Louisa McAra, Dr Keith Myers, Dr Chiara Maria Petrone, Jessica T Smith, Dr Kevin Stephen and Elizabeth Withington

4. ii **BALLOT FOR OFFICERS**

The President said the following members of Council have agreed to serve as Officers:

President	Prof Jonathan Gluyas
Vice President, Regional Groups	Hollie Fisher
Vice President, EDIA	Martin Griffin
Treasurer	Dr Keith Myers
Secretary, Foreign & External Affairs	Dr Michael Kehinde
Secretary, Professional Matters	Dr Neil Frewin
Secretary, Publications	Prof Daniel Le Heron
Secretary, Science	Dr Chiara Maria Petrone

Voting was via an e-poll and in person ballot. A count of the online and in person ballots AGREED unanimously the new Officers and they were confirmed as elected. (See item 7. Report of Scrutineers below.)

5. **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2024**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President thanked those present for attending this year's AGM and for their involvement and support throughout the past year. He shared two short geoscience video clips to illustrate the importance of getting future generations excited about Geoscience.

He gave an overview of some of the year's highlights:

- Outreach through distribution of learning resources to thousands with online educational resources accessed 95,000 times in 2024.
- Outreach activities for school children and families at Burlington House and at UK-based events – meeting with more than 4,000 young people in 2024
- Taking part in the government's National Curriculum review to make the case to retain and expand access to geology.
- Promoting vocational pathways such as the upcoming Geoscience Degree Apprenticeship and BTEC-style qualifications.
- Thousands of people at Burlington house through conferences, events, workshops, open days and use of the library and its services.
- Online access to conferences and training online.
- *Geoscientist* magazine's growing success.
- 28% growth in usage of the Lyell Collection.
- Exceptional work to promote scientific excellence - with particular thanks to Jennie Gilbert for her service as Science Secretary.
- Second year of membership growth, bringing total members above 12,000.
- A 47% increase in newly Chartered geologists



- Burlington House 999-year lease purchase in October 2024 (50% of the purchase price is paid, and the rest will be paid in instalments over the next ten years)
- Two major capital projects: the user-friendly new website and the CRM system that provides the digital infrastructure for our online services.
- Memcom Award as Best Learned or Professional Society of 2024

The President spoke to the forward look from 2025 onwards with the focus on:

- Fulfilling core charitable objectives and promoting geoscience by helping to inspire and inform young people for the next generation of geoscientists.
- Continued financial sustainability with recent big investments vital to the Society's long-term future.
- Royal Charter and Byelaws Review: Following extensive consultation over two years, including a consultation of the whole Fellowship in March-April 2024, drafts have been informally approved by the Privy Council Office, with Fellows to participate in a ballot this summer followed by a Special General Meeting in the autumn 2025 to enact these improved documents.
- Burlington House: make sure it is managed effectively, maintained and we begin planning for its development.
- Carter Jonas replaced Avison Young as managers of the building and courtyard in April 2025, with plans to align efforts with the other Courtyard Societies to bid for grants for heritage, accessibility, and environmental sustainability grants improvements.

The President finished with the announcement of a special event at Burlington House on 2nd September - the launch of 'This is Geoscience' - a campaign to inspire, inform, and educate the next generation about the potential of geoscience as a career. He said more information would follow in the coming weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were given Council's final approval on 2 JUNE 2025 and will be uploaded to the website shortly. The Council approved accounts were included in the AGM papers with a link to the online annual review. Byelaw 6.23 requires the presentation of the Accounts by Council and byelaw 9.12 requires Fellows to receive them.

The Treasurer, Dr Keith Myers (KM), welcomed new Director of Finance and Operations, Nazia Waterman, and thanked the Finance and Planning Committee (FPC), the Investment Committee and the Audit Committee's members whose efforts help ensure the Society is governed effectively.

He spoke to key investments:

- The purchase of the 999-year lease for Burlington House for £5.5 million noting 50% was now paid, with the remainder payable over 10 years subject to an interest rate of 5.8%. He said the lease purchase was a valuable asset for the Society.
- Digital transformation: He noted ~£1million pounds had been invested in digital transformation with a new customer relationship management system launched in 2024 to provide a solid platform to move forward to secure income growth and greater efficiencies, alongside the new website which was launched earlier this year with improvements to come during the rest of the year.

