RSE

SOCIETY OF RESEARCH
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Society of Research Software Engineering AGM 2023

Matt Williams, President

@ResearchSoftEng

Agenda

- Introduction [5m]
- Trustee reports and updates [5m each, 30m total]
  - President's report
  - Conference & events
  - Equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility
  - Membership
  - Communications
  - Finance
- Q&A via Sli.do - slido.com with code **#agm23** [10m]
- Election results and close [5m]

Introduction

Purpose:

- **To Vote on resolutions** as required by our constitution
- **For trustees to update the Society's members** on what we have been doing this year to develop the Society and further our shared aims
- **For members to have the opportunity to ask questions and raise topics** for future consideration.

Trustees Annual Report

https://society-rse.org/links/socrse-report-23

President’s report

Matt Williams

What is the Society of RSE

A charitable members organisation
charity number (1182455)

We provide;

- A conference
- Financial support
- **A community and voice for RSEs**

What is the Society of RSE

We are a UK Charity and aim to support RSE in the UK, provide a home for people who don't have a national organisation and help incubate other organisations internationally.

Our Charitable objectives are:

- to advance education particularly but not exclusively amongst research software engineers; and/or
- to promote and advance research particularly but not exclusively in all aspects of research that relies on software engineering and to publish the useful results.

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The Current Trustees

Finishing Term/Retiring

Ian Cottam

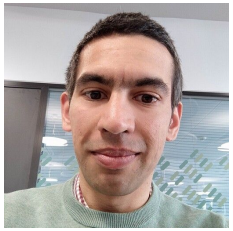
Alex Coleman

Jamie Quinn

Fergus Cooper

Continuing

Matt Williams



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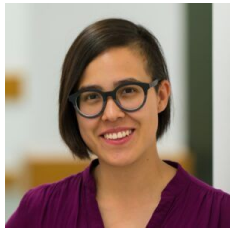

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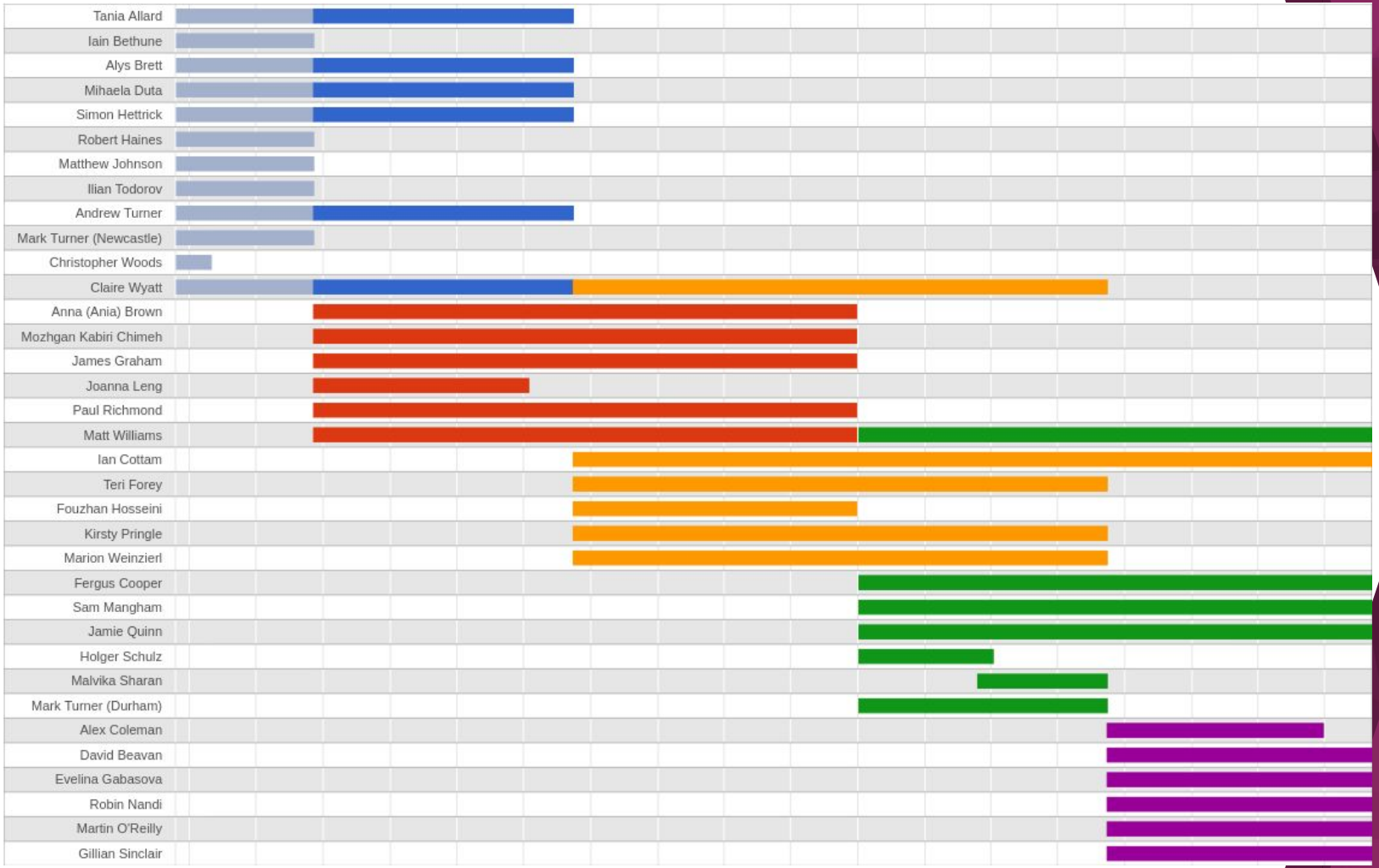
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Alys Brett
Mihaela Duta
Simon Hettrick
Robert Haines
Matthew Johnson
Ilian Todorov
Andrew Turner
Mark Turner (Newcastle)
Christopher Woods
Claire Wyatt
Anna (Ania) Brown
Mozhgan Kabiri Chimeh
James Graham
Joanna Leng
Paul Richmond
Matt Williams
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Fouzhan Hosseini
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Marion Weinzierl
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Holger Schulz
Malvika Sharan
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We want you!

