

GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION

RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. NAME

1.1 The Society shall be called THE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 2.1 To promote the study of Geology and its allied sciences by holding Ordinary Meetings for the purpose of hearing lectures and encouraging discussion among Members, and by arranging Field Meetings; to extend knowledge of the science by demonstration and publication, by the maintenance of a library, and by such other means as the Council may from time to time determine.
- 2.2 To promote interest in Geology at all levels of knowledge.
- 2.3 To promote awareness of our geological heritage.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Association shall consist of Full, Associate, Joint, Student and Honorary Members.

3.2 FULL MEMBERS

Full Members have the right of attending and voting at all Meetings of the Association; of proposing candidates for election to the Council; of serving, if elected, on Council or in any other Office of the Association; of bringing non-members to Ordinary and Field Meetings; of using the Library; and of receiving such publications as Council may from time to time decide.

3.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Members shall pay a Subscription at a reduced rate and shall have the rights of Full Members, except that they shall not be entitled to receive the Proceedings of the Association.

3.4 JOINT MEMBERS

Two or more individuals living at the same private residential address may apply for Joint Membership. They shall pay a Joint Subscription and shall have the same rights as Full Members but they shall receive jointly only one of each of such publications as Council may from time to time decide.

3.5 STUDENTS AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 26

Individuals who have not yet reached their twenty-sixth birthday or who are in full-time education may apply for Student and Young Persons Membership. They shall pay a reduced Subscription but shall have the same rights as Full Members except that they may only receive electronic versions of GA publications where applicable.

3.6 HONORARY MEMBERS

Persons of eminence in geological science, or who have done some special service for the Association, may be recommended by the Council for election as Honorary Members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be exempt from paying a Subscription but shall have the same rights as Full Members. The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed twenty five.

4. **ADMISSION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1 Every candidate for admission to Membership of the Association shall complete an application form and return it together with the appropriate Annual Subscription to the Association's office.
- 4.2 Any Member whose conduct is, in the opinion of Council, prejudicial to the interests of the Association, may be removed from the Association by Council. Such action shall require a vote of a two thirds majority of the Council members present at a meeting, the agenda for which shall carry the item "Removal of a Member". No Member may be so removed unless prior notice has been sent to that Member of the intention of the Council to proceed against that Member under this Rule and of the nature of the charges made against that Member; opportunity shall be afforded to that Member to answer the charges, and to explain the conduct objected to, in advance of that Council meeting

5. **LOCAL GROUPS AND AFFILIATES**

- 5.1 Where at least twelve Members of the Association resident outside central London organise their own meetings, the Council may, in response to a written request from such a group, recognise it as a Local Group of the Association.
- 5.2 An Affiliate shall be a properly constituted Society, or other group recognised by the Council as having interests consistent with the Objects of the Association and seeking Affiliate status.
- 5.3 Affiliates shall be required to pay an administration fee to be determined from time to time by the Council.
- 5.4 Each Local Group and Affiliate shall have the right to receive two copies of the Circular and such other benefits as the Council may from time to time determine.

6. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 6.1 Full, Associate, Joint and Student Members shall pay an Annual Subscription at such rates as shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
- 6.2 The Annual Subscription for the year commencing 1st January shall become due on the previous 1st November; or, in the case of candidates for Membership, at the time of their application for Membership.
- 6.3 Any Member whose Annual Subscription has not been received by 1st March of the year for which the Subscription applies shall forfeit the right to receive the Association's publications in paper format.
- 6.4 Members in arrears of more than twelve months with their Annual Subscription shall be removed from the list of Members.
- 6.5 The Council may at its discretion exempt a Member from Annual Subscriptions.

