

Report to IAHS Bureau, June 2016, from the Chair of IAHS Ltd

IAHS Ltd is a charitable company, a legal entity, registered in the UK and run according to the Charity Commission law and UK company law. Its activities are overseen by a Board of trustees. IAHS Ltd was set up by IAHS in 1992 to deal primarily with the publishing activities taking place at Wallingford, but its role has evolved since. For a period IAHS Ltd employed four staff; however, the recent major developments in scientific publishing required adaptation and nowadays most publishing activity is contracted out to partners Taylor & Francis based in the UK, and Copernicus, based in Germany. The main income is royalties from the publication of *Hydrological Sciences Journal* by Taylor & Francis. There is a little revenue from book sales but the online open access publishing of the *Proceedings of IAHS* (PIAHS, formally the “Red Books”) by Copernicus generates no income.

The Board of trustees of IAHS Ltd always includes the President, Secretary-general and Treasurer of IAHS. It was chaired by Prof. Des Walling until February 2016. The Board presently comprises:

Michael Acreman (Secretary), Christophe Cudennec, Cate Gardner (Chair), Charles Onstad and Hubert Savenije

The Board reports and provides financial statements annually to the Charity Commission and Companies House (Charity no. 1078635 at www.charitycommission.gov.uk).

Currently there are two staff who have an office at CEH Wallingford. In the new (since June 2015) role of IAHS Executive Secretary, Dr Claire Lupton supports the Association and its officers, running the IAHS website and managing the membership, as well as being responsible for the Wallingford office and associated finance. The Editorial Manager for *HSJ*, Frances Watkins, works with the editors, associate editors, reviewers, authors and Taylor & Francis.

The Board last met in Wallingford, UK, on 2 February 2016, and discussed various issues associated with being an employer (e.g. health and safety, pensions), reviewed the annual reports from IAHS Press (presented by Claire Lupton) and Taylor & Francis (presented by Lydia Webb), and used Skype to “meet” with Xenia van Edig of Copernicus. Matters addressed included: staffing in the Wallingford office; the forthcoming Kovacs (June 2016) and South Africa (July 2017) meetings and liaison with Copernicus regarding conference arrangements and publications; the performance of *HSJ* and the next editorial retreat which will be supported by Taylor & Francis; banking and investment arrangements; the position of IAHS Ltd re proposal to charge membership fees for IAHS; plus finance and the budget for 2016. IAHS Ltd produced a small surplus at the end of 2015, and the budget proposed for 2016 again anticipates a surplus. The possibility of setting aside a sum to fund, e.g. student travel grants, was raised.

Since the meeting, legal advice has been sought regarding the governing documents of IAHS Ltd and any modifications required should IAHS start charging membership fees, assuming that IAHS Ltd would manage such charging. The accountants have readied the 2015 financial statements for approval, and the report for the Charity Commission is in preparation.

Finally, the considerable commitment and input by Des Walling to IAHS Ltd must be acknowledged – he was involved from the outset and as Chair provided effective support to the Wallingford office.

Cate Gardner – Chair IAHS Ltd

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