He spoke to income and expenditure

The Treasurer said that income was £5.54m in 2024, which was down against 2023 income £5.97m, however 2023 had been an exceptional year with ~£400,000 in one-off income items.



He noted:

- Improved membership numbers (over 12,000 members) although income remains flat at ~£2m as there is a higher proportion of early career members who pay lower fees but it was great to see a growing proportion of early career members.
- Income for 2024 in publishing was £2.43 million - down against 2023 primarily due to the high number of one-off archives sales in 2023. Reduced funding within the US scientific community could have some future knock-on effects.
- Overall expenditure was £5.87m, 2% more than 2023, which is lower than inflation and below budget. 2024 closed with a surplus of £0.17m after a £0.5m gain on investments.
- He noted capital payments of £2.75m for the lease purchase: £1.4m in 2024 and a further payment of ~£1.4 million early 2025..

The Treasurer said in terms of 5-year trends, there had been income growth from 2021 to 2024 (2023 being an exceptional year) and 2025 was on a small growth trajectory with income forecast as £5.6m and non-staff budget cash expenditure of ~£5.6m.

The Treasurer closed his report noting that the lease purchase provided the Society with security, lower costs in the future once the capital repayments were complete and would be an asset for future generations and that the investment in digital transformation would support future growth.

Questions from the Fellowship:

A Fellow asked the reasons for the Society paying 50% so early on if there were 10 years to pay the lease and particularly as money would lose value in 10 years' time. The Treasurer responded that there had been the funds to make the payments and it had been advantageous to pay with investment portfolio earnings at 4.8% versus 5.8% interest rate on the lease loan.

A Fellow asked if the same solution was taken by the other Courtyard Societies. The Treasurer explained that the head lease was purchased by all five societies and although treated as one whole entity in terms of the 999-year lease, it was the subleases below the head lease for which each society would pay its individual contributions dependent on the square footage occupied.

The Treasurer added that the lease purchase had led to a positive impact on interactions and collaboration between the societies.

SECRETARIES' REPORTS

Professional

Neil Frewin, Secretary Professional and Chartership Matters, gave his report highlighting key figures and progress through 2024. These included:

- The launch of the new CRM database in 2024 with the members' portal which will improve the overall member experience including the Chartership and professional side as members will be able to input their CPD into the CRM portal
- The significant increase in membership to over 12,000 in 2024 (2023:11,227) and the second highest figure membership (2017:12,409). It included 660 students which was an important demographic to grow.
- An increase in the number of Chartered Fellows with 203 Chartership applications in 2024 and 142 successful. He noted plans in 2025 to improve mentorship and pre-application into the Chartership process to help mitigate against deferrals and postponements.



- The Careers Day in November 2024 at the University of Manchester with 330 people registered: 200 attended in person and further attendees online. There were sponsors and speakers from across academia and industry, and great engagement with students an important demographic for the Society. He noted Careers Day 2025 will be at Burlington House in November.
- He thanked Gemma Sherwood who stands down at the AGM for a fantastic job reviving Regional Groups' activity after a difficult Covid period and welcomed Hollie Fisher as the new Vice President Regional Groups who will continue to take this forward.
- CPD (Continuing Professional Development) training courses have performed well online and there have been some short in-person courses at the Society. He noted the program for this year was in place and was regularly advertised.
- Accreditation: He thanked Jason Canning and Louise McAra for support of industry accreditation and Andy Saunders and Andy Smith for the academic accreditation. He noted key figures:
 - 204 undergraduate degree programmes at 27 institutions (5 overseas).
 - 7 MSc degree programs assessed and one doctoral training at 5 institutions
 - 14 company training programs accredited in 2024

Dr Neil Frewin finished by acknowledging and thanking staff, Chartership Assessors, the CPD Training Committee, and the Accreditation Committees, and all members and volunteers for supporting engagement with Fellows.

