

SCOTTISH CENTRE FOR GEPOETICS

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1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Scottish Centre for Geopoetics (SCG).

2. AIM

To promote an understanding of geopoetics as the creative expression of the Earth and to encourage its application in creative work and in daily living. SCG will achieve this by providing information about geopoetics and organising events and activities in Scotland, and elsewhere, as appropriate, for the interests of the membership, which are designed to extend an understanding and experience of geopoetics. These shall be open to members and non-members and welcoming to others around the world.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be available as noted below:

(a) Anyone who pays a fee, currently set at £10/£5 unwaged per annum.

4. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be:

- (a) Chair
- (b) Secretary
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Director
- (e) Assistant Director
- (f) French Correspondent
- (g) Events Organiser
- (h) Social Media Coordinator

Officers shall normally be elected at an AGM. If a post should fall vacant between AGMs the Council shall have the power to appoint an acting holder of the post until the AGM when an election shall be held.

5. COUNCIL

- (b) The Officers as listed in section 4
- (c) Seven elected members
- (d) Co-opted members to a maximum of three

Elections to the Council shall be held at the AGM.

6. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- (a) Council Meetings shall be held at least twice a year with further meetings as necessary.
- (b) The quorum for Council Meetings shall be four. This is to include at least one Officer and other members from categories 5(c) and/or (d).
- (c) An Annual General Meeting shall be held.
- (d) The Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- (e) A quorum for the AGM or an EGM shall be twenty members.
- (f) An EGM must be called if a written request is received by an Officer signed by at least fifteen members.
- (g) The minimum period of notice for an AGM or an EGM shall be 21 days.
- (h) Meetings can be in person, online or hybrid.
- (i) Only paid up members can vote at AGMs and EGMs.

7. REMIT OF THE COUNCIL

- (a) To arrange a programme of activities which is consistent with the Aims of the Centre. The programme content should be balanced and diverse to reflect the wishes of the members.
- (b) To make arrangements for the AGM.
- (c) To publish a journal, and, where possible, other publications by its publishing imprint Alba Editions, to promote an understanding of geopoetics. The journal's editorial board shall be elected at the AGM and up to two editors can be co-opted to it between AGMs.

8. ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

- (a) The partner of a member shall be welcome at SCG events in the company of the member.
- (b) Other guests may be permitted so long as members and those covered in 8(a) are not thereby excluded

9. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Our ethos is to be open to the human and more than human, to nourish a kinship of people, places, creatures, plants, seas, rocks, trees, methods and ideas.

We are pro-active in establishing equality and diversity and treat all with dignity and respect.

Inequalities are actively challenged and addressed.

We respond positively to different needs and circumstances so that all beings may be seen and heard and welcomed.

Principles

We value diversity and equality and celebrate the ways in which differences bring strength and insight.

We are committed to challenging any discrimination based upon factors such as age; disability; caring or dependency responsibilities; gender or gender identity; marriage and civil partnership status; political opinion; pregnancy and maternity; race, colour, caste, nationality, ethnic or national origin; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; socio-economic background; trade union membership status or other distinctions.

We believe that patterns of under-representation can be challenged with positive action.

We respect the rights of individuals to hold and express different beliefs. We will not tolerate expressions of these differences in ways that are hostile or degrading to others.