



The Regional Studies Association
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FIFTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Bloomsbury,
Coram Street, London, WC1N 1HT
Wednesday 15th November 2017, at 3.30pm**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Regional Studies Association (and the thirty fourth AGM since the Association incorporated).

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were available for circulation.

It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were signed and dated by the Chair.

2. To receive, and if thought fit, to adopt the report of the Board and the Statement of Accounts 2016

The Report of the Trustees and the Statement of Accounts for 2016 were circulated electronically to all members in the early summer 2017 and were available on the Association's website. Paper copies were available at the meeting.

The meeting accepted the report and accounts.

3. To appoint and fix remuneration for an auditor for 2017

This decision was delegated to the Treasurer and Chief Executive to allow discussions over rates and other details.

4. To elect directors (trustees) to the Board and to accept resignations, retirements and co-options if any

The Chair noted the following:

An email carrying the standard call for nominations of potential board members from the membership was sent to all members in September. One nomination had been received – nominating Professor Mark Tewdwr Jones as Chair of the Association.

There were a number of recommendations to the meeting.

Mia Gray, RSA Secretary was invited to take the meeting through the retirements and appointments of trustees and report of co-opted members.

It was noted that the Board must consist of not less than 3 and not more than 12 elected trustees and that the Board may appoint additional co-optees who will not be trustees in law and who will only be appointed until the following AGM. The number of co-optees should not equal nor exceed the number of trustees. The meeting may also appoint observers who will be reported to the next AGM.

It was noted that Board membership is critical to the success of the Association and that the election of board members should be informed by the Development Plan to ensure the correct balance of skills and competencies are available. It was also noted that the Board and the Executive Group carefully consider succession issues and co-options during the year and that these considerations lay behind the recommendations to the meeting.

The following was reported.

Retirements

The following individuals came to the end of their term of office as trustees at this AGM.

- Andrew Beer, Chair
- Frank Peck, Editor, Regions
- Martin Jones
- Ivan Turok, Editor, Regional Studies (from 30th April 2018)
- Dieter Kogler, Conference and Events Coordinator
- Mark Tewdwr-Jones Partnerships and Co-operation Officer

The speaker thanked Andrew, Frank, Martin, Ivan, Dieter and Mark for their service on the board.

Resignations

- John Shutt, Chair, Publications Committee
- Ryan Gibson, Early Career Representative

The speaker thanked John Shutt and Ryan Gibson for their service.

Serving Elected Board Members

Mia Gray ran through the people who remained in post from previous years and who had experienced no change of role during the year and who would continue through to the AGM in 2018.

- Mia Gray, Secretary, Nov 2018
- Ron Boschma, Research Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Nov 2018
- Jessie Poon, Territorial Networks and Vice Chair, Nov 2018
- John Bachtler, EU/Regional Policy and Vice Chair, Nov 2018
- Sarah Ayres, Treasurer Nov 2019
- Paul Elhorst, Editor, Spatial Economic Analysis Nov 2020

Proposed New/Renewing Trustee Appointments at the 2017 AGM

Mia Gray explained the position with new trustee appointments that are sought from the AGM.

Renewing Appointments

- Martin Jones, Editor, Territory, Politics, Governance Nov 2020
- Dieter Kogler, Conference and Events Coordinator Nov 2020

These renewals were agreed by the meeting.

New Appointments

- Mark Tewdwr Jones, Chair Nov 2020
- Andrew Beer, Chair, Publications Committee, Nov 2020
- Julie Tian Miao, Editor, Regions Nov 2020 (in place of the Editor in Chief Eduardo Oliviera)
- David Bailey, Editor, Regional Studies, Nov 2023 (position to commence 1st May 2018)

These appointments were agreed by the meeting.

Reporting of Co-opted members 2016/2017 and going forward to 2017/2018

Mia Gray explained that the RSA governing documents allow for the appointment by the Board of additional co-opted members and that the Board must report these appointments to each AGM. Any additional appointments made during the year will be reported to the November 2018 AGM. These appointments are made by the Board on the basis of need. These appointments are for a period of one year but this may be renewed. It was noted that the Board was reviewing these roles in order to ensure the correct balance of skills and diversity.

- Stephen Hincks, Editor, Regional Studies, Regional Science, Nov 2018
- Joan Fitzgerald, Editor, Regions and Cities Book Series
- Weidong Liu to continue as a co-optee Editor, Area Development and Policy
- Paul Hildreth to continue as a co-optee Policy Committee Chair

Mia Gray invited the AGM to note these appointments which was duly done.

It was noted that three further co-options may be made during the year –

- Early Career Editor
- Blog Editor
- Chair of the Equality and Diversity Committee

This was noted by the meeting.

Observers

Finally, Mia Gray noted that the Board had two observers at the point of the AGM as Ed Jones had come to the end of his term as editor of RSA Brexit and Industrial Strategy website.

- Donna Carmichael, Student Representative
- Michael Taster, RSA funded PhD student

These two posts were noted by the meeting.

Mia Gray closed by noting that the Board will continue to carefully review Board membership with respect to the balance of skills etc.

Action following Appointments

Mia Gray asked the meeting to authorise the Chief Executive and Finance Executive to make any necessary changes to all our financial arrangements for amending the signatories to the accounts, to updating the records at the Charities Commission and Companies House etc and this was agreed.

5. Any other items for discussion but not decision

The Chair invited any further informal business from the floor and reminded attendees that no formal business requiring a decision could be raised that were not on the agenda. He noted the considerable successes and achievements across the range of RSA activities and thanked both staff members and Board members for their contributions to this.

The Chair thanked Sally for her 30 year service to the Association and declared the meeting closed.

Minutes end.