

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee

The 6th meeting of the Steering Committee was held at 5.30 p.m. on 19th December 1960 at King's College London.

Present: Professor J.A.V. Butler (Chairman)
Dr. L.H. Gray
Professor A.F. Huxley
Professor J.T. Randall
Professor F.J.W. Roughton
Sir Gordon Sutherland
Dr. P.M.B. Walker (Treasurer)
Dr. J.C. Kendrew (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Professor D.D. Eley.

1. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting it was decided that minute 9 should be replaced by the following:
Journal of Molecular Biology. The secretary reported that it might be possible to arrange for members of the British Biophysical Society to take out subscriptions to this Journal at a reduced rate. He was asked to try to arrange this with the publishers. It was agreed that the future publishing policy of the Society would not in any way be affected by this arrangement.
2. Future Meetings
 - a. It was agreed, on the suggestion of Professor Eley, that the date of the Nottingham meeting would be 26th - 28th July 1961.
 - b. It was proposed by Professor Butler that arrangements should if possible be made for a one-day meeting in London about 17th - 22nd April 1961, for the reading of contributed papers; there would be no symposium. A tentative announcement of this meeting would be made to the members, who would be invited to submit papers before 1st February. The meeting would only take place if sufficient papers were offered, and a decision would be taken about this at the next meeting of the Committee. It was decided to approach Professor Bernal to see whether it would be possible to hold the meeting at Birkbeck College.
 - c. Phosphatide meeting. It was agreed that no charge should be made to members for attending this meeting, and that the funds of the Society would be made available to cover costs of abstracts being sent to all members, hire of hall, and other incidentals.
3. After discussion it was decided to co-opt no new members of the Steering Committee to the Steering Committee for the present.
4. Ratification of rules and formal election of Committee. It was decided that if possible these steps would be taken at the Nottingham meeting in July. The Secretary was instructed to bring recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee about the mechanism of election of the initial Committee, and especially of the officers.

5. Honorary Members. Before the beginning of the meeting of the Society on 19th December Professor Randall suggested that it might be appropriate to propose the election of Professor W.T. Astbury, F.R.S. as well as Professor A.V. Hill, F.R.S. to Honorary Membership of the Society. A majority of members of the Committee were consulted individually about this proposal, and all of these were in favour of it. Accordingly both Professor A.V. Hill and Professor W.T. Astbury were elected Honorary Members at that meeting.

6. Next Meeting. It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on 1st February at 2.15 p.m. in the rooms of the Faraday Society.

J.M. Paul