

## Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time: 19.30 (IST)

Members present:

- Dr. Roberto Greco (Chair)
- Dr. R Shankar (Past Chair)
- Dr. Nir Orion (Vice-Chair)
- Dr. Sharon Locke (Treasurer)
- Dr. Michael Passow (Newsletter Editor)
- Dr. Anish Kumar Warriar (Secretary)
- Dr. Takashi Sawaguchi (Web Manager)
- Dr. Tanja Reinhardt (Advisor)

Agenda No.	Agenda Topic	Final Decision
1	<p><b>Summary of the Election Results (Vice-chair and Treasurer)</b></p> <p>Nir Orion and R Shankar: Need to investigate how Dr. Rita was able to vote and who gave her the link.</p> <p>Roberto: Need to have clear rules for all processes of IGEO.</p> <p>Michael: Agreed. Once we know what happens, we can create better rules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretary (IGEO) must write to Dr. Rita Rodriguez (Panama) and seek information as to why she voted when she had no authorization, and who gave her the link.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Lifetime Achievement Award to Chris and IGEO's financial assistance in memory of Chris:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Shankar will write the citation and circulate the draft to the Executive Committee.</li> <li>• The final citation will be signed by the Executive Committee, IGEO.</li> <li>• Dr. Shankar will also modify the title of the existing financial assistance of IGEO.</li> <li>• The assistance will be in the range of 500-1000 USD.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Participation of the Russian Team in IESO 2022 in light of the recent</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russia has informed us that they would not be participating in IESO</li> </ul>

	<b>IUGS email dated March 18, 2022</b>	2022.
4.	<p><b>Working group to examine and discuss women and girls in geoscience/geoscience education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work needs to be done at the grassroots level. Women and young girls must be encouraged to make a career for themselves in Geosciences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To set up a working group containing a majority of women.</li> <li>• One or two from the Executive Committee can be the Ex-officio members of the working group.</li> <li>• Dr. Sharon and Dr. Tanja agreed to be one of the ex-officio members.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>New council members</b></p> <p>Earlier people used to become members of IGEO through personal contacts.</p> <p>After the new rules for becoming council members were established, people found it difficult to find letters of support from reputed organizations.</p> <p>Proposal: To replace the text “...<i>A letter of support from the geological society, geological survey, or other institution of the country, indicating that the geological community supports this person and is interested in contributing to IGEO’s aims...</i>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EC agreed that the Letter of support is not mandatory, and need not necessarily be from Geological Societies or Scientific Institutions of respective countries.</li> <li>• The Letter of Support can be from the organization from where the candidate is working.</li> <li>• The primary criterion must be work done in Earth Science Education.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Procedure for online decision</b></p> <p>Vote for/   Vote against/                   Abstain from voting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There must be 5 Yeses or the decision should be on the basis of the majority of the votes.</li> <li>• One-week time to be provided for members to vote.</li> <li>• Any urgent proposal, then one day.</li> <li>• WhatsApp group of the EC to be formed so that the messages regarding voting can be communicated quickly.</li> <li>• Better to go by consensus, or else discuss in the next virtual meeting about the proposal.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Calendar of 2022 meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May 2022.</li> <li>• Another one in July 2022</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Discussion on IGEO's statutes and best practice document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nir will finalize the document and share it with the executive committee through email.</li> </ul>