7. **MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 The management of the Association shall be vested in a Council normally consisting of twenty four members. These shall include the following Officers: President, Treasurer, General Secretary, and up to three Vice-Presidents.
- 7.2 The Council shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting when the Members present shall vote on a list of candidates who shall have been nominated in accordance with these Rules.
- 7.3 The Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the President in consultation with the other Officers and Council.
- 7.4 The person nominated as Senior Vice-President shall, upon election, in the first instance, serve in that capacity for one year and in the ensuing year shall normally become President. The President shall normally serve for not more than two years and upon retiring from the Office of President shall normally become the Senior Vice-President for one further year after which the next Senior Vice- President shall be elected . The other Vice-Presidents shall normally serve for not more than two years.
- 7.5. Members of Council shall normally serve for three years (unless they are performing specific functions designated by Council) and upon retiring shall not be eligible for re-election as Ordinary Members of the Council for at least one year.
- 7.6. The new Council shall normally contain at least four Members who were not Members of the Council during the preceding year.
- 7.7. At least four months before the Annual General Meeting there shall be circulated to Members a list of the Members of Council retiring, those remaining, and the proposed Officers, together with a notice inviting nominations to fill the expected vacancies on the Council. Alternative nominations for Officers shall be invited.

- 7.8. Each nomination must be supported by at least three Members of not less than one year's standing and accompanied by a brief statement on the nominee and by the nominee's written consent. Nominations must reach the General Secretary by 31st January.
- 7.9 No Member may support more than four candidates.
- 7.10 After receiving nominations from Members, the Council may make such additional nominations as it thinks fit.
- 7.11 If no more than twenty four candidates are nominated and the list be in accordance with these Rules, a copy of such list shall be circulated to Members at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and the candidates shall be declared duly elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.12 If more than one candidate be nominated for any Office, or if more than twenty four candidates be nominated in all, then an election shall be held by circulating to Members at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting a ballot paper containing a list of all the nominees. Signed ballot papers returned to the Association's office by Members unable to be present at the AGM, by noon of the day of the AGM shall be incorporated with those votes of Members present at the AGM. The combined votes shall be counted by Scrutineers who shall be Members nominated by Council but shall not themselves be members of Council or candidates therefor.
- 7.13 If any difficulty should arise in constituting the new Council in accordance with these Rules, the President's decision shall be final, provided that in no case shall the President declare elected more than twenty Members who were Members of the Council during the preceding year.
- 7.14 The Council shall have power to fill any vacancies which may arise in the Council until the next Annual General Meeting. The Council shall also have power to co-opt additional Members as required for any particular purpose until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 7.15 At meetings of the Council eight Members shall form a quorum.
- 7.16 The Council may form Committees as it considers desirable and such Committees may include Members not on Council.
- 7.17 Minutes shall be kept of all Meetings of the Council and its Committees. Members of the Association have the right to view all the minutes on application to the GA Office.
- 7.18 A report on the general progress of the Association during the preceding calendar year shall be agreed by the Council and shall be circulated to Members before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

8. FINANCES

- 8.1 The Funds of the Association may be invested in such securities as may be authorised by law as trustee investments, but without restriction as to the proportion invested in wider range securities as defined in the Trustees Investments Act 1961. The Council may authorise the formation of an investment group of at least three persons, of whom one shall normally be the Treasurer, to take decisions about the purchase and sale of investments.
- 8.2 The Association may be dissolved by a resolution by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall have been given to the Members. Such resolution shall give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among Members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Association as the Council may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then any such remaining property shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions or for such other charitable purpose or purposes as the Council shall decide with prior consent from the Charity Commission.
- 8.3 The Accounts of the Association shall be made up to the 31st December in each year and shall be audited by a firm of Chartered or Incorporated Accountants appointed annually by Council. The audited financial statement shall be included in the Annual Report and circulated to Members before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

9. MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Meetings of the Association shall be Ordinary Meetings, Field Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

