



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of UKSG  
held on Tuesday 31 March 2015  
at the Scottish Exhibition + Conference Centre, Glasgow**

**1. Chair's Introduction and Confirmation of Quorum**

The Chair welcomed members and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of UKSG held on  
15 April 2014 at the Harrogate International Centre**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of UKSG, held at the Harrogate International Centre, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**3. Chair's Report**

Ross MacIntyre reflected on his three years as Chair and noted that there had been many changes including a restructuring of membership fees, the introduction of the November Forum, the establishment of a webinar programme and the growth of the annual conference. In addition the marketing function had been integrated into each of the separate subcommittees, and *Insights* had become fully open access and transferred to a new platform. Ross thanked all those involved in these developments for their input and participation, in particular Graham Stone who was standing down as Publications Officer and leaving the Main Committee. Ross also noted that Terry Bucknell had now taken over from Ed Pentz as the Chair of the Research and Innovation Subcommittee.

**4. Annual Reports of the Officers and Annual Accounts of the Company  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2014**

Charlie Rapple noted that she had enjoyed her three years as Treasurer and that the UKSG accounts were in good order. Sufficient reserves now existed to cover the costs of an annual conference in case of catastrophic issues, which had been the financial objective of the Committee. Charlie reported that funds were available to invest in research/innovation and education initiatives. She also noted that the new membership structure, designed to help smaller institutions and individuals, had been introduced in January and no issues had been encountered.

Approval of the reports and accounts was proposed by Bev Acreman, seconded by Lorraine Estelle and carried unanimously.

## **5. Honorary Secretary's Summary of UKSG Activities in 2014**

Kate Price highlighted the Group's main areas of activity over the past year.

The Education Subcommittee's new webinar series had been extremely successful with in excess of 3000 registrants during the course of 2014. The seminar programme had also gone well, as had the reworked student workshops.

On the Publications Subcommittee front Graham Stone had done a huge amount of work in overseeing the transfer of *Insights* to the new Ubiquity Press platform which offered huge potential going forward. Kate thanked Graham and Ally Souster, the UKSG Publications Associate, for all their work on the project.

Kate noted that the Research and Innovation Subcommittee was keen to encourage members to submit ideas for future projects and had set up IdeaScale as a tool for making suggestions and rating the suggestions of others.

## **6. Membership Subscriptions of the Company for 2016**

Charlie Rapple noted that, in the light of the new fee structure introduced for 2015, the Committee had deemed it sensible to allow this to bed in and therefore recommended that the fees remained unchanged for 2016. This was proposed by Jill Taylor-Roe, seconded by Yann Amouroux and carried unanimously.

## **7. Reappointment of the Auditors and Authorisation for Directors to Fix the Auditors' Remuneration**

Charlie Rapple recommended the reappointment of ReesRussell LLP of Witney as the Group's auditors for the forthcoming year. This was proposed by Steve Sharp, seconded by Ann Lawson and carried unanimously.

## **8. Appointment of the Incoming Honorary Officers for 2015/16**

One nomination only had been received for each of the three Honorary (Executive) Officer posts and the following candidates were therefore returned unopposed:

Chair	Kate Price (King's College London)
Secretary	Charlie Rapple (TBI Communications)
Treasurer	Ann Lawson (Consultant)

## **9. Announcement of the Results of the Elections of the Committee Members to Fill the Vacancies Arising**

Ross MacIntyre noted that the new online voting system introduced this year had substantially increased the percentage of members who had participated in the election.

Three places on the committee were available for election and the three members elected to the Committee for 2015/16 were announced as follows:

Bev Acreman (BioMed Central)  
Andrew Barker (University of Liverpool)  
Ross MacIntyre (Jisc:Mimas).

Continuing their tenure on the committee were:

Terry Bucknell (Digital Science)  
Ken Chad (Ken Chad Consulting)  
Jane Harvell (University of Sussex)  
Helle Lauridsen (ProQuest Workflow Solutions)  
David Summers (Lancaster University)  
Jill Taylor-Roe (Newcastle University).

Six co-options were available to provide a good balance of sector representation. These appointments would be considered in due course and would include Yann Amouroux who had agreed to take on the role of Membership Liaison.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Ross MacIntyre expressed thanks to all the committee members, volunteers and speakers at the various UKSG events and to the UKSG staff for their work over the last year.

The meeting was declared closed.

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