



UKSEDS AGM Minutes

14:45 Sunday 5th March 2017

The meeting was held in person at the National Student Space Conference 2017, Exeter

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Joe presented the minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting were accepted unanimously

CHAIR'S PRESENTATION

Joseph presented on the progress of UKSEDS including new achievements in all of the key areas of UKSEDS

- 39 branches and £700 given out in project grants
- 12 competition teams
- £8500 of industry sponsorship
- 225k pageviews in 2016 for SpaceCareers.uk, and a number and variety of jobs
- 24 outreach events, 8500 children reached
- 68 student volunteers including staff and outreach volunteers
- More information available in the annual report

ACCOUNTS

Accounts were presented

- Healthy banking position
- Made a small loss but this is due to Space for All being paid in arrears
- Largest expense was the conference, but 20k spent in total
- Changed our public liability insurance to a cheaper package
- Accounts were approved unanimously

ELECTIONS

Chair

- James Telfer
- "Do you promise not to be a megalomaniac?" "...Yes"
- James was elected unanimously

Vice-Chair

- Rosie Tilbrook
- Rosie was elected unanimously

Treasurer

- Heidi Thiemann

- Heidi 40 / RON 0
- Heidi was elected

Secretary

- Amy Skelt
- Amy 41 / RON 0
- Amy was elected

At-Large

- George Cann and Karolina Nikolova
- Karolina 45 / George 2 / RON 0
- Karolina was elected and eliminated
- George 40 / RON 0
- George was elected

FURTHER DISCUSSION

James handed over secretarial duties to Heidi in order to better participate in the discussion.

OLD STRUCTURE OF UKSEDS

Current status

- Executive committee
 - 6 elected members
- Board of trustees
 - 6 exec members
 - 2 ex-exec members
- Team of volunteers
 - Approx 50 active
- Registered Unincorporated Charity
 - This means liability is held by individuals rather than by UKSEDS as a legal entity (i.e. the Chair is liable for conference debts)
- Current constitution
 - "A mess" that can be easily changed/subverted by a malicious or misinformed Executive Committee

NEW STRUCTURE OF UKSEDS

- Rewrite constitution based on Charity Commission model document
- Re-register UKSEDS as a CIO
- Expand Board of Trustees
 - 6 exec members
 - 6 external board members, 3 year terms, 2 change each year
- New constitution has been publicly been available; been reviewed by Millbank (a law firm with an arm for space companies)

VOTE ON CONSTITUTION OF NEW CIO

- Amend typos in clauses 4a, 7.5, and 7.7
- Amend clause 3d to include government in line with other advocacy work
- Question about VAT

- We only have to VAT register at 83k turnover, and due to our unique position as a small charity with great access to student societies we can usually get away with putting through e.g. catering through societies and tickets through UKSEDS, minimising total VAT paid (and meaning not being VAT registered gives us more flexibility)
- Question about a member of staff being paid. (9.1)
 - This isn't something we're considering in the short term but is there as a hopeful clause to allow paid staff members in the future
- Question about knowledge gap in competitions particularly re branches from schools and sixth forms
 - If we had a wide skills gap we might consider extra support for weaker teams or split the comp into skills tiers (previously suggested for the NRC)
- Question about number of branches per university (10**)
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NON EXECUTIVE TRUSTEES VOTE

- Portia - approved unanimously
- Gill - approved unanimously

VOTE TO DISSOLVE UKSEDS

- Approved unanimously

VOTE TO FORM UKSEDS

- Approved unanimously

Question about non executive trustee nominations

- Wording slightly wrong, change made and vote re done

TWITTER COMPETITION

- Marnie Mckay - StrathSeds
- Make sure to post the plush Rosetta and Philae to her

AOB

- Great work to the last year's exec, especially to Joseph for all his hard work