- 9.2 Ordinary Meetings shall normally be held on the first Friday in the month, but not normally in the months of August and September. The Council shall fix the hour and may alter the day of the Meeting.
- 9.3 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such hour before the Ordinary Meeting in May as the Council shall appoint or as near thereto as conveniently may be for the purpose of the receiving from Council its Annual Report on the general progress of the Association and the audited financial statement, of electing Officers and Council for the ensuing year, and of transacting such other business as is provided by the Rules of the Association.
- 9.4 Special General Meetings shall be held as Council determines, or within a reasonable time following receipt by Council of a requisition signed by not less than twelve Members. In either case a notice giving the date and the object of the Special General Meeting shall be notified to members, normally by publishing in the GA Magazine, not less than fourteen days before such Meeting; and no business shall be considered at such Meeting except that for which it was convened.
- 9.5 Field Meetings shall be organised as the Field Meetings Secretary determines. Each Field Meeting shall normally be conducted by a Director to whom responsibility shall normally be delegated by the Field Meetings Secretary.
- 9.6 At all meetings of the Association, other than Field Meetings, fifteen shall be a quorum. Where a vote is to be taken, the President or Chairman shall have the right to determine the method of voting. Minutes shall be kept of the Ordinary Meetings, Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings of the Association.

10. **LIBRARY**

- 10.1 Members are entitled to borrow books from the Library of University College London with which the Library of the Association has been incorporated by Agreement. Regulations governing the privileges are laid down by the Library Committee of the College.

11. **RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 11.1 A copy of the Rules of the Association and of the Regulations of its Special Funds, Awards and Medals shall be sent to each member after election.
- 11.2 No Rule of the Association, or Regulation of the Special Funds, Awards or Medals of the Association shall be altered except by a majority of votes of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

1. The objective of the award is to acknowledge a long-service contribution to the administration and benefit of the Geologists' Association (GA).
2. The awarding panel shall comprise the current President and Senior Vice President of the GA, and at least two former Presidents.
3. The recipient shall be a Member of the GA
4. The award may be made annually, although this is at the discretion of the awarding panel.
5. The award is for *extended work of merit* connected with the GA. It is not desirable to limit the interpretation of this rule to work done in any special area or in any special branch of geology; it can be widely applied to cover all administrative duties undertaken by members of the GA.
6. The award may be given to two or more Members in any one year.
7. There will be no financial award; thus, Trustees are eligible under Charity Commission rules.
8. Nominations for the award will be made by members of the awarding panel. The current President shall invite other members of the panel to nominate suitable candidates for the award, suggested names to be given to the President not later than January 15th. Then, the award will be notified to the General Secretary and the Medals and Awards Panel at the February meeting of Council, and presented at the AGM in May.

FOULERTON AWARD

1. The recipient shall be a Member of the Geologists' Association.
2. The award shall be open to all Members without distinction as to age, sex or profession.

3. The award shall be made for work done during the recipient's period of membership.
4. The award shall be for work of merit connected with the Association. It is not desirable to limit the interpretation of this rule to work done in any special area or in any special branch of geology. The recipient may qualify by work in the preparation and publication of Papers, the arrangement and reporting of Excursions, the preparation of Lectures, Demonstrations, etc.
5. As far as possible the award shall be made to encourage future, as well as to recognise past, work.
6. It is desirable that the award shall be given as a rule to promote good amateur work.
7. No award shall be made to a Member of Council.
8. The award may be given to two or more Members.
9. In any year a part of the available funds may be withheld at the discretion of the Council.
10. At the December meeting of Council, the President shall invite members of Council to nominate suitable candidates for the award, all suggested names to be given to the General Secretary not later than the 15th January. Following the deadline for the submission of nominations, the Medals and Awards Committee shall meet before the February meeting of Council to discuss the nominations and to recommend one or more members to receive the award. The recommendations of the Medals and Awards Committee shall be presented for approval at the Council meeting in February. Council shall determine the amount of the award.

HALSTEAD MEDAL

1. The Medal to be made of bronze and known as the Halstead Medal shall be for work of outstanding merit, deemed to further the objectives of the Association and to promote Geology.
2. The award shall be open to Members of the Association and non-Members alike.
3. No award shall be made to a member of Council.
4. Nominations for the award of the Medal shall be invited in the December notices to the membership and at the December Ordinary Meeting. All nominations must reach the General Secretary not later than 15th January.
5. Following the deadline for the submission of nominations, the Medals and Awards Committee shall meet before the February meeting of Council to discuss the nominations and to recommend a person to receive the Medal. The recommendation of the Medals and Awards Committee shall be presented to the February meeting of Council.