External Relations

The President introduced Dr Michael Kehinde, Secretary for Foreign & External Affairs who was joining the meeting online. Dr Michael Kehinde (MK) said 2024 had been notable for engagement, excitement, and expansion with continued growth and impact through the External Relations Committee activities. He noted activity in regards:

1. Advancing multidisciplinary Earth Science to inform global issues. Activities included:
 - Facilitating and co-founding the Future of the subsurface Community of Interest with BGS, now with 27 organisations involved across the UK and Northern Ireland.
 - Collaborating and co-chairing various sessions with international partners AGU and EGU on science policy and communication.
 - Building links in and beyond Westminster including participation in Voice of the Future.
 - First joint event with the Geological Society of America: GeoFutures 2024 -Planetary Geoscience attended by delegates from all over the world and international space agencies.
2. Supporting professional development, careers and education in Earth science. Activities included:
 - Careers Day held in 2024 in Manchester.
 - 400 people joined CPD training courses with more courses under development.
 - 2000+ attendees at conferences with abstracts submitted for presentation.
 - 1700+ people visited Burlington House library – the sharpest increase post pandemic
 - 11,000 new fans & followers across social media, this was especially encouraging in terms of engaging young people for the future of geosciences.
 - Two new educational posters launched: “*Minerals in a solar panel*” and “*Minerals in an electric car*” to highlight the role of rocks, materials, and minerals in daily life, and support a positive picture of mining.
 - Excellent education & outreach with 4,000 children engaged via activities in the last 12 months.
 - Earth Science Week saw 67 events supported by GSL around the UK in 2024.



- Two film screenings in Burlington House embedding the link to geology in the movies to real science.
- GEON (Geoscience, Education, and Outreach Network) continues growing; 425+ members. He encouraged Fellows to become a member on the platform to help drive geoscience education and enhance the future of geoscience.
- 42 Earth Science Ambassadors fully trained.

He finished by asking Fellows to get involved and that this could start with taking part in the Geocareers Survey and shared the QR code.

Science

The President introduced the report from Secretary of Science, Dr Jennie Gilbert, who joined online.

Dr Jennie Gilbert said her presentation would cover four aspects:

- (1) The Society's science themes
- (2) Science events and funding activities with her update focussing on 2024
- (3) The look forward
- (4) A vote of thanks

Science Themes

The Society has five science themes with high socio-economic impact: Energy Transition; Geohazards, Geoengineering & Georesilience; Climate & Ecology; Digital Geoscience; and Planetary Science. The themes work in parallel and link in with the activities, outputs, and impacts of the Specialist groups, Regional Groups, Commissions, and Networks.

2024 Events and Activities

Dr Jennie Gilbert (JGt) said the Society's 2024 calendar had been full and included conferences, public lectures, webinars, and workshops – driven by the Science Theme Leaders, the Specialist Groups, and others. She noted example activities:

- Climate & Ecology theme: the successful *Climate 'Off the Rails'*: a series of lectures with panel discussions at 6 locations across the UK from Oct 2024-March 2025.
- Planning underway for the Sep 2025 GeoFutures Climate and Ecology Off the Rails conference to bring geoscientists, researchers and industry professionals together to discuss climate change: its impact and mitigation.
- Hybrid public lectures: 7 lectures in 2024 saw record engagement: 1,574 ticket sales and thousands of online views of recordings. 2025's public lectures show equally strong engagement with 5 lectures so far.

Funding update

- 2024's Research Grants Committee considered 29 applications totalling ~£49k and it recommended 16 applications totalling ~£28k which were approved by Council.
- Fermor Seedcorn Grants: Following a review of 6 applications, Council approved 2 awardees – each to be funded across a 2-year period in 2025 and 2026.

Looking Forward

Dr Jennie Gilbert outlined activity ahead:

- The Science Committee meeting (3 times per year) and subcommittees' meetings, including: PSIG (Professional and Scientific Interests Group), Research Grants Committee and the Specialist Groups' Annual General Meeting.
- Future conferences, lectures, webinars, and workshops led by the Science Themes and/or Specialist Groups.



