



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the RSMA AGM on 19th August 2020 Held Virtually (7:00pm)

Present: Tim Cotton, David Bishop, Hannah Bungey, Prof. Rees Rawlings, John Monhemius, Fiona Cassidy, John O'Reilly, Richard Griffiths, Danny Hill, Ben Moorhouse, Elly Jay, Seb Turner + RSMA members Michael Nott, Teigan Collins + Imperial team Nicola Pogson (Director of Alumni Relations), Eilidh Campbell (Alumni Engagement Officer)

- 1) Apologies for absence: Coen Louwarts, Jasmine Hedra Crocker, Henry Longdon, Glynne Lloyd Davis, Sam Argyle, Lorraine Craig
- 2) Minutes of previous AGM
The minutes of the AGM held on the 27th June 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising out of the minutes
It was agreed that the minutes represented an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Rees Rawlings, seconded by John O'Reilly).

One of the matters John Monhemius raised at the last meeting was around 100 Club updates. Copies of the article published in Imperial Engineer providing testimonials from students who were awarded grants will be issued to 100 Club members to provide an update on how their funds are being well spent. Last year, we also talked about mentoring, but have not seemed to have gained time/effort to push forward this year and the Committee will work with Jasmine and Teigan this year to see if we can establish a mentoring programme. A number of Committee members have expressed interest in being a part of the programme, we will reach out in due course once there has been further progress.

We have received one interest in joining the Committee; we continue to work with Aishling Dunn to see if she would like to join the Committee formally in a forthcoming cycle. Last AGM, Hannah requested raffle prize donations and at the Annual Dinner we held a successful raffle over £600 (thanks to all for the generous donation of prizes).

- 4) Chairman of the Trust Board Report
The Chairman Prof. Rees Rawlings submitted a formal report to the members that is set out below:

The Trust's income in 2019 was boosted by receipts into the 100 Club and this enabled the Trust to award a further three scholarships, to Marta Wolinska of Materials and to Kaja Sillet and Samuel Casement of ESE. I am grateful to those alumni who have contributed to the Club and would encourage everyone to support this very worthwhile cause. The second boost to our income was the receipt of a legacy from the Illing family and their generosity is much appreciated. The result of these receipts is that the Trust is in good financial health, although our poor deposit income continues to concern your trustees.

The Trust continues to make grants to students both for expeditions and also in cases of hardship. Two expeditions were supported; one a self-sufficient hike in Greenland along the Arctic Trail and the other tackling difficult and varied climbs in China. Hardship grants were awarded to students to undertake academic studies in the vacation, to assist travel to and from College when suffering from short-term injuries and to support those suffering general hardship. This support for students is particularly important as the living costs faced by students in London are so high. The essay competition attracted

several very readable entries but was won by Eloise Hunt for her essay exposing the environmental problems posed by the fashion industry.

Turning to the present year, the advent of the Covid 19 pandemic has caused considerable disruption to college life (and of course to the country generally) and to date the future remains uncertain. It appears that we shall probably have to cancel our long-standing summer event, the final year students' barbeque which we all enjoy as we bid farewell to our graduating students and wish them good fortune for their careers or further study.

The 2019 Peter Harding Memorial Prize was presented to John O'Reilly and the Rees Rawlings Award to Hannah Bungey. The 2020 Peter Harding Memorial Prize is to be presented to Fiona Cassidy, a staunch supporter of the Trust and of our students; a richly deserved award.

Finally, I am delighted to express the gratitude of all to The Old Centralians Trust for their generosity in continuing to extend their Student Activity Awards to all Faculty departments thus including the ESE and Materials departments.

Tim thanks Rees for his work in running the Trust.

5) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer David Bishop submitted a formal report to the members which is set out below:

The Association and the Trust accounts both show their respective accounting years closing in sound financial health with respect to planned charitable activities.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES ASSOCIATION

In financial terms, the Association's activities were in line with previous years.

Income from subscriptions was equal to 2017-18 at a little over £6000. Efforts continues to be made to contact members who still pay considerably less than the £15 rate. Some 13% of this income is paid through the PayPal account, as in recent past years. This incurs a small charge, which the Association committee believe is worthwhile given the convenience and member traceability it affords.

A sum of £30,194 invested in an IC Loan Account was withdrawn as it had earned zero interest in recent years. This will be invested elsewhere in 2020.

An award of £1300 was made direct to the RSMU, and £500 paid to Societies.