HALSTEAD AWARD

1. The award will be made annually. A certificate and up to £500 will be given to an individual who has made a substantial contribution in any area of geology at an early stage in their career.
2. The award shall be open to Members of the Association and non-Members alike.
3. No award shall be made to a member of Council.
4. Nominations for the award shall be invited in the December notices to the membership and at the December Ordinary Meeting. All nominations should reach the Awards Secretary not later than 15th January.
5. Following the submission of nominations, the Medals and Awards Committee shall meet before the February Council Meeting to discuss the nominations and to recommend a person to receive the Award. The recommendation of the Medals and Awards Committee shall be presented to the February Council Meeting for approval; normally, the award will be presented at the AGM in May.

HENRY STOPES MEMORIAL FUND

1. The income of the Fund shall be once in three consecutive years at the disposal of the Council for the defrayment of the cost of a medal or medals and for the provision of a gift towards the cost of preparing and delivery of a lecture.

2. The medal to be made of bronze to be called the Henry Stopes Memorial Medal and to be awarded for work on the Prehistory of Hominins and their geological environment, to any Member of the Geologists' Association or other person without restriction as to country or sex, preference being given to non-professional work.
3. The medallist to be invited to deliver a lecture to the Association on his or her work or on some aspects of the subject thereof and for this lecture he or she shall be given such a sum as Council may determine out of the accumulated income available at the date of the award of the medal.
4. The delivery of the lecture shall not be obligatory and if for any reason the lecture be not delivered then the available accumulated income or such part thereof as the Council may determine shall be transferred to the capital of the fund and invested.
5. The lecture shall be called the Henry Stopes Memorial Lecture in announcements and so entitled if published.
6. Nominations for the award shall be invited in the December notices to the membership and at the December Ordinary Meeting of the Association. All nominations must reach the General Secretary not later than 15th January.
7. Every Member of the Association shall be entitled to nominate one person, or two persons jointly.
8. Following the deadline for the submission of nominations, the Medals and Awards Committee shall meet before the February meeting of Council to discuss the nominations and to recommend a person or persons to receive the Medal. The recommendation of the Medals and Awards Committee shall be presented at the February meeting of Council.
9. In the event that the person nominated by the Committee is unacceptable to Council, the names of all the nominated persons shall be submitted to a direct vote by Council.
10. Two medals for joint work may be awarded on one occasion and a joint invitation to lecture shall be sent; but only one lecture shall be delivered. In such case if the lecture delivered be prepared jointly by the medallists the gift shall be divided between them in equal shares, but if that is not the case it shall be awarded to the lecturer.
11. The desire of the Council to offer the award shall be communicated to the intended recipient or recipients in the form of an invitation to accept, and no public announcement shall be made until the award has been accepted. The medal shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
12. No member of Council shall be eligible for the award.

THE RICHARDSON AWARD REGULATIONS

1. The Award is established in the names of Doris Maud Richardson, John Victor Richardson and James Alfred Richardson and is to be known as THE RICHARDSON AWARD.
2. The Award shall be made only to members of the Geologists' Association, and shall be open to all members without distinction as to age, sex or profession.
3. No Award shall be made to a member of Council.
4. The object of the Award is to recognise an important research project within the geosciences, and the Award shall be made for the best research-based paper in each annual volume of the Proceedings of the Geologists' Association with authorship that includes a GA member (s) at the time of submission.
5. At the December meeting of Council, the President shall invite members of Council to nominate papers to receive the Award; nominations to reach the General Secretary by 15th January. Following the deadline for the receipt of nominations, the Medals and Awards Committee shall meet before the February meeting of Council to discuss the nominations and to recommend a paper to receive the Award. The recommendation of the Medals and Awards Committee shall be presented at the February meeting of Council. The Award will be presented at the AGM which is usually held in May.
6. In the case of a paper having a single author, the Award shall take the form of a certificate and a portion of the income of the Fund to be determined by the Medals and Awards Committee.
7. In the case of a paper having more than one author, each author shall receive a certificate, and a portion of the income of the Fund to be determined by the Medals and Awards Committee and to be divided equally between or among the authors.