- Plans to continue to make improvements to the application, review, and feedback process of the Research Grants Scheme.
- Future Fermor Fund application rounds in 2025 and 2026.

She finished by thanking the Society staff, Fellows, friends, and volunteers who have contributed to the science work in the last 18 months.

Publications

Professor Daniel Le Heron, Secretary Publications noted the Geological Society's Publishing House continued to have significant global presence. Key publishing figures from 2024 included:

- 621 articles were published in the Society's books and journals with authors from 646 institutions across 75 countries.
- 14 books were published, including the 5th edition of *Geology of Scotland*.
- Content published in 2024 has already been cited over 900 times with four articles receiving significant media coverage including internationally.
- Two articles* in *Journal of the Geological Society* were read over 9000 times, and this visibility expanded to all articles in the Lyell Collection which were read more than 1 million times in 2024.

*Rugen et al. (2024) *Glacially influenced provenance and Sturtian affinity revealed by detrital zircon U–Pb ages from sandstones in the Port Askaig Formation, Dalradian Supergroup*

*Davies et al. (2024) *Earth's earliest forest: fossilized trees and vegetation-induced sedimentary structures from the Middle Devonian (Eifelian) Hangman Sandstone Formation, Somerset and Devon, SW England*

- 30% of content was published via open access.
- *Earth Science Systems and Society* – the Society's open access journal - 17% of the articles benefited from free, open access, publication through read and publish agreements with almost 100 institutions globally.

He thanked everyone who also gives their support to the Society's publications that involves a significant time commitment and without which scientific publishing would struggle.

Prof Daniel Le Heron noted key highlights from the Library and Information Services including:

- Downloads usage was at almost 70,000 full-text downloads across all platforms
- Over 1700 library visits were recorded.
- The *Written in History* fundraising campaign reached £40,000 income with a special event to thank donors at which Caroline Lam, the Archivist, gave a short talk highlighting some of her favourite discoveries from the project.
- Outreach: The Megalosaurus Month festival in February 2024 attracted over 3,000 visitors with the centrepiece attraction of the replica Megalosaurus skeleton with a series of related events and activities.
- Preservica digital preservation software has been acquired and configured to ingest the Society's digital assets and ensure their long-term preservation.

GEOSCIENTIST

The President noted apologies from Ruth Allington, *Geoscientist's* Editor-in-Chief, who could not attend in person but had provided her pre-recorded report which was shared.

Ruth Allington's pre-recorded report highlighted that *Geoscientist* was a cherished member benefit, as well as being distributed more widely at UK conferences, schools and universities.



She said it was a great tool for connecting with the broader geoscience community as well as raising awareness of Society's events, activities, and products. Activities in 2024 included:

- Andy Fleet stepping down as Editor-in-Chief after 6 years in role.
- A 2023 retender for the contract to produce, print and distribute the magazine, with Redactive selected.
- 81,000 online views in 2024 (a 47% increase from 2023) from 102 countries
- 2024 editions offered stimulating and topical content with diverse and international authorship e.g.
 - Coverage of ethical challenges around AI tools, particularly GeoGPT, which generated significant interest and coverage in *The Guardian* and the *Science Magazine*.
 - Articles reporting on natural hydrogen as a promising low carbon fuel generated around 14,000 online views.

Ruth Allington noted highlights for 2025 and ahead were:

- Marissa Lo left early 2025 with Hannah Bird joining as the new Assistant Editor having completed her PhD in Oceanography, Micropalaeontology, and Climate science and brought editorial experience, including as a *Geoscientist* contributor team member for many years.
- The new Society website launch will mean *Geoscientist* archive content from pre 2021 will no longer be readily available via the Society website so the team are looking to add magazine back issues to the *Geoscientist* website.
- There is a readership survey planned for autumn 2025 to gain a better understanding of readers, their interests, levels of satisfaction, and preferred methods and levels of engagement which will help shape our publishing strategy. Fellows will be invited to participate.