As usual RSMA contributed its share of costs of the Autumn and Spring Imperial Engineer editions and the higher than usual payment of £5247 is accounted for by a balancing payment outstanding from previous years.

Total income does not directly reflect the year's activities as it includes late payments from Eventbrite for previous years' Dinner and BBQ. Eventbrite accounts were up to date at the year-end.

2019m SOCIAL FUNCTIONS				
2019 Social Functions	Income	Expense	Profit / (Loss)	
			2019	2018
Final Year BBQ	£1,410	£758	£652	£247
Annual Dinner (excl £630 Raffle takings)	£5,440	£5,500	(£60)	£97
Totals for two events	£6,850	£6,258	£592	£344

Association funds at the year-end (31/03/2020) stood at:

<i>Account name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Royal School of Mines Association	HSBC current	£49,853
Royal School of Mines Association	PayPal	£5,247
0.0.859114	Imperial College Loan	£NIL
	Petty cash	£66
	Net liabilities	(£1,008)
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		£54,157

ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES ASSOCIATION TRUST

The RSMA Trust's activities through 2018 were generally much in line with previous years, again marked by the award of three bursaries, each of £1000.

The year was marked by a generous and unexpected legacy of £16,220 from the Illing Trust, at the wishes of a former student. This should enable the Trust to expand its charitable work and the Trustees continue to discuss how this should best be done. With this unexpected endowment and a growing "100 Club", the Trust anticipates being able to give more bursaries in 2020.

An additional unsolicited donation of £1000 was received (outside of the Hundred Club).

The Hundred Club income increased to £6583 from the 2018 level of £4550. Those generous enough to invest in students by contributing to this scheme are urged to ensure that their donations are repeated annually. The Trust is not yet set up with HMRC to claim GiftAid, and this will be pursued next year.

No new loans were issued. All outstanding loans have been repaid with no loan monies outstanding.

Four grants were made to students facing personal hardship to help with transport. These totalled £614.

Three exploration grants of £100 each were made to students undertaking exceptional exploration activities. A condition of receiving the awards is a requirement to provide a suitable article for the Imperial Engineer so that all can see the benefit from the awards.

Whilst the Trust's capital investments are considered safe in CCLA, the investment income totalled only £225 in 2018. Whilst an increase on the 2018 level, this is a poor return from an investment of nearly £40,000. Alternative investment opportunities continue to be discussed by the Trust.

Trust funds at the year-end (31/12/2019) were as follows:

<i>Account name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Balance</i>
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<i>RSMA Trust Main and Second accounts</i>	<i>HSBC current accounts</i>	<i>£36,466</i>
<i>RSMA Trust 55918</i>	<i>CCLA COIF</i>	<i>£39,713</i>
	<i>Assets less liabilities</i>	<i>£4,780</i>
<i>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</i>		<i>£80,958</i>

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES ASSOCIATION TRUST (Registered Charity 1015809)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2019

The Trust continues in good financial health thanks to its substantial capital investments and healthy income from charitable donations, but the Trust's position was increased substantially in 2019 by a substantial legacy of £16,000.

Investments of £40,000 and cash at the bank of £36,000, plus net assets of almost £5,000, result in total worth for the Trust of £81,158. Investment income continues to be a disappointing source of capital growth despite being 26% up on 2018. Strong support for the "100 Club" and other donations more than provided for the Trust's charitable outgoings. Four student hardship/travel grants were made totalling £914, and three bursaries each of £1000 were awarded. No loans were made, and no loaned money are outstanding.

Tim thanks David for his tireless efforts in chasing down the numbers and preparing the accounts this year.

6) President's Report

The President Tim Cotton submitted a formal report to the members:

The RSMA has been busy in first part of this past year supporting the students and staff of the RSM both within the student body, the Faculty and the wider College. Since the restrictions were implemented to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus this work has slowed and moved online like many other aspects of life, our first virtual AGM is evidence of that! Unfortunately, the restrictions meant that we were not able to hold the Final Year BBQ in June as we have done in the past. None the less the Committee and I wish all graduating students and those Union and Society officers who supported the RSMA the very best in their future endeavours. As always, the Committee has been working closely with the College's Development team for the Faculty of Engineering and the Alumni Relations team. The Committee continues to engage in a collaborative and transparent manner whilst ensuring the values and heritage of the RSMA are maintained.

We continue to engage with our members as best we can under the new privacy laws in order to manage subscriptions amounts and validity of members. We are holding steady on subscription revenue as compared to last year and will continue our efforts in getting all members full paid up to the current £15 a year membership price. If you are paying less than £15 I would ask, if you are able, to change your banking arrangements to raise your annual membership up to £15 so that the Association can continue to support the students of the RSM.