Stand as a trustee

Conference committee for 2024

Society Working Groups:

- **Communications and Publicity** - *comms@society-rse.org*
- **EDIA / Role Diversity** - *edia@society-rse.org*

Two new Special Interest Groups starting soon:

- **Medical Devices** SIG - contact James Graham - *james.a.graham@kcl.ac.uk*
- **Project Management** SIG - contact Sarah Jaffa - *s.jaffa@ucl.ac.uk*

Come and talk to us at the Society booth
or contact us at **info@society-rse.org** or
society-rse.org/community/get-involved

We want you!

Drop your details here if you're interested, but don't know in what

Or new ideas like:

Training and teaching?

Mental health?

Green computing?

Outreach and Advocacy?

Accreditation?

Online seminar series?

We can provide resources and funding to help

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Regional RSE groups

Set up or in-progress

- Research Software London
- RSE Midlands
- RSE South
- N8 CIR RSE Community
- Northern England RSEs
- RSE East England
- RSE Scotland
- Community of Edinburgh RSEs
- Supercomputing Wales

Conference and Events

Martin O'Reilly

Conferences

- 2022 conference
  - First in-person since 2019
  - 350 attendees
  - 43 community-contributed talks
  - 13 workshops and walkthroughs
  - 4 satellite events
  - Huge thanks to Mark Turner and Claire Wyatt 💖
- 2023 conference
  - First with both in-person and remote options
  - 370 attendees (325 in-person, 45 remote)