Ruth Allington finished by noting the magazine was in the hands of incredibly expert professional geo-journalists led by Amy Whitchurch, Executive Editor and gave heartfelt thanks and appreciation to them. She noted David Shilston, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, and Amy Whitchurch were in attendance to answer any questions.

No questions were raised.

6. REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON THE BALLOT FOR COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

The President called upon the Scrutineers to read their report on the ballot for Council. Eleanor Williams reported the results on behalf of herself and John Talbot.

For the election of the President-Designate and new Council Member:

42 votes in total: 36 in person and 6 online. All votes agreed.

For the Officers 2025-2026

42 votes in total: 36 in person and 6 online. All votes agreed.

There were no spoilt papers.

The President noted both Jessica Smith and Dr Caroline Gill were duly elected.

7. FELLOWSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2026

The President said that as outlined in the AGM papers, an annual increase in Fellowship fees is generally set with reference to the annual rate of Consumer Price Index – CPI - as well as any other relevant factors.



He said on 7th May 2025, Council approved the FPC's recommendation for the increase of the 2026 fellowship fees to be based on the forecasted end of year CPI increase at the time of the AGM to be rounded to the nearest pound.

He noted the Bank of England were forecasting a 3.5% CPI increase on 2nd June 2025 and in line with this Fellows were asked to approve the increase of 3.5% to the 2026 fellowship subscriptions (to the nearest pound) as detailed in the AGM papers. He allowed time for the Fellows to review the table displayed.

Membership Fee Category	Fee 2025	Fees 2026
Student member	£18.00	£19.00
Fellow (postgraduate)	£50.00	£51.75
Fellow (early career)	£87.00	£90.00
Fellow (mid-career)	£171.00	£177.00
Fellow (experienced career)	£247.00	£256.00
Fellow (retired)	£131.00	£136.00
Fellow (emeritus)	£84.00	£87.00
Fellow (concessions)	£0.00-£87.00	£0.00-£90.00
Senior Fellows	£0.00	£0.00
Honorary Fellows	£0.00	£0.00
CGeol supplement payers	£57.00	£59.00
CGeol supplement payers (retired)	£23.00	£24.00

The President asked the Fellows if they approved the new Fellowship fees for 2026

The 2026 Membership fees were APPROVED by a show of hands.

36 votes in person agreed the 2026 fees. The 6 online votes were spoilt papers due to a technical issue.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Before going to the vote, the President asked if there were any questions in relations to the appointment of the auditors. No questions were raised.

The President asked the Fellows if they approved the appointment of Crowe UK LLP as the Society's auditors for the forthcoming year for the 2025 annual accounts.

Crowe UK LLP were approved as auditors for the 2025 annual accounts by a show of hands. 36 votes in-person agreed. The 6 online votes were spoilt papers due to a technical issue.

9. FINAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM FELLOWS

The President asked if there any further questions or comments from the Fellowship.

A Fellow asked the President to confirm if the Society recognises the need for continuing oil and gas exploration and production, both globally and more specifically on the UK continental shelf during uncertain geopolitical times to ensure a secure supply of energy and feedstock for the petrochemical industry which sustains Society at large? And in addition, if the Society will commit to continuing support for Fellows engaged in the petroleum sector and actively encourage the necessary development of skills in the next generation of professional geoscientists to ensure that this sector remains robust?



The President thanked the Fellow for his question and confirmed that during the energy transition fossil fuels will continue to be an important part of the energy mix, and the Society views engagement with the oil and gas sector as key to ensuring we have the vision and strategy to responsibly meet carbon emission targets. He noted the Society runs various training courses aimed at those in the oil and gas industry to further support professional development, including Image Log Analysis: Past, Present and New Technology, Mapping the Subsurface: Seismic Reflection and Interpretation, and Applied Petroleum Systems Analysis and Geochemistry in Exploration and Production, as well as various other courses focusing on ESG, CCS, Data Management, and Ethics. In addition, there is a full conference programme with the Society's Energy Group, with six or seven conferences each year, including exploration geoscience, tectonic effects on the wellbore, and ground modelling, alongside the transition subjects of geothermal, CCS, hydrogen and wind that now have annual meetings in Burlington House. The Society also publishes the journal *Petroleum Geoscience* which continues to be well supported and a thematic collection on the UKCS Atlantic Margin concluded in the journal last year. He noted the Society launched *Geoenergy* as a separate journal in 2023, rather than adapting *Petroleum Geoscience* which continues as a distinct title, in response to direct feedback from the oil and gas community. The Society continues to publish oil and gas content across its journals and books, as well the currently ongoing publication of the *Energy Geoscience Conference* series. In regards the question on the UK Continental shelf, the President noted that the Geological Society's role is not to create government policy but rather provide information to inform decision makers and to provide expertise and the knowledge from the geoscience community.