THE G.W. YOUNG GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION FUND

1. The name of the Fund be “The G.W. Young Geological Investigation Fund”.
2. The object of the Fund is to provide grants towards the cost of investigating important or scientifically interesting geological sections. The term “investigating” is interpreted in a broad sense to include researches into the palaeontology, stratigraphy, petrology or tectonics of the sections investigated, and particularly the cost of excavations for these purposes.
3. No portion of the Fund shall be used for making any grant or award in the form of medals or other marks of honour, nor shall it be used for the purchase of microscopes or other laboratory or field equipment. Grants will not normally be made towards the cost of subsistence and like expenses.
4. Grants shall be made only to Members of the Geologists’ Association, and shall be open to all Members without distinction as to age, sex or profession.
5. No grant shall be made to a Member of Council.
6. A grant may be made to two or more Members jointly.
7. The Fund shall be administered by Council, who shall, from time to time, by notices to the membership, make known the existence of the Fund and the amount of income available, and invite applications for grants from the Fund. The Council shall decide the grant or grants, if any, to be made, and may attach conditions to grants.
8. Reports of progress shall from time to time be made to the Council by the person or persons to whom grants are made. When the investigation is completed a final report shall be submitted, with a view to its publication in the Proceedings, if deemed suitable by Council. In appropriate cases the results of the investigation should also be demonstrated at a Field Meeting of the Association.
9. In the event of the results of the investigation being published, whether in the Proceedings or elsewhere, an acknowledgement shall be made in such publication that the investigation has been aided by a grant made from “The G.W. Young Geological Investigation Fund” by the Geologists’ Association.
11. The Council may, from time to time add to or vary these Regulations so long as such additions, or variations, are in accordance with the terms of Mr G.W. Young’s will.

THE MIDDLEMISS FUND

1. The object of the Fund is to support students undertaking geological fieldwork.
2. Preference will be given to work on the Cretaceous Period
3. Grants may be made to Members of the Association or non-Members.
4. No grant shall be made to a Member of Council.
5. The existence of the Fund shall be advertised from time to time in the Circular, inviting applications for grants from the Fund
6. Council shall decide the grants to be made and may attach conditions to such grants.

THE WILLIAM BAKER – MURIEL ARBER FUND (As approved by Council 2005)

1. The object of the Fund is to support geological fieldwork.
2. Grants may be made to Members of the Association and non-Members alike.
3. No grant shall be made to a Member of Council.
4. The existence of the Fund shall be made known from time to time by notices to the membership inviting applications for grants from this Fund.
5. Council shall decide the grants to be made and may attach conditions to grants.

**GA RESEARCH AWARDS AND NEW RESEARCHERS SCHEME
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO ALL RESEARCH AWARDS**

1. Not more than one award in all categories will be made to an individual in any one calendar year.
2. The allocation of awards and prizes shall be in the hands of a panel appointed by and responsible to Council. When the allocation of an award or prize has been agreed by the panel it shall be reported at the next meeting of Council.
3. Applications for all awards can be submitted at any time and, normally, will be considered by the Awards Panel at the December Council Meeting; deadline normally 15th November (except for the Ivor Tupper Fund, Curry MSc Prize and UKOGL Fund).
4. Results of each grant round will normally be available within 6 weeks of the deadline except for the Ivor Tupper Fund and Curry MSc Prize.
5. Normally awards and grants are made to those whose place of work or study is in the UK or at a UK university.
6. The GA will not consider retrospective applications, i.e. to support activities that will already have occurred prior to the deadline date.
7. Where indicated in their award letter, successful applicants must submit a written report (suitable for publication in the *GA Magazine*) and/or a statement of expenditure, by a specified deadline.
8. Successful applicants who do not provide the written reports requested cannot be considered for future awards until their reports have been received.
9. Successful candidates cannot be considered for further awards until 12 months have elapsed following receipt of their written report and/or statement of expenses
10. The financial support from the GA shall be acknowledged in any publication, poster or presentation arising from funded activities

REGULATIONS FOR THE GA RESEARCH AWARDS

See below for student awards (see also general Regulations above)