Events

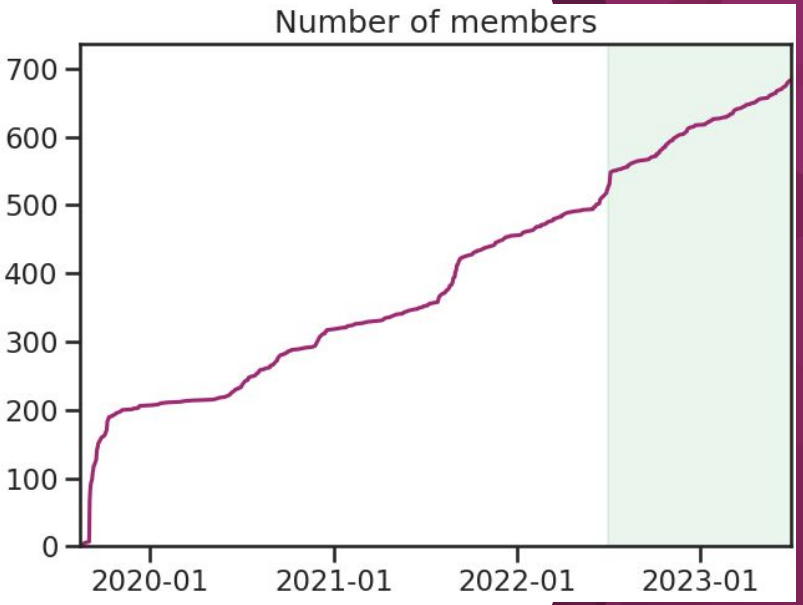
- 5 events supported with funding (of 7 requests)
  - RSE Asia and RSE AUNZ unconference
  - RSE Midlands annual meeting
  - RSLondonSouthEast workshop
  - DiveRSE EDI talk
  - Festival of the Hidden REF

Membership

Jamie Quinn

Membership

- 689 valid memberships
- Membership platform transition *still* ongoing
  - Alternative *nearly* chosen. Needs more testing.
- Exciting activities planned for post-AGM energy injection



Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility

Jamie Quinn

EDIA / Role Diversity

- Temporarily combined role diversity and EDIA groups
- More community members than trustees!
  - Reorganised access
- EDIA-focused leaders survey
- RSE Journeys reboot
  - Share your story near the Society table!
- Role Diversity + Disability sessions
- Say who you are with a ribbon!

Communications

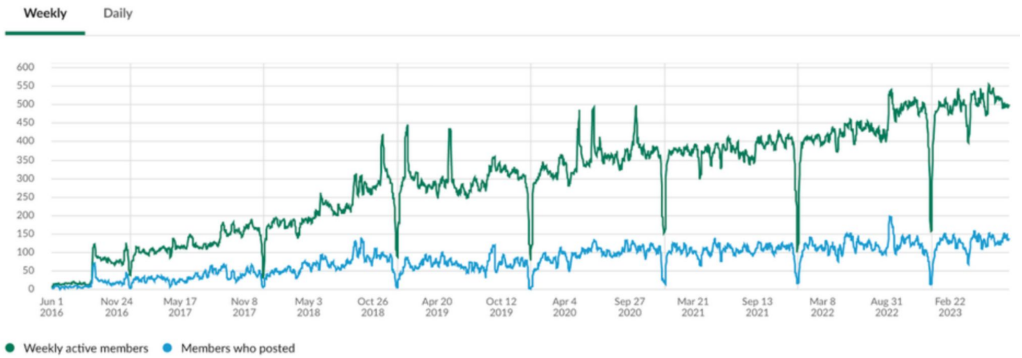
Evelina Gabasova

Communications

Twitter: over 7000 followers
Slack: over 4000 members
Newsletter: over 1200 subscribers
LinkedIn group

@ResearchSoftEng

slack



NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR SLACK WORKSPACE OVER THE YEARS SINCE ITS CREATION

Treasurer’s report

Fergus Cooper

Treasurer's Report

Financial year: 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Income: **£165,348.44**

- Mostly conference & memberships

Expenses: **£104,294.80**

- Conference costs, infrastructure, bank fees, events sponsorship, consulting, …

Treasurer's Report

Surplus **~£61k** mainly due to:

- cautious approach to the 2022 conference
- earlier ticket sales for 2023 conference

Accounts are subject to independent examination by our accountants.

Treasurer's Report

Income: **£165,348.44**

- **61%** conference tickets
- **30%** conference sponsorship
- **8%** memberships

Treasurer's Report

Expenses: **£104,294.80**

83%	conference
4.4%	infrastructure
3.6%	bank fees
3.5%	event and initiative sponsorships
2.1%	consulting
1.7%	audit & accountancy fees