The RSM profile on LinkedIn and Facebook is an important channel of communication with 2219 members on LinkedIn and 600 Followers on Facebook and Twitter. The Committee are about to launch refresh of our web page as it is recognised that social media provides an excellent communication media for alumni, especially for the younger generations. As down side many may not see the need to also join the RSMA – however we will continue in our efforts to encourage membership.

As mentioned previously, the RSMA / RSMA Trust issued a funds appeal in June of 2016, a key feature of which was the creation of the RSMA 100 Club. The response from many alumni has been steady for which the RSMA sincerely thanks you. However, we still remain significantly short of our target of 100

members. As of today's AGM, we are over a third of the way there (37 active members, with some 4 members either withdrawing or becoming inactive, see separate report for more detail) but the 100Club has been able to start giving back to the RSM by once again launching the 2020 RSMA Bursary Prize, we have 16 applications and will award the bursaries at the start of the 2020 academic year. The RSMA Final Year Student Bursary Prizes are to reward those students who show the true RSM Spirit and act as an ambassador for the RSM. Students must be able to show commitment, achievement and excellence above that of their peers in an area such as Academic excellence, Community & RSM Union involvement, Sporting prowess & / or contribution to a sport or club within the RSM. There are three awards available to students currently enrolled in either the ESE or Materials Departments and be entering the final year of their Bachelors or Master's Degree course in September 2020. The Association awarded three of the Bursaries in 2019 each for £1000, out 11 applicants, and the students who received were truly worthy of the award. In addition, based on the applications a further two £500 awards were made based on hardship. This is a significant example of how you are directly supporting students at the RSM. Remember ALL the funds for this Bursary have been raised by the YOU through your kind generosity at events and specifically by those members who have supported the 100 Club.

Once again, the Annual Dinner as a great success, the 135th dinner was held on Friday 22nd November at the Rembrandt Hotel in Knightsbridge and saw 110 guests join the Committee and I, of which 49 were current RSMU students. At the dinner, we were able to award in person the Peter Harding Memorial to John O'Reilly and the Professor Rees Rawlings Award to Hannah Baker, nee Bungey. In addition, we drew the third winner of the 100 Club Draw and this went to Dave Pearce in Moscow; Dave has very graciously re donated the prize back to the Association. Entertainment was provided by Professor Sanjev Gupta an Earth Scientist from the ESE Department who gave his perspective on what being a student really means and some commentary on some of the research work that he is involved with as part of the NASA and ExoMARS 2020 rover missions to Mars. Finally, the Committee directed by the capable hands of Hannah Baker organised a raffle which raised £630, an excellent result. Once again, the members of the RSMA were extremely generous and sponsored the vast majority of students attending. This level of support is very much appreciated by the students and I would like to personally thank all those members who supported the students. It remains to be seen if the 136th dinner will go ahead based upon current government guidelines around crowds and venues. Fortunately, both the Annual Dinner and Final Year BBQ are social events rather than large fund raisers for the RSMA and by not hosting these events the Committee does not foresee a large drop in revenue.

Following the success of the last five years events, in February the committee again gave a presentation to the students on the history, aims and membership of the RSMA. This was combined with a careers evening where a dozen Alumni gave some insight to approximately 40 students into how the RSM had help shape their careers. After the event the RSMU ran a feedback survey to gauge the response and see if there were any learnings for next time. In short, the evening was a great success and based on the feedback it will be continued with another event next year. The Committee is still planning an RSMA mentoring programme by which RSMA members can use their experience to help (under) graduates in the early stages of their careers through a mentoring scheme but resources have been scarce and this still remains in a development stage.

The involvement with ESE remains strong and the Committee has maintained the links in ESE and Materials by engaging with the key societies within them such as GeologicSoc, MatSoc and GeoPhysicsSoc. The Committee continues to have strong student representation on the Committee with each of the Presidents of the respective societies attending the meetings. The RSMA continues to maintain an increased level of funding to these societies to help raise the profile and whilst we are not seeing a big rise in student membership the student participation at events has definitely increased, almost 50% of the guests at the Annual Dinner were current students. The Committee has had a very active relationship with Christopher Carter and Megan Facey, respectively President and Hon Sec of the RSMU. Both have strongly contributed to the RSMA activities within the college, and have encouraged student participation in RSMA events. I extend the thanks of the Committee to both for their support and friendship. The rapport between the RSMA and the students is as strong as ever and it is a real pleasure to be part of it. On the sporting front, in the contests against Camborne, some 9 matches were played across 8 sports and

the RSM Rugby Team lost the Bottle (7-10); retained the Sharpley cup in men's hockey (2-1) but lost the football (0-2).