1. The GA Research Awards are available to all members of the Geologists' Association of at least one year's standing, irrespective of age, to foster research in any area of earth sciences.
2. No grant shall be made to a Member of Council.
5. The Funds shall be administered by Council, who shall, from time to time, by notices to members, make known the existence of the Funds and the amount of income available, and invite applications for grants from the Funds. The Council shall decide annually the overall amount available for the grants, if any, and may attach conditions to grants.
4. Grants will normally be for sums up to £600 and can be used for any scientific purpose deemed suitable by the Awards Committee.
5. Applicants are required to complete a research proposal form (available on the internet or from the GA Office) and submit either as hard copies and/or electronically to the GA office. Deadline normally 15th November annually.
6. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a brief report (500-800 words) for publication in the *GA Magazine* during the 12 months following expenditure of the grant. Applicants are encouraged to submit full-length articles to the *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association*, which will be subject to the normal refereeing procedure for papers. Applicants submitting full-length articles are not required to submit the brief report.
7. The financial support from the Geologists' Association must be acknowledged in any publications.

REGULATIONS FOR THE NEW RESEARCHERS' SCHEME for students (see also general Regulations above)

1. The GA New Researchers' Scheme is designed for new or younger researchers in any relevant field of earth sciences.

2. Applicants must be registered for either an undergraduate or postgraduate degree and must have been a GA Member by the time of application. A letter of support from the applicant's dissertation or doctoral supervisor must accompany the application.
3. Applicants must not already hold a doctoral degree or a tenured academic position. Preference will be given to those who have no other source of funding or whose access to such funds is limited.
4. No grant shall be made to a Member of Council.
5. The Funds shall be administered by Council, who shall, from time to time, by notices to the membership, make known the existence of the Funds and the amount of income available, and invite applications for grants from the Funds. The Council shall decide annually the overall amount for the grants, if any, and may attach conditions to grants.
6. Grants are normally for sums up to £600.
7. Applicants are required to complete research proposal forms (available on the internet or from the GA Office) and submit either as hard copies and/or electronically to the GA office. Deadline normally 15th November annually.
8. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a brief report (500-800 words) for publication in the *GA Magazine* during the 12 months following expenditure of the grant. Applicants are encouraged to submit full-length articles to *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association*, which will be subject to the normal refereeing procedure for papers. Applicants submitting full-length articles are not required to submit the brief report in addition. When indicated in their award letter, successful applicants must also submit a written statement of expenditure.
9. The financial support from the Geologists' Association shall be acknowledged in any publication, poster or presentation arising from funded activities.

THE IVOR TUPPER FUND OF THE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION (for students in 2nd-4th years)

1. An award in memory of G. Ivor F. Tupper, CEng, FIEE, (1927-2008).
2. The fund is designed to give financial assistance – a single award normally of £2000 cash annually – to a deserving undergraduate in their second, third or fourth year at a UK university, studying Geology or Earth Sciences. Additional awards can be made of up to £2000, should funds allow.
3. The nomination must be made through the student's Head of Department and only one entrant *per degree programme* can be accepted.
4. The deadline for applications is 15th January and successful nominees will be notified by April. Nomination forms should be e-mailed or sent by post to the Geologists' Association.
5. Each entry will be considered by the Awards Committee of the Geologists' Association and the award will be made to the best student who, in the opinion of the panel, most clearly demonstrates commitment to the subject and academic excellence. The Awards Committee reserve the right not to make an award in any one year.
6. The award will be made by the Council of the Geologists' Association to the student they feel best demonstrates both a genuine commitment to the discipline and academic excellence and will be presented to the recipient at the Association's Annual General Meeting, normally held early in May each year.

