

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR MARINE SCIENCE
(“the Association”)

Registered No: SC009292

NOTICE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”) of the Association will be held on-line on **FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2021 at 15.15 hrs.** to transact the following business: -

1. To confirm the minutes of the 106th Annual General Meeting, held on 4th **December 2020**.
2. To receive the report of the SAMS Board and the audited accounts for the year ended **31st March 2021**.
3. To reappoint the Chair of SAMS Board. To reappoint returning Trustees. To approve new Trustees and note retiring Trustees of the SAMS Board.

Chair of SAMS Board

Diana Murray CBE

Returning Trustees

Professor John Baxter

Professor Colin Brownlee

Lisa Chilton

Dr Debbie McNeill

Susan Watts

New Trustees

Professor Colin Moffat

Professor Richard Waites

Retiring Trustees

None

4. To note the continuing appointment of external auditors Saffery Champness.
5. To receive a presentation and report from the Director on developments in the year.
6. To transact any other competent business of the Association.

BY ORDER OF THE SAMS BOARD



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Secretary (Professor Axel E J Miller)

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19th November 2021

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR MARINE SCIENCE
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020 @ 15.15
VIA TEAMS**

MINUTES

Present/Members

Diana Murray (Chair)	Professor Finlo Cottier	Jennifer Wilson
Professor Nick Owens	Dr Anuschka Miller	John Huthnance
Ian Dunn	Christine Campbell	Eva Tombs-Heirman
Dr Debbie McNeill	Alison Dawson	Iain MacFarlane
Susan Watts	Donald Hadley	Professor Anton Edwards
Mark Batho	Dr Carol Phillips	Stephen Malcolm
Professor Colin Brownlee	Ken Rundle	Ian Tegner

Present/Non-Members

Ewan Paterson	Rachel Culver
Mike Spain	Patricia McGill
Lorna MacKinnon (Minutes)	

Apologies

John Leftley	Carol Robinson
Christopher Brown	Andy McLeod
John MacKerron	Helen Anderson
Professor Axel Miller	John Anderson
John Blaxter	

The Chair opened the **106th** Annual General Meeting and welcomed all members.

The Chair referenced the SAMS Annual Report, a copy of which was available online.

1. Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifth (105th) Annual General Meeting held on 6 December 2019.

The Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifth (105th) Annual General Meeting were **agreed** as an accurate record.

2. The Report of the Board and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Ian Dunn presented the report on the audited accounts to March 2020. SAMS achieved operating income of around £11m and operating expenditure of around £10.6m. Research income was just below £7m, Education income was around £1.6m and Enterprise income approximately £1.4m. He reflected on the solid operational performance for the year resulting in an accounting surplus of £260k compared with £2.2m deficit the previous year. The surplus included a benefit from the reduction in the pension liability of £743k

He reported that in the current financial year 20/21, Covid-19 has impacted the organisation but through a positive combination of leadership control of costs and significantly increased activity the pipeline for grants awaiting a decision is £11m. In addition, SAMS benefited from Government support schemes during the year. SAMS is in a strong cash position and is a robust going concern and he commended the accounts to Members.

3. **Amendments to the articles of association**

Diana Murray reported that the Articles of Association require to be reviewed on a regular basis and the amendments made take account of the change of name from Governing Council to Board. The Members **approved** the changes.

4. **To re-elect Vice Presidents**

Professor Geoffrey Boulton
Professor Andrew Hamnett

The Members **approved** the re-election of the Vice Presidents.

5. **To elect members of the SAMS Board of Association and to consider election of additional members**

New members

None.

Retiring Members

Diana Murray reported that Mr Mark Batho had completed his tenure on the SAMS Board and would be stepping down. She reflected that Mark had been a tremendous help to the Board and she was extremely grateful for his contribution. Members, through the Chair, thanked Mark for his efforts.

Mark reflected that it has been a pleasure serving on SAMS Board and he was sad to be leaving but felt that the organisation was in a good position and he would continue to follow the interests of SAMS as a Member.

5. **To note the continuing appointment of external auditors Saffery Champness.**

Diana Murray reported that Saffery Champness had audited SAMS for the first time this year. It had been a clean audit and she asked Members to note the continuing appointment of the External Auditor.

6. **To receive a presentation by and report from the Director**

Professor Nick Owens gave a presentation to the Members on the review of the year. This included slides on the new Corporate Strategy the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership Report Card contributions from SAMS. The

Scottish Seaweed Industry Association Conference and news that Argyll and Bute Council had agreed that as part of the Argyll Growth Deal they had earmarked £2.5m to develop SAMS seaweed and oyster hatchery.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic during the year, several areas of work continued at the lab including maintenance of the Culture Collection and he added that a recent funding package of approximately £750k had been awarded by UKRI (NERC) to support that National Facility.

He paid tribute to Professor Bhavani Narayanaswamy who was awarded a Professorship in the year and shared with Members the Poem created to acknowledge World Oceans Day in June.

He reported on SAMS new electric car and the award of the Cycling Friendly Employer. He reflected that SAMS is working hard to reduce its carbon footprint.

Towards the end of the year, SAMS seagoing team joined RRS Discovery for the first "Covid-19 friendly" cruise since the pandemic started. He reflected that they endured a challenging regime of testing and isolating and worked in a hostile environment in the North Atlantic, but it was a successful cruise. Also, in the last quarter, SAMS published work jointly with BAS on Blue Whales which received significant media attention and was a heart-warming feature in terms of recovering the seas.

Lastly, he reported that in December SAMS was part of a grouping which won a Scottish Green Energy Award in training engineering doctoral students, a worthy award.

Nick thanked Members and invited questions. He also directed them to the new SAMS on-line shop noting that for purchases made over the weekend there was no postage costs.

Professor Anton Edwards presented a graphic showing the positioning of SAMS within UHI and noted that due to the specialist nature of SAMS it is the least similar partner to all the others. This was noted and welcomed, and Nick added that SAMS is deemed as a "Specialist Partner" within UHI.

Ken Rundle congratulated Nick on his presentation and on the success of SAMS in the year. He suggested that as SAMS begins its philanthropic campaign, a useful contact in terms of his entrepreneurial skills may be Totto Woolf (the husband of Susi Woolf ex Oban). Nick thanked Ken indicating he would pass this on to the consultant working with SAMS on the campaign.

Stephen Malcolm welcomed the on-line AGM format which offers more opportunities for remote Members to attend. He asked about the environmental considerations of growing seaweed and Nick indicated that while Marine Scotland have yet to establish the formal licencing, if an area is suitable for culturing shellfish, it is also deemed appropriate for growing seaweed being used as a food source.

7. **To transact any other competent business of the Association.**

With no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 16.10

Signed

Date