

## AGM Committee Reports

### **Chair – Richard Ellis**

#### *Role description*

Provide leadership and support to the Landscape SIG ensuring a vibrant and dynamic programme.

#### *Achievements 2019*

2019 has been another year of continued progress for the SIG. We held a very successful conference in Malvern with a range of top-quality speakers and workshops. We continue to deliver a wide range of member and professionally led events with over 50 activities in 2019. These are well received and overall get very good feedback. If you have not been on an event I would encourage you to try to get out in 2020. The committee continues to communicate with the membership via our magazine, regular newsletters and the website. We completed the migration of the landscape section of the RPS website to the new platform and took the opportunity to update our content.

Additionally, we undertook a survey of members which was completed by 300 members and produced results which will guide our future actions. We used 2019 to bring our finances more in line with the RPS guidelines in terms of reserves and as a result of this the subsidies for events will end in 2020. Events will still be priced to give a benefit to SIG members and early indications are that this has not affected bookings.

None of the above would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the committee and to the present and former members of the committee I am truly grateful for their contributions.

#### *Plans for 2020*

The focus for the committee will be to deliver an interesting and dynamic programme. We will host our first one day Speakers' event and AGM at HQ in Bristol. Additionally, we plan to continue with the member and professionally led events programme. We aim to continue to communicate with members and showcase their work via the magazine, newsletters and website.

A key focus will be to try and encourage more of you to volunteer to help and to fill the committee vacancies.

### **Secretary – Vacancy**

No report

### **Treasurer – Diana Wynn**

The treasurer's report will be published nearer to the AGM once the accounts have been verified by HQ

### **Events Manager Professional – Mark Reeves**

I am the organiser of the group's events that are led by professional tutors and workshop leaders.

2019 was our fullest programme yet with over 40 events organised during the year. The main challenge is meeting demand as the vast majority of events were fully booked.

Looking to 2020 my main aims are to continue as at present but also to reflect some of the findings from the member survey that we conducted in 2019:

- to offer a similar number of events as last year (or more if possible)
- to increase the variety of events so as to include more events with a more creative focus
- to offer more events that are suitable to people with limited mobility.

### **Events Manager – Member led – Dave Glenn**

#### *Role description*

Organise and publish field trips to be led by members of the Landscape Group, rather than professional photographers.

Plan and implement the 2021 annual Landscape Group conference.

#### *Achievements up to 2020*

The role was created at the Landscape Group conference in March 2019. Since then, 8 member-led field trips have been published by me and run by 6 different members. The events have been mostly fully booked. Of those booking, 66% have been Landscape Group members, 23% have been RPS members and 11% have not been members of the RPS. I am extremely grateful for the help and support from the members who have led these events – nothing would have been possible without them!

The 2021 conference is now planned; a hotel has been selected, 8 speakers booked and a draft programme created. The detailed arrangements will be approved by the committee in March 2020 and the conference will be published on the RPS website in Spring 2020.

#### *Future plans*

Spread next year's field trips over a wider part of the year and also fill some gaps in those regions that have not been represented this year. Continue planning the 2021 Landscape Group conference (to be held in Harrogate 5-7 March, 2021).

### **Newsletter Editor – Vacancy**

No report

### **Magazine Editor – Robert Brittle**

#### *Role description*

Editor of the group's magazine has evolved to cover the periodical production a printed magazine, that includes members content and also content related to the genre of Landscape Photography, that the members may find of interest.

#### *Achievements up to March 2020*

Progress since the last AGM has seen the successful production and distribution of Issue 1 and 2 of the group's magazine to all members in 2019. The role of assistant editor has

also been confirmed and the editors have worked together to produce Issue 3 which has been distributed to members prior to this AGM.

#### *Future plans*

Due to the increased time required to produce the groups magazine, the continued issues around members provision of content and the group's financial position, the magazine will be produced roughly every eight months from 2020.

The magazine will only continue to thrive with the input of the membership, content will always welcome. Please get in touch

[landscapemagazine@rps.org](mailto:landscapemagazine@rps.org)

#### **Website manager – Jim Souper**

##### *Role description*

- Maintain all aspects, other than events, of the SIG's microsite on the RPS website
- Ensure that the group's content on the society website is relevant, engaging, up to date and functioning correctly
- Act as an administrator and moderator of the group's Facebook page

##### *Achievements up to 2020*

In addition to the general maintenance, the main achievement in 2020 has been the building of the microsite on the new RPS website.

This was a substantial task piece of work, taking place from August to the end of November. It required the copying of content from the old site and the design and build of pages on the new site within a tight time frame. The new site went live on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

In addition to the above, an exercise to remove lapsed members from the Facebook group was completed during October. Lapsed members are now removed on a monthly basis.

##### *Future plans*

To review the design and content of the new web pages once the new site has settled in. If anyone has feedback on the Landscape Group pages, please email [landscapeweb@rps.org](mailto:landscapeweb@rps.org).

#### **Member without portfolio – Fiona McCowan**

##### *Member without Portfolio*

A mainly project focused role, eg organising the Membership Survey and assisting other Committee Members as and when required.

##### *Achievements up to 2020*

- Autumn 2019 – organised the Membership Survey – sent to all members. 300 responses received, analysed and results reported back to SIG committee.
- Following up with members who expressed an interest in running a local SIG sub-group.

- Volunteered to be SIG Circle Co-Ordinator – the main point of contact on the committee for members leading the Print, eCritique and Processing Circles.

*Future plans*

- Raising awareness of the Print, eCritique and Processing Circles.
- To investigate if the Landscape SIG should have a presence on Instagram and report back to the committee.

Provide assistance, as and when required, to other committee members eg at AGM & biennial conference.