THE CURRY MSC PRIZES (for Masters students)

1. The aim of the Curry Prizes is to encourage student excellence. The prizes will be awarded for one or more Masters degree theses on a geology-related topic arising from an MSc taught course in a UK university, and considered to be of outstanding quality in the opinion of the judging panel.
2. Each Prize is a cash prize, normally of £1000, plus membership of the Geologists' Association for the following calendar year.
3. Prize winners may also, at the judges' discretion, be invited to submit a manuscript based on their thesis to the *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association* for consideration for publication (subject to the normal refereeing process).
4. Nominations must be made by a tutor responsible for an MSc taught course in a geology-related field. MSc tutors may submit no more than one thesis for each MSc programme for students who completed their studies on a taught course

not longer than one year prior to the closing date of the entry period. Each entry must be chosen and submitted with the agreement of the student concerned and contain supporting information from the tutor explaining why they are nominating it for an award. By allowing their thesis to be entered for a prize, both authors and course Directors affirm that they have read and accepted these conditions.

5. The closing date for submissions is November 15th. A soft-bound paper copy of the dissertation must be sent to the Executive Secretary, Geologists' Association, labelled "Curry Prizes submission"
6. Each entry will be considered by the Awards Committee of the Geologists' Association who reserves the right not to make the award in any one year. In all cases not provided for in these regulations, the decision of the chairman will be final.
7. Family members of those comprising the judging panel and of Council members / employees of the Geologists' Association are not eligible to have their work submitted for the award of a prize
8. Prize winners will be notified in April of the year following the date of submission and The Curry MSc Prizes will be presented annually to the recipients at the Association's Annual General Meeting, normally held early in May each year.

THE UKOGL FUND (UK Onshore Geophysical Library, for final year MGeol / MSci undergraduates)

1. The capital sum comprising the UKOGL Fund shall be invested and the income from the investment shall be used to provide awards in accordance with these regulations.
2. Disposal of income shall be consistent with the maintenance of the capital value of the Fund.
3. All expenses related to the management of the Fund and its income shall be paid from the Fund.
4. The Fund is designed to give financial assistance, in the form of a sum of up to £600, to each of one or more deserving students undertaking an enhanced and extended MGeol (or equivalent) undergraduate course in earth sciences at a UK University to assist in the preparation of a thesis, preferably relevant to the geology of onshore areas of the United Kingdom.
5. Nominations must be made by the student's Head of Department, and only one nomination per degree programme can be accepted. The deadline for nominations is 15th January. Results will be notified in February. Nomination forms should be e-mailed or sent by post to the Geologists' Association.
6. Each nomination will be considered by the Awards Panel of the Geologists' Association in consultation with a representative of the UK Onshore Geophysical Library and awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence and commitment.
7. No award shall be made to a Member of Council.
8. Successful nominees will be expected to submit a brief report (500-800 words) for publication in the GA Magazine during the 12 months following expenditure of the award. They are encouraged to submit full-length articles to Proceedings of the Geologists' Association, which will be subject to the normal refereeing procedure for papers. Those submitting full-length articles are not required to submit the brief report to the Magazine.
9. The financial support from the "UKOGL Fund of the Geologists' Association" should be acknowledged in any publication, poster or presentation arising from funded activities.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GA MEETINGS AWARDS (members only, including student members)

1. The GA Meetings Awards are available to all members of at least one year's standing and student members by the time of application. Grants are made to assist attendance at conferences and field meetings. Priority will be given to those with limited alternative sources of funding, to GA-sponsored conferences and field meetings, and to those making presentations (paper or poster) at meetings or conferences.
2. Applications from students must be accompanied by a letter of support from their supervisor.
3. Grants are normally for sums up to £250. The Awards Committee will determine the number and amount of awards each year in consultation with the Treasurer.
4. Applicants are invited to complete proposal forms (available on the internet or from the GA Office) and submit either as hard copies and/or electronically to the GA office. Deadline normally 15th November annually.

5. Successful applicants will be required to provide, within 3 months after the event has taken place, a brief statement of expenditure and activities undertaken, supported by receipts.
6. Successful applicants attending meetings or conferences are requested to provide a brief review of the event for publication in the *GA Magazine*.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GA REGIONAL MEETINGS GRANT

(available to Local and Affiliated Groups of the GA)

1. The GA Regional Meetings Grant is available to all Local and Affiliated Groups of the GA. Grants are made to enable local groups/affiliates to organise a regional meeting in which a number of other groups will participate.
2. Grants are normally for sums up to £350. The Awards Committee will determine the number of awards each year in consultation with the Treasurer.
3. Applicants are required to complete a form (available on the internet or from the GA Office) and to submit it either as hard copy and/or electronically to the GA office.
4. A letter of confirmation from successful applicants that the event has taken place must be sent to the Secretary and groups are requested to write a brief report for publication in the *GA Magazine*.