The Fellow thanked the President for the response and noted that rather than “energy transition”, an alternative terminology might be “energy diversification”.

10. DEATHS

The President noted that the final slide displayed a list of Fellows and Honorary Fellows whose deaths have been reported to the Society since the last AGM (See annex below). He noted this year, the list includes two past Presidents, Professor Richard Fortey and Dr. Brian Lovell. He said we remember them, and all these Fellows listed here for their exceptional service to the Society and then invited all those who could, to stand for a minute's silence to pause and remember our losses.

11. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance noting the provisional date for the 2026 Annual General Meeting was Wednesday 17 June 2026.

LIST OF DECEASED FELLOWS

We record with sadness the passing of:

Emma Louise Anderson – Fellowship No. 1006238
Carolyn Gillian Brooks – Fellowship No. 10618
Hugo De Boorder – Fellowship No. 10115
Gerard Antony Duddridge – Fellowship No. 15943
Brian Douglas Evamy – Fellowship No. 8897
Terence Patrick Fletcher – Fellowship No. 8924
Michael John Fleuty – Fellowship No. 7596
Richard Alan Fortey – Fellowship No. 15447
Anthony Albert France – Fellowship No. 1000117
Leon Tristan Garner – Fellowship No. 1005774
Michael Garton – Fellowship No. 13259
Alan Golding – Fellowship No. 1015188
Denis Charles Goldring – Fellowship No. 7960
Peter Noel Grimshaw – Fellowship No. 8666
Donald Durston Hawkes – Fellowship No. 8235
Stuart Leslie Homer – Fellowship No. 1001641
Gilbert Kelling – Fellowship No. 8458
Richard John Lisle – Fellowship No. 1008245
Julian Patrick Bryan Lovell – Fellowship No. 10174
Roderick John Dominick Maloney – Fellowship No. 11308
Robert Maurer – Fellowship No. 1041967
Peter McDowell – Fellowship No. 10030
John Midgley – Fellowship No. 16968
Richard Thomas Jones Moody – Fellowship No. 9027
Derek Bertram Morris – Fellowship No. 8512
Michael John Packman – Fellowship No. 12360
Dennis Albert Preddy – Fellowship No. 9283
Michael Denys Seymour – Fellowship No. 1007079
John Christopher Sorrell – Fellowship No. 8904
Jack Edward Treagus – Fellowship No. 8671
Frederick John Vine – Fellowship No. 10859
Geoffrey Walton – Fellowship No. 9908
Jeremy Brent Wilson – Fellowship No. 1012508
Edward James Wilson – Fellowship No. 8869
Brian Frederick Windley – Fellowship No. 8621

Item 3.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Fellows are asked **TO AGREE** the appointment of Crowe UK LLP as the Society’s auditors for the 2026 Annual Accounts.

Item 4.

REPORTING ON THE BALLOT AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL 2026/27

The advisory ballot for Council was conducted by Civica Election Services from 2-31 March 2026. The turnout was 12.62% with a total of 1,550 valid votes cast. The votes confirmed:

Dr Caroline Gill as the new Vice-President Foreign and External Affairs. (Please note she will also take on the role of EDI Council Champion.)

Dr Paul Winrow as Treasurer-Elect. Following the AGM in 2027, he will become a Council Member and succeed Dr Keith Myers as Treasurer.

Voting members are asked **TO NOTE** the ballots results above and the Council 2026-2027 listed in the table below.

