

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Committee

The fourth meeting took place on Thursday, 15th November at 2.30 p.m. at 6 Gray's Inn Square, W.C.1.

Present: Sir John Randall (Chairman)  
Professor J. A. V. Butler  
Professor A. F. Huxley  
Professor J. W. S. Pringle  
Professor F. J. W. Roughton  
Professor J. J. Weiss  
Professor D. D. Eley (Meetings Secretary)  
Dr. P. M. B. Walker (Treasurer)  
Dr. J. C. Kendrew (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. S. Brenner, Dr. R. D. Keynes and Professor R. D. Preston.

62/25 Arising from Minute 62/19, the Honorary Secretary reported that he and Professor J.A.V. Butler had attended a meeting of the Molecular Biophysics Commission of I.O.P.A.B. in New York on 7th and 8th November, and that the Commission hoped to arrange a small meeting of invited participants, in the U.S.A. during September 1963, with symposia on nucleic acid copying mechanisms and on control mechanisms at the genetic level.

62/26 Cambridge meeting, 27th September 1962

The Meetings Secretary reported that this meeting was attended by about 110 people, and that it included a tour of the M.R.C. Laboratory of Molecular Biology, a symposium on the structure of lysozyme, and a session for contributed papers. The Meetings Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Dr. M. F. Perutz, F.R.S., Chairman of the Laboratory.

62/27 Future Meetings

a. University College, London, 17th and 18th December 1962

The Meetings Secretary and Professor Huxley reported on the administrative and scientific arrangements for this meeting.

b. Newcastle, 2nd - 4th April, 1962

Professor Weiss described his plans for this meeting, which would include symposia on (i) chemical and physical properties of nucleic acids and nucleoproteins and (ii) effects of U.V. and ionizing radiation; a session for contributed

papers; and an evening lecture by Professor Baddiley on "The structure of the bacterial cell wall".

- c. South West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow, 16th February, 1963.

The Meetings Secretary reported on the arrangements for this informal meeting on "Evaluation of the degree of hydrogen-bonding in biological molecules" arranged by Dr. Lewin.

- d. Birmingham, April 1964 (membranes and lipoproteins)

In view of a suggestion made by Dr. Keynes that the Society should arrange a meeting on lipid micelles, and of a report that I.O.P.A.B. intended holding a meeting on membranes in Paris in mid-1964, the Meetings Secretary was asked to discuss the plans for the Birmingham meeting with Drs. Finean, Keynes and Saunders.

- e. Other Meetings

The Meetings Secretary reported that Dr. Ambrose had suggested a meeting on the electrophoresis of cells. It was decided to invite Dr. Ambrose to prepare detailed proposals for an informal meeting on this subject.

#### 62/28 Arrangements for Annual General Meeting

- a. Committee and Officers (note by the Secretary appended)
- i. A proposal by the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by Professor Butler, that Sir John Randall should continue to act as Chairman of the Committee during 1963, was carried unanimously.
  - ii. Dr. Kendrew having signified his intention of resigning from the post of Honorary Secretary, Professor D. D. Eley was nominated in his place.
  - iii. Professor Eley having signified his intention of resigning from the post of Meetings Secretary, Dr. R. E. Burge was nominated in his place.
  - iv. The Committee nominated Dr. Walker to continue in the office of Honorary Treasurer.
    - a. Three out of the four following present members would resign: Butler, Preston, Roughton and Pringle.
    - b. Dr. J. C. Kendrew, Dr. Martin Pollock and Dr. Paley Johnson would be nominated to fill these vacancies (with Dr. M. H. F. Wilkins, Dr. J. Dainty and Dr. J. Beament as reserves).

b. Report of the Committee

It was decided to present at the Annual General Meeting a consolidated report consisting of:

- (i) report on meetings, to be prepared by the Meetings Secretary
- (ii) accounts for 1961, prepared by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer would also make a verbal statement about the provisional accounts for 1962.

62/29 Travel expenses

It was agreed that the Meeting's Secretary should be entitled when necessary to claim first class travel and subsistence from the Society's funds.

62/30 Administrative arrangements for meetings

The appended document prepared by the Meetings Secretary and the Treasurer was accepted in toto. These officers were asked to prepare a shortened version of the document for circulation to the membership.

62/31 Use of the Council Room of the Faraday Society for Committee Meetings

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Council of the Faraday Society wished to make a charge of £2. 2. 0. for each use of their Council Room by the Committee, with effect from 1 January 1963. He was instructed to inform the Council that the Committee much appreciated the use of their room, hoped to continue to meet there, and was entirely ready to pay the charge proposed.

62/32 Application by Jersey Production Research Limited

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to refuse a request from the Jersey Production Research Company of Oklahoma for a copy of the abstracts of papers read at the Society's meeting on Enzyme Mechanisms in Active Transport Systems, to be placed in their library.

62/33 Concessional rail fares

The Meetings Secretary was asked to look into the possibility of securing rail fare concessions for members attending meetings of the Society.

62/34 Applications for membership

A list of applications, appended to these Minutes, was agreed in toto. A list of resignations, also appended, was noted.

The Treasurer was asked to prepare a complete list of members of the Society for circulation to the membership.

62/35 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Society would take place early in January.

*V. K. Randall*