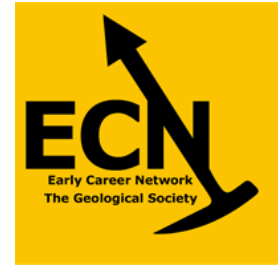


EARLY CAREER NETWORK

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: Tuesday 7th September 2021 (17:30)

Location: via Zoom

Present: Matt Sharp (Chair), Alex Christopher (Secretary), Deborah Thomas (Treasurer), Dan Hope (Regional Specialist Group Liaison), Huw Richards, Thomas Skiggs, Matt Webster, Serdar Aldanmazlar

Apologies: Simon Groom, Ayesha Landon-Browne

1) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

No correction required.

- **MS** now sits on the GSL Professional Committee and represents the ECN
- **MS** explains that David Neave is our contact on the Science Committee. Unfortunately, we have not able to secure our own seat.
- **MS** relays that the ECN has been invited to the regional groups committee meetings to encourage collaboration between the society. It isn't earmarked for a specific person but as our liaison officer. **DH** has been put forward to attended. **MS** has attended last 3/4. The regional groups usually send the chair and sometimes the Secretary, but it's their main meeting.

2) FUTURE EVENTS

a) ECN Lecture Series 2021

SA gave review of August/September edition of the ECN Lecture Series 2021. The event ran smoothly with a smaller audience than expected. The late date change is likely to have been the cause of this. Talk has now been uploaded to Youtube. **DH** notes that it was pitched at the right level.

DT event is upcoming on 30th September, yet to confirm speakers but talks are ongoing, Committee decided to released topic ahead of time and release information on speakers as soon as possible. **MS** to assist on Eventbrite set-up.

MS confirms Guy Loftus is secured for the October edition of the series for 28th October. **DH** to assist.

AC, HR confirm that the efforts will be made for the November edition to run in collaboration with Women In Mining UK (WIM) and The Society of Economic Geologist (SEG). Speakers not yet confirmed but are being actively sought.

MW to update on the December edition at the next meeting.

b) Early Career Award

The Committee decides that the finals should be held in May 2022, with regional heats occurring in Q1 2022. The Committee also discussed the positives and negatives of a wild card heat. **MS, HR, AC** to assess and revise the Early Career Award Rules and guidelines at a later date. **DT** to provide previous notes on this matter.

3) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DT raised the need for collaborations with more diverse partners such as WIM and other focussed groups. The Committee discussed what events we can host that focus on issues surrounding diversity in the geosciences e.g., talks on the challenges of fieldwork for certain groups. **AC** notes that this issue was discussed heavily at the Student Enrolment Summit last year, suggests that we should liaise with contributors on further actions. **MS** indicates Becky Goddard would be a good person to approach on this.

The Committee discussed the matter of moving back to in-person events. However, the Committee decided to continue with virtual events for the rest of 2021.

4) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 16TH November 2021 at 18:00