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Dear Fiona,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Secretary of the Research Sub-committee (SecR). After reviewing the role description, I am confident that I am well-suited to fulfil the duties of the position, keen to put my experience to use to serve the Society and I would be grateful if you would consider my application.

As a lecturer at the University of Hull, I am well-versed in the administrative and organisational demands of academic life. I have experience coordinating research projects, chairing and minuting meetings, supervising postgraduate students and contributing to working groups.

I have a deep appreciation for the core values of the Society, which has played a meaningful role in my development as a geomorphologist. I have been a member of the Society since 2015. I attended my first BSG Annual Meeting as a PhD student in Southampton that year and the Society has since supported my work directly through a Conference Attendance Grant in 2016 to participate at AGU and a Small Research Grant in 2024 to investigate turbidity dynamics in the Humber Estuary. I feel a genuine sense of belonging to this community and would welcome the opportunity to give back through a more active role.

In the role of the Research Secretary, I would be committed to organising and minuting the meetings of the Research Sub-committee and supporting the Vice Chair for Research in promoting the Society's grants and awards effectively, ensuring they reach early-career researchers in particular who stand to benefit the most. I also welcome the governance responsibilities that come with the role as a charity trustee and am committed to acting in the best interests of the Society in that capacity. I believe open, well-communicated research support is central to a thriving geomorphological community and I would bring that ethos to the position.

Please find my CV attached and thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Grigorios Vasilopoulos