

EAG Council Meeting
21st June, 2009
Davos Conference Centre

Unless otherwise recorded, all decisions were made by consensus.

Abbreviations: EAG - European Association for Geochemistry
 GS - Geochemical Society

Attending:

Christa Gopel, Bernard Bourdon, Eric Oelkers, Martin Nowak, Chris Ballentine, Steve Banwart, Tim Elliot, Liane Benning, Bernie Wood

Apologies:

Francois Chambaux

AGENDA ITEMS WITH ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

1. Minutes

EAG COUNCIL APPROVES Minutes of Zurich council meeting

2. Matters Arising

EAG Social Event at April EGU Conference, Vienna

The social hour attracted around 60 scientists, primarily early career individuals. The final cost was approximately 1700 Euros; i.e. 25 Euros/attendee.

Discussion of future social events at EGU centered on the question if better value is obtained by raising awareness of EAG through sponsorship of sessions. An option is to repeat in 2010 EGU and include with session sponsorship and better awareness raising and checking costs.

ACTION: Treasurer to report to Council on the price basis for the 2009 event. Vice-President and Andreas Kappler to prepare a preliminary plan for Council and EAG Secretariat to progress details on venue and catering.

Paperwork Handover for Publications Committee

Tim Elliot has taken over Committee Chair with handover completed

Auditor Review of EAG Finances

The requirement is based on EAG By-Laws and this action has not been completed due to lack of clarity of the requirement and how to meet it.

ACTION: Vice-President will draft amended By-Laws on Audit Requirements to meet required standards of governance and transparency for the next Council meeting.

Joint International Programme with GS

No specific programme has been proposed and discussions continue with GS.

Council Membership

New Councilors: Liane Benning, Martin Nowak, Bernie Wood

ACTION: Councilors to forward names to Chair of Nominations Committee for an early career scientist to become member of Council

New Committee Chairs

EAG General Assembly

Scheduled for plenary session at opening of Davos Goldschmidt Conference.

3. President's Report
EAG COUNCIL RECEIVED a verbal report

4. Treasurer's report
EAG Council Approved the Treasurer's Report

All income from Cologne meeting has now been paid to EAG

Membership Activity:

Tracking of membership activity is included with Treasurer's Report

5. EAG Administrative Office Report
EAG Council Received a verbal report on the EAG web site, newsletter and booth at Davos Goldschmidt

ACTION: The EAG Administrator to review Goldschmidt Blogs for interesting content for web site including several interviews

6. Committee Reports

Nominations Committee (Bernhard Wehrli)

The Committee Report is appended

Committee Chair term is ending the two-year term

ACTION: Vice-President to progress recruit for a new Chair with a short list provided to Council by 1st August.

Publications Committee (Tim Elliot)

The Committee Report is appended

ACTION: Tim Elliot and Bernhard Bourdon are to explore if and how EAG can publish or otherwise engage a publisher for books arising from future training events under discussion by the Programme Committee

Programme Committee (Andreas Kappler)

The Committee Report is appended

ACTION: Andreas Kappler to progress with 2011 training event planning, possible EAG financial underwriting and a possible book arising from the event content

ACTION: Councilors to provide potential training event short course topics to Bernhard Bourdon (Committee Chair)

Communications Committee (Liane Benning)

The Committee Report is appended

7. Renewal of Committee Heads and Membership

Covered under Agenda Item 6.

8. MoU with GS

Covered as an Agenda item in the Joint EAG-GS Council meeting at Davos Goldschmidt Conference.

9. Chemical Geology update

A verbal report was received from the Vice-President

ACTIONS: The Publications Committee is to consider potential Editors for Chemical Geology to support their recruitment of new editors, with reporting to Council according to the recruitment timetable proposed by Chemical Geology at their next Board Meeting (22nd July).

10. MoU with Elsevier

A verbal report was received from the Vice-President

ACTION: Tim Elliott to report to Council by 17th July on the state of negotiations with Elsevier

11. Membership Renewals

Council received a verbal report from the Treasurer

ACTION: All EAG Councilors to recruit 1-3 former MSc and PhD students to write a paragraph on their professional environment and experience as a geochemist, seeking a variety of professional destinations. These will be forwarded to the EAG Business Office Manager for editing and inclusion on EAG web site.

12. The Science and Innovation Award

A verbal report was provided by the President

The Ringwood medal will be the next S&I Award at the 2011 Prague Goldschmidt Conference

13. Goldschmidt Conference

Goldschmidt Conference report appended (Chris Ballentine)

Prague 2011

Bernhard Marti has been appointed as Chair of the Scientific Committee

2013 Goldschmidt Conference

Options for venue are under discussion by Council with a decision required by end July.

ACTION: Goldschmidt Organising Group to meet before 17th July to progress a decision on venue.

14. New EAG Initiatives

Following a final report of EAG finances after the Davos meeting, Council will publish a protocol for sponsorship of science events and how to apply for support; eventually to be published in Elements.

ACTION: Andreas Kappler will draft the rules and requirements based on the following.

- Applicant has been an EAG member for the past year
- Requirement that proceedings/training content is published
- Organisers and participants are registered as EAG members

15. Date of next meeting

First half of December 2009 in Oxford. EAG Business Office Manager will seek availability of Councilors with January 2010 as an alternative.