Q&A

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Trustee elections

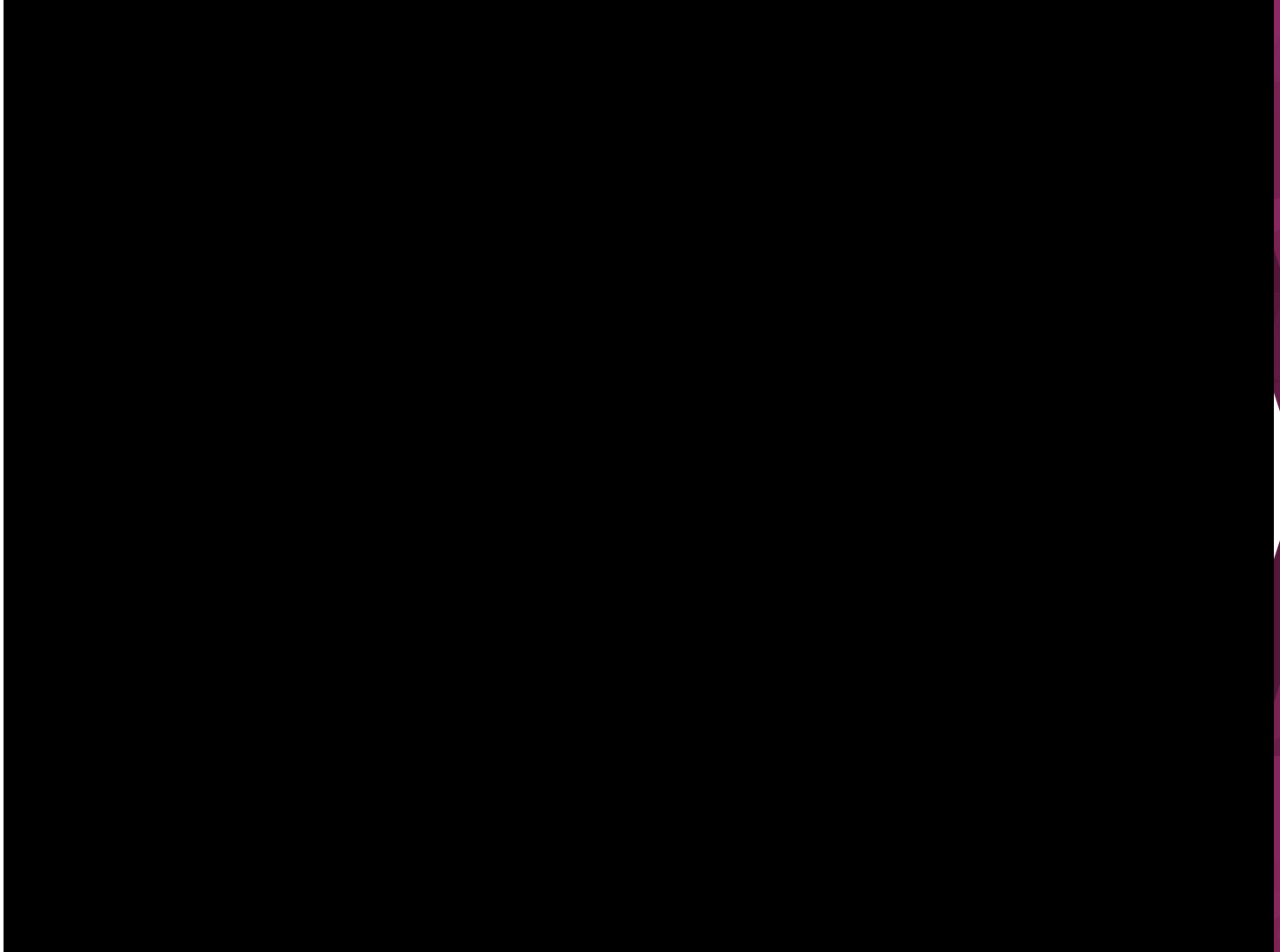
David Beavan

Voting process

- 7 available Trustee slots
- 8 candidates stood for election
- Elections ran from 11 Aug to 5 Sept
- Scrutineers:
  Jonathan Cooper and Simon Hettrick

Candidates

• Mary Chester-Kadwell	*University of Cambridge*
• Peter Schmidt	*Self-employed, Podcaster*
• Fliss Guest	*University of Exeter*
• Mike Simpson	*Newcastle University*
• Stef Piatek	*University College London*
• Jim McGrath	*Self-employed/Freelance*
• Lyndsey Ballantyne	*Software Sustainability Institute*
• Twin Karmakharm	*University of Sheffield*



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Conclusion and Close

Thank you to the Conference Committee!

Thank you to the Trustees

Thank you to you, our members