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MARCH 26 brought with it lighter nights, Mothering Sunday and SSAC's 53rd annual general meeting; 53 members of the Club braved the wrath of Mum to attend. The AGM was short and to the point, reports were delivered in double quick time, and a small increase in membership fees adopted without a quibble. Two members were elected to the General Committee; Jan Crawford is the new Child and Vulnerable Adult Officer and Robert Burgess is an ordinary member. At the time of writing, the GC lacks a Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

Toward the end of the meeting National Diving Officer, Kevin Miller, was called forward to outline his vision for the future. This includes help for branches that struggle to retain instructors, particularly University branches, and improving the quality and availability of training to all members of SSAC regardless of their geographical location. The NDO is holding his first meeting on April 11; a list of NDC members and Regional Coaches will appear on the ScotSAC website shortly afterwards and be published in the next edition of **SCOTTISH DIVER**.

Having set down the burden of office, members of our out-going committee are by now assembling their kit with the feverish expectation of deprived nitrogen addicts, anticipating a heap more diving in 2006. Thanks to all of you for your hard work - as we heard repeatedly at the AGM, it hasn't been an easy year and you all deserve the break. Enjoy that sinking feeling.

Meanwhile, the in-coming committee are sharpening their dividers, reading up on buoyage and checking the state of the metaphorical tide before guiding ScotSAC through the uncharted waters of becoming a company limited by guarantee. Now there's something to look forward to!

As a member of the in-coming GC I'm

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## going overboard

delighted to have the opportunity to work with Terry Brennan and Louise McFarlane at the Freetime Initiative, whose efforts keep **SCOTTISH DIVER** in print.

Taking over from Jack Morrison, who has been Editor since Moses was a lad, is a tall order - especially since he's done such a great job. No doubt he'll be keeping a weather eye on what I'm doing and keep me right.

In this edition we have offerings from two writers, new to **SCOTTISH DIVER**. Alan Lissimore's debut article will make you smile, whichever side of the camera you usually swim, and Jane Burnett's story of diving around New Zealand will make you green with envy! I hope you enjoy these and the other contributions.

*Alison Fish*

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