

## **Terms of reference for the BSG Committee for Professional Geomorphology and Practice**

### **Key role**

The BSG Committee for Professional Geomorphology and Practice shall promote professional geomorphology by supporting Continuing Professional Development for, and the accreditation of, practicing geomorphologists, as well as promoting the development and communication of geomorphological guidance in relation to practice and policy.

### **Reporting**

The BSG Committee for Professional Geomorphology and Practice will report to the Executive Committee. Reports will also be sent to the Communication and Publications Committee, the Research Committee, and the Outreach and Education Committees, when appropriate.

### **Terms of reference**

The Committee shall:

- Represent professional geomorphologists in industry, consultancy, NGOs, advisory and regulatory and other bodies, but who are not academics, thereby ensuring that the BSG responds to their needs
- Promote geomorphology by offering leadership in supporting ways to communicate and/or translate the findings from geomorphological research into policy and/or practice, working with relevant partner organisations where appropriate
- Promote professional geomorphology by supporting the development and delivery of training and CPD opportunities, including at the Society's Annual Conference, for practicing geomorphologists
- Take a strategic lead around issues of chartership and professional recognition, including by supporting and promoting the accreditation of geomorphologists via the CGeog (Geomorph) and other relevant accreditation routes
- forward regular reports to the Executive Committee and Annual General Meeting;
- consider matters that, from time to time, may be referred by the Executive Committee.

### **Membership**

- Vice-Chair, acting as Chair of the Committee and also being a member of the Society Executive Committee (elected by members of the Society at the AGM).
- Ordinary Member, acting as Secretary of the Committee and also being a member of the Society Executive Committee (elected by members of the Society at the AGM).

- Ordinary Member, acting as a representative from the regulatory sector (co-opted by the Society Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair).
- Ordinary Member, acting as a representative from the consultancy sector (co-opted by the Society Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair).
- Ordinary Member, acting as a representative from the academic community (co-opted by the Society Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair).
- One postgraduate member (elected by the postgraduate members of the Society).

The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer will be *ex officio* members, attending meetings as and when required.

Title	Role	Tasks
Vice-Chair	Acting as Chair of the Committee and also being a member of the Society Executive Committee (elected by members at the AGM).	Take overall leadership for the development and delivery of the functions of the committee. Develop links with practitioners of geomorphology. Liaise with other committees, in particular the Research Committee, to explore ways to maximise the societal impact of geomorphological research (including research sponsored by the BSG) Normal term – 3 years
Secretary	Acting as Chair of the Committee and also being a member of the Society Executive Committee (elected by members at the AGM).	Arrange meetings of the Committee and take minutes. Under the direction of the Chair promote and develop appropriate opportunities for CPD, including liaison with colleagues organising the Annual Conference to ensure training opportunities are embedded within the Society's activities Normal term – 3 years
Committee member	Representative of the consultancy community	Under the direction of the Chair assist in matters such as; Develop links with the consultancy community, Advise on the development of resources/ workshops to promote CPD and accreditation Normal term – by negotiation (up to 3 years in first instance)
Committee member	Representative of the regulatory community	Under the direction of the Chair assist in matters such as; Develop links with the regulatory community, Advise on the development of resources/ workshops to promote the uptake of geomorphological research Normal term – by negotiation (up to 3 years in first instance)
Committee member	Representative of the academic community	Under the direction of the Chair assist in delivering the functions of the committee as defined in the ToR Normal term – by negotiation (up to 3 years in first instance)
Postgraduate member	Elected by the postgraduate members of the Society	Provide a lead in terms of liaising between the professional community and postgraduates, with a particular emphasis on employability Assist in promoting the benefits of professional geomorphology to postgraduates and increase postgraduate membership Normal term – by negotiation (up to 3 years in first instance)