On behalf of all the Society, we extend utmost thanks to Council Members who stand down following the AGM (see demitting members listed below).

Continuing Council members	Demitting Council members
John Davis	Prof Jon Gluyas
Dr Andrew Dobrzanski	Prof Mark Anderson
Hollie Fisher	Dr Anna Bird
Dr Neil Frewin	Prof, Sian Davies-Vollum
Dr Caroline Gill	Dr David Giles
Leanne Hughes	Martin Griffin
Dr Ilias Karapanos	Dr Michael Kehinde
Prof Daniel Le Heron	Ben Lepley
Louisa McAra	Elizabeth Withington
Dr Keith Myers	
Dr Chiara Petrone	
Jessica T Smith	
Dr Kevin Stephen	

REPORTING ON OFFICERS 2026/27

Voting members are asked **TO NOTE** Officers and postholders 2026-2027 listed below:

Officers:

President	Jessica T Smith
Vice-President, Professional	Dr Neil Frewin
Vice-President, Foreign & External Affairs	Dr Caroline Gill
Vice-President, Publications	Prof Daniel Le Heron
Vice-President, Science	Dr Chiara Maria Petrone
Treasurer	Dr Keith Myers

Postholders:

EDI Council Champion	Dr Caroline Gill
Regional Groups Chair	Hollie Fisher

Item 5.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION OF 2025 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Officers, *Geoscientist's* Editor-in-Chief and the Chief Executive will provide verbal reports for Voting Members **TO NOTE**.

The Treasurer as part of his Officers' Report will present the 2025 Annual Report and Financial Statements for Voting Members **TO NOTE**.

Voting members may review the 2025 Annual Report and Financial Statements and the 2025 Annual Review ahead of the Annual General Meeting
www.geolsoc.org.uk/about-us/governance/annual-summaries/

Item 6.

LIST OF DECEASED FELLOWS

We record with sadness the passing of:

Donovan Harry Bennett – Membership number 9049
Ivor John Bennett – Membership number 8521
Basil Booth – Membership number 8727
John Dudley Bradshaw – Membership number 8971
Annette Barbara Cutler – Membership number 11877
Robert Bevan Evans – Membership number 17721
John Naylor Millatt Firth – Membership number 8505
Peter Furneaux Friend – Membership number 8269
Karl Fuchs – Membership number 930
Terence Ronald Hawkins – Membership number 9024
David Albert Hopkinson – Membership number 1013927
Michael Kingsley Howarth – Membership number 7886
John Southwood Jennings – Membership number 8631
Robert Stuart Jones – Membership number 1015723
Simon Richard Appleton Kelly – Membership number 11099
Andrew Nicholas Lane – Membership number 1000189
Eric Lawrence – Membership number 7968
Roy Lee – Membership number 1007795
Hugh MacDonald – Membership number 13475
Rudolf Merten – Membership number 14756
Martin Pearce – Membership number 1007416
George P Petrides – Membership number 11311
Peter John Reading – Membership number 16226
John Thomas Renouf – Membership number 8982
Steven John Rhodes – Membership number 17474
William David Ian Rolfe – Membership number 8582
Ian Sims – Membership number 11125

Andrew Charles Smith – Membership number 17605
Richard John Sorapure – Membership number 1003165
John McClive (Iain) Spence – Membership number 18007
John Stainforth – Membership number 1020488
Derek Sudlow – Membership number 1013810
Bryan Ernest Tabor – Membership number 1007691
Geoffrey Wadge – Membership number 14021
Graham Roger Ward – Membership number 10038
Tony White – Membership number 12841

The Geological Society of London

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 8 October 2025

The President, Jon Gluyas, noted the Special General Meeting (SGM) was being held for the formal approval of the revised Royal Charter and revised Byelaws following their approval in the preliminary ballot which had been held between 21 July 2025 and 25 August 2025. The SGM was held as a hybrid meeting to allow in-person and online attendance and was quorate with 24 in-person attendees and further attendees online.

