

Committee for Professional and Practicing Geomorphologists: Draft vision

**Vision:**

***To lead, support and improve the discipline of applied professional geomorphology.***

**Aims:**

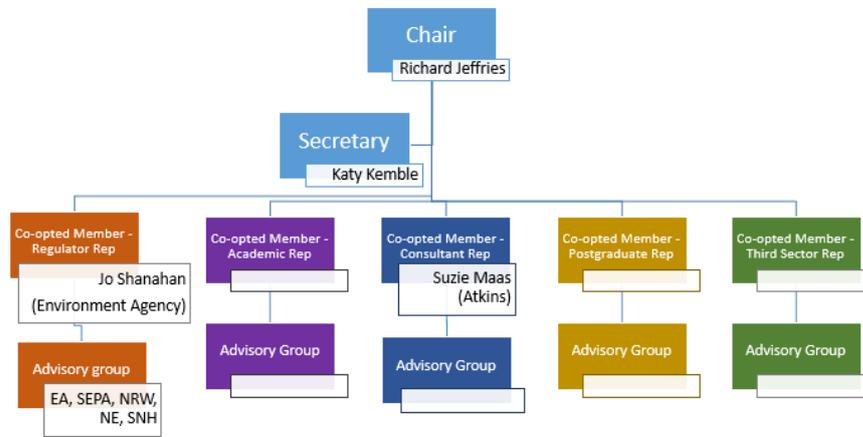
1. **To provide a forum for professional applied geomorphologists<sup>1</sup> to:**
  - a. highlight current issues and needs to the committee & the BSG;
  - b. communicate with academia to support scientific research;
  - c. share scientific and technical advances and developments.
  
2. **To grow the influence of geomorphology by:**
  - a. Communicating the benefits from applying geomorphological science, thinking and techniques;
  - b. Strengthening and developing links within the academic and applied geomorphology community, and with external organisations and groups.
  
3. **To encourage high professional standards:**
  - a. **To take a strategic approach to improving technical standards** by
    - i. encouraging people to gain and maintain professional knowledge and skills (via encouraging Continuing Professional Development<sup>2</sup> and Chartership), and
    - ii. by developing or sharing guidance or standards.
  - b. **To encourage high standards of conduct and behaviour (aligned with the BSG code of conduct)**, so that practitioners are seen as professionals whose judgement can be trusted and relied upon.
  
4. **To promote geomorphology as a career by:**
  - a. encouraging a new generation of applied geomorphologists, and
  - b. helping existing applied geomorphologists to define future careers.
  
5. **To connect applied geomorphologists** via meetings, workshops or events in order to share experience, communicate and apply research findings and needs, to identify good practice and to encourage peer review and support.

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<sup>1</sup> “professional applied geomorphologist” is a broad and inclusive term for any geomorphologist who applies their expertise by providing geomorphological advice or services, including those working in consultancy, government, academia or the third sector (eg within Trusts, NGO’s and charities).

<sup>2</sup> Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is the development of competence or expertise in one’s profession; the process of acquiring the skills needed to improve performance in a job (OED).

## Structure:



**Chair / Secretary:** strategic direction, coordination and guidance

**Sector reps: voice of sector:** to share knowledge and identify needs

**Advisory group for rep:** cascade knowledge / collate needs from their organisations and networks