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### **Application for BSG Society Chair**

Dear Annie

I'm really honoured to have been approached for the role of BSG Chair, and would certainly like to be considered. I attach a copy of my CV [R4R1 format]

In terms of my ability to undertake the role, I can confirm that I would be able to meet the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Job Descriptions for the cascade of Society Chair levels over the three year cycle. In Sheffield (and elsewhere), I've undertaken a range of roles that fit with the requirements in each case (especially wrt EDI/Athena Swan, journal editing, and lots of committee chairing etc) and I've also been a BSG committee member in the long distant past.

More importantly, perhaps - if you think I'm a good fit - I'll look to give this role my all.

Academia is always a busy endeavour (especially now), but at this stage in my career (if it is a career), I simply want to make a difference and to strongly encourage and support others; especially ECRs and young professionals. As Chair of BSG I would have a great opportunity to do this, and I would therefore work hard to be a strong, effective and inclusive advocate for the Society and its members.

As a remote sensing nerd, I've also worked and published across a wide range of geomorphic domains (for my sins), and this perhaps gives me a pretty unique feel for the academic synergies and challenges that exist across the discipline, and the pace of recent developments etc. My partner is also an experienced professional geomorphologist (a river engineer), so I can see first hand the critical importance of (and challenges associated with) a range of geomorphological careers, sectors, stakeholders, and end-users. In the scheme of things, I've also taught geomorphology modules for 30+ years (and many, many MSc/MRes + PhD students). Lots of my ex-students are geomorphologists, colleagues, and BSG members.

Ultimately, though, this would be a great opportunity for me to give something back, and I therefore hope that you will be able to support my interest in this role and application.

I'll be at least one day of the BSG conference in Leeds in September, which will include the AGM.

Kind regards,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.G. Bryant', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Robert Bryant