

Minutes of the 124th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

25 September 2001, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
M Ferenczi
G Grant
D Hornby
E Hounsell
P Malthouse
J Murray-Rust
A North
G Roberts
M Sternberg
A Thomson
A Watts

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from S Harding, J Helliwell, A Lane, M Miles, M Sansom, G Taylor and A Wilkinson.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the last previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 3: The proposed BBS award would be implemented by a sub-group of the Committee.

**A Watts/
G Roberts/
M Ferenczi**

Paul Malthouse has agreed to act as Irish rep for the committee and Justin Molloy would now be approached as to whether he would represent the BBS in a lecture series in Ireland this year.

**A Thomson/
P Malthouse/**

The list of all BBS members had recently been circulated to all Committee members, and their input regarding corrections was requested.

**R Cooke/
A Wilkinson**

The possibility of applying for Gift Aid was again raised. The value of this scheme for the BCA would be investigated.

A North

A letter has been sent to Simon Phillips enquiring as to whether Leeds would be willing to host the EBSA meeting.

Rob Cross, John Seddon, John Ladbury, Bonnie Wallace, Carol Robinson and Mark Parsons were suggested as possible future members of the BBS committee. They would be approached by the BBS Chair to ascertain whether they were willing to join.

A Thomson

It was agreed that a change to the rules of the BBS would be proposed at the AGM, allowing for an increase in the number of ordinary committee members from 9 to 13. The notice will be prepared for inclusion in the next newsletter

R Cooke

A list of independent organisations able to help organise meetings would be produced.

**E Hounsell/
G Grant**

Item 5: The LTSN had been informed that the BBS did not feel it appropriate to participate.

Item 8: Guy Grant has contacted the Swedish Biophysical Society, suggesting that at this stage members of each society should be encouraged to attend meetings organised by the other, and joint meeting may be eventually considered.

R Cooke

Item 12: The EBSA dues have been paid.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by Judith Murray-Rust)**

The request to fund the UCD students' society was approved. Funding is dependent on production of a reasonable report.

Flyers would be provided for careers fairs.

J Murray-Rust

Judith announced her intention to stand down as publicity officer, and suggested Sarah Tilley as an appropriate replacement. The committee asked Judith to approach Sarah on their behalf.

J Murray-Rust

5. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**

R Cooke

The Royal Society would be informed that Gordon Roberts not Gareth Roberts should be the UK representative on the Scientific Unions Committee of IUPAB.

6. **Treasurer's Report (tabled by Tony Wilkinson)**

It was suggested that a cash-back scheme could be offered as an incentive for new members to agree to pay by direct debit.

7. **Irish sub-section**

Held over until a later meeting.

8. **Honorary Meetings Secretary's Report (presented by Guy Grant)**

The meeting organised by David Trentham would be supported (£500).

Plans for the December meeting are proceeding well. The BBS AGM has been scheduled for Friday 14 Dec. (Post-meeting note: the AGM has been moved to Thursday 13 December).

Details of a bionanotechnology meeting in Oxford in April 2002 will be provided.

A Watts

It was decided not to provide support for the FASEB. This would be communicated to Sheena Radford.

G Grant

The possibility of holding a future meeting on Mass spec. / molecular interactions was raised by David Hornby.

9. **Nominations for Honorary Membership**

Ken Holmes and David Blow will be nominated for Honorary Membership at the AGM.

12. **Any Other Business**

Tony Wilkinson has decided to leave the committee. The committee decided that David Hornby would be nominated as Honorary Treasurer at the AGM.

Liz Hounsell is now representing the BBS on the UKLSC.

Gordon Roberts was suggested to be a suitable nominee for the IUPAB council.

13. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 22 January 2002 at the Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place.