THE CURRY FUND OF THE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION

1. Management of income from the Fund shall be in the hands of a Committee appointed by and responsible to Council; such Committee shall be separate from the Investment Committee. It shall have equal status with the other main Committees of Council and shall meet and report to Council independently and on a regular basis.
2. Disposal of income shall be consistent with the maintenance of the capital value of the Fund in real terms.
3. All expenses related to the management of the Fund and its income shall be paid from the Fund.
4. The Objects of the Fund shall be:
 - (a) To provide support for Geological Publication (including film, video and television productions). Such support shall be available both for publications of the Association; and for publications of other organisations.
 - (b) To provide support for Geological Conservation. Such support shall be available to organisations (other than the Association) undertaking purchase of geological sites for purposes of conservation; to organisations undertaking the clearance, maintenance and recording of sites; and to museums responsible for the curation of geological material.
 - (c) To provide contingency funding, either to supplement support provided in accordance with (a) and (b) above or, to support such other initiatives and developments as Council may think fit, including awards to individuals.
5. Income available in any year but unexpended in that year shall be available for disposal in the following year
6. Subject to the terms of regulation 2, the income of the Fund shall normally be allocated in approximately three equal parts to each of the three objects set out in 4a-c above.
7. No regulation of the Fund shall be altered except by a majority of votes of the Members present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.
8. The motion passed at a Special General Meeting on October 5th 2001 that up to 25% of the income in that year from the invested capital of the Curry Fund can be spent on specific GA activities approved by Council.

REGULATIONS FOR THE JAPEC FUND OF THE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION

1. The capital sum shall be invested and the income from the investment shall be used to promote the Objects of the Fund.
2. The use of the income from the Fund shall be managed by the Council of the Geologists' Association and shown as a separate item in the accounts at the end of each year and the Fund shall form a separate Restricted Fund within the accounts of the Association - The JAPEC Fund.

3. Disposal of the income shall be consistent with the long-term maintenance of the capital value of the Fund in real terms.
4. All expenses related to the management of the Fund and its income shall be paid from the Fund.
5. The Objects of the Fund shall be to defray the cost of events at which the principal aim is to promote the study of Geology in all its aspects:
 - I. Among young people, and
 - II. Among the Local Groups and Affiliates of the Association.
6. Income available in one year, but unexpended in that year, shall be available for disposal in the following year.
7. No Regulation of the JAPEC Fund shall be altered except by the majority of votes of the Members of the Geologists' Association present and voting at a Special General Meeting of the Association convened for that purpose.

ROCKWATCH REGULATIONS

- I. Rockwatch is the name of the junior part of the Geologists' Association.
2. The object of Rockwatch is to promote interest in Geology through understanding and enjoyment among young people between the ages of 8 and 16, by arranging indoor and field meetings and through publication, and by such other means as Council may from time to time agree.
3. Management of Rockwatch shall be in the hands of the Rockwatch Management Committee appointed by and responsible to Council. This Committee shall have equal status with the other Committees of Council and shall meet and report to Council on a regular basis.
4. Funds designated for the management and development of Rockwatch shall form a separate Restricted Fund within the accounts of the GA - The Geologists' Association Rockwatch Fund.
5. All expenses related to the management and development of Rockwatch shall be paid from the Geologists' Association Rockwatch Fund. This Fund shall be used for no other purpose.
6. Members of Rockwatch shall pay an annual subscription to be determined from time to time by the Rockwatch Management Committee.
7. Members of Rockwatch shall have the right to attend meetings of Rockwatch and to receive such Rockwatch publications as the Rockwatch Management Committee shall from time to time make available.
8. No Regulation of Rockwatch shall be altered except by a majority of the Members of the Geologists' Association present and voting at a Special General Meeting of the Association convened for that purpose.