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the committee for their support and guidance. We have an excellent span of Royal School of Mines involvement and experience on the committee and we embrace many generations of alumni. For those committee members who have full time employment, many in high-pressure jobs, their commitment is especially appreciated. Technically, I should be giving up my role at this AGM as I will have served four years. Unfortunately, our succession planning for the Committee has been less than successful and this remains one of the biggest challenges for the RSMA. The Committee and I have agreed to extend my tenure for another year as we redouble our efforts to engage with new Committee members. I am happy to do this but I do feel that I should rotate out this year. Therefore, I will end my report with a continued plea. We need some new Committee Members: so, if anyone wants to become a Committee member then please do let myself or one of the Committee know.

Regarding the item to try to recruit members to join the Committee, Ben Moorhouse asked if we have considered/reached out to new graduates as most of the Committee are now in 30+. Tim said that there isn't a targeted campaign to recruit the most recent graduates, but we are always encouraging people to come along! In most cases, Committee members have been recruited through existing Committee contacts, but we should make an effort to engage graduates from the past 5-8 years initially focused on those who have been RSMU Presidents or engaged Committee members who are aware of the work of the RSMA to boost the pipeline and encourage junior connectivity. We have had very capable people who have joined the Committee and then relocated internationally (often to Australia). Tim encourages everyone to cast our nets far and wide with our contacts and encourage them to be a formal part of the Committee.

Nicola added that whilst Imperial cannot promote and actively elicit sign up to the RSMA, there are ways of promoting the RSMA's work through events, with virtual events this year recently allowing connectivity and engagement with an audience who otherwise would not have been able to sign up and participate. Nicola offered to share her team's learnings/tip and to partner with us on an upcoming event.

7) Officers and Committee Members for 2020/21

The following nominations have been received:

President:	Tim Cotton
Senior Vice-President:	Position unfilled
Junior Vice-President:	Position unfilled
Past-President:	John O'Reilly
Hon. Secretary:	Hannah Bungey
Hon. Treasurer:	Dave Bishop
VP International:	Position unfilled
Membership Secretary:	Position unfilled
Members:	Lorraine Craig John Monhemius Rees Rawlings Daniel Hill Sam Argyle Eleanor Jay Ben Moorhouse Seb Turner Richard Griffiths Jasmine Hedra Crocker (President RSM Union) Teigan Collins (Hon Sec RSM Union) Alfie Baines (President Geology Society)

Rory Bardner (President Geophysics Society)
Arinjay Jadeja (President Materials Society)

Overseas: Celia Hayes
Harry Fisher

The nominations were proposed and seconded by a member of the RSMA and passed unanimously. We welcome Jasmine, Teigan, Alfie, Rory and Arinjay as new members of the Committee. Aisling Dunn expressed interest in joining the Committee as a member and will continue to be invited to forthcoming meetings for the 2020/2021 year.

8) RSMA Trust Board 2020/2021

In terms of the Trust's Trust Deed, the President, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Association and the President of the RSMU are appointed as trustees ex-officio. The following offer themselves for election as trustees: Fiona Cassidy, Professors Rees Rawlings and John Monhemius, Coen Louwarts, John O'Reilly and Glynne Lloyd- Davis.

<u>Trustees:</u>	<u>Trustees ex-officio:</u>
Fiona Cassidy (Chairman)	Tim Cotton
Prof. Rees Rawlings	David Bishop
Glynne Lloyd Davies	Hannah Bungey (Hon Secretary)
John O'Reilly	Jasmine Hedra Crocker (President RSM Union)
Coen Louwarts	
Prof. John Monhemius	

The nominations were proposed and seconded by a member of the RSMA and passed unanimously.

9) AOB

David commented that he noted the published income and expenditure sheets published in the papers today reflected a duplicate page and would be re-published.

John O'Reilly raised a vote of thanks to Tim and Dave in particular for the huge lift they have undertaken to drive the work of the Committee, both having spent significant time preparing materials and accounts for today's Trust and AGM meetings. Thanks was echoed from all who joined the meetings today.

The meeting closed at 19.57

Hannah Bungey
Hon. Secretary

Tim Cotton
President

Dated _____ *2020*