The President reminded those present that under the Society's byelaws, only Fellows can vote and requested that no Student Members or non-Fellow staff members present take part in the votes. The President noted there would be an opportunity for comments and questions following an overview of the Royal Charter and Byelaws Review.

1. APOLOGIES

The President noted apologies received in advance of the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2003

The President said the minutes of the last Special General Meeting held 3 September 2003 were made available with the papers on the SGM event page. He said no comments were received.

The minutes were APPROVED unanimously by a show of hands and e-poll (16 AGREED online).

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The appointment of John Talbot and Eleanor Williams as the scrutineers for the ballot on the revised Royal Charter and Byelaws was APPROVED unanimously by a show of hands and via e-poll (17 AGREED online).

4. OVERVIEW OF THE ROYAL CHARTER AND BYELAWS REVIEW

The President noted the Special General Meeting was for the Fellows to give formal approval to the decision to adopt a revised Charter and a revised set of Byelaws made by Fellows through a ballot held over the summer in which 1538 Fellows voted with a 98.46% vote in favour of the revised Royal Charter and a 98.46% vote in favour of the revised Byelaws.

He gave an overview of the Royal Charter and Byelaws review led by a Working Group convened in early 2022, chaired by Jessica Smith (now President-designate) and with an independent Advisory Group of Fellows formed to contribute ideas and critically review emerging proposals and text.

He said the Working Group had consulted widely with stakeholders within the Society as well as externally. He noted a comprehensive consultation of the whole Fellowship in 2024 with anonymised comments and responses published on the website.



Following this all Fellows eligible to vote had been invited to take part in a ballot on the revised Royal Charter and Byelaws from 21 July 2025 to 25 August 2025. The ballot was conducted by an independent election service, and the results were as follows:

Do you approve the revised Royal Charter?

Yes 1,538 (98.46%)

No 24 (1.54%)

Do you approve the revised Byelaws?

Yes 1,538 (98.46%)

No 24 (1.54%)

He said Fellows were now invited to formalise the decision of the Fellowship by voting for the revised Byelaws and Royal Charter at this Special General Meeting, as required by our current Byelaws. He noted Fellows were also asked to approve some minor typographical and presentational changes that were identified by Fellows during the ballot period, and to correct an inconsistency between two clauses.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM FELLOWS

Before opening the ballot, the President asked if any Fellows had a question or comment for the panel comprising himself, Jessica Smith and Simon Thompson, Chief Executive. No questions were raised in person or online.

BALLOT

The President opened the ballot and e-polls and time was allowed for Fellows to vote.

5. REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON THE BALLOT

The President invited the Scrutineers' report on the ballot. Eleanor Williams reported that in response to the ballot questions:

Do you formally endorse the decision of the Fellowship for the Society to petition the Privy Council to adopt the revised Royal Charter?

There were 43 votes: 24 in person/19 online.

The results were: Agree 43 votes, Disagree 0 votes.

Do you formally approve the decision of the Fellowship and approve the revised Byelaws?

There were 43 votes: 24 in person/19 online.

The results were: Agree 43 votes, Disagree 0 votes.

Do you approve the minor typographical and presentational changes and correction of an inconsistency between the two clauses that were identified by Fellows after the ballot was issued (as shown in the papers)?

There were 43 votes: 24 in person/19 online.

The results were: Agree 43 votes, Disagree 0 votes.

There were no spoilt papers.

6. VOTE OF THANKS

The President thanked the Fellows who had taken part in the process as well as external bodies who had provided support and advice. He noted that the positive outcome was the result of a thorough process of consultation and collaboration. Jessica Smith and Simon Thompson also spoke to discuss the significance of the decision and to thank those who had



participated in the review of the Royal Charter and Byelaws and in the Special General Meeting.

It was noted that the next step would be to bring the approved revised Royal Charter and revised Byelaws to the Privy Council and report that the Society's Fellows had approved the revised governance documents. This would begin the formal approval process by the Privy Council.

7. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The President noted that no other business other than that specified may be discussed at a Special General Meeting and closed the meeting. He noted there were no dates for a SGM and the date for the 2026 Annual General Meeting is Wednesday 17 June 2026.