

**Earth Science Teachers' Association**  
**Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Saturday 30 September 2017 at Keele University at 3.20 pm**

**1 Welcome**

The Chair, Nikki Edwards (NE), welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from J Noble.

**3 Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 49th AGM, held on Saturday 24 September at the University of St Andrews, were accepted as a true record, subject to correction of 'Geological Survey' to 'Geological Society' in paragraph 6.7. Pete Loader proposed that the minutes should be accepted as a true record, seconded by Julia Kungu, agreed unanimously.

**4 Matters Arising from the 49th AGM**

There were no matters arising

**5 Annual Reports**

Annual reports from Council members had been published on the ESTA website ahead of the AGM and paper copies were available to delegates on request. Reports were taken as read.

**6 Welcome to new Chair**

6.1 Nikki Edwards welcomed the new ESTA Chair, Jo Conway, who had been elected as Chair Designate at the 2016 AGM.

6.2 Jo Conway chaired the remainder of the AGM. She remarked on the need for members to support the Association and build on the past 50 years before thanking Nikki Edwards for her tireless work as Chair. She also thanked the other members of Council for their continuing efforts on behalf of the Association and praised the senior members for their work over several decades to ensure that Geology was still taught in schools.

**7 Election of Officers to Council**

The following posts were vacant or due for re-election.

7.1 *Membership Secretary*: Elouise Gill had been nominated by Council and was re-elected unopposed for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.2 *Higher Education Co-ordinator*: Tom Argles had been nominated by Council and re-elected unopposed for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.3 *Secondary Education Co-ordinator*: Chris King had been nominated by Council and was re-elected unopposed for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.4 *Primary Education Co-ordinator*: Tracy Atkinson had been nominated by Council and was re-elected unopposed for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.5 *Editor*: Hazel Clark had been nominated by Council and was re-elected unopposed for another term. No other nominations had been received.

7.6 *Conference Liaison*: Gordon Neighbour was co-opted to this role for another term. No other nominations had been received.

**9 Any other business**

There was no other business.

The AGM closed at 15.28; attendance: 75

*David Bailey, October 2017*