

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Steering Committee

The 13th meeting was held in the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, W.1. at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 12th December, 1961.

Present: Professor J.A.V. Butler (Chairman)  
Professor A.F. Huxley  
Professor R.D. Preston  
Professor J.W.S. Pringle  
Professor J.T. Randall  
Professor F.J.W. Roughton  
Dr. P.M.B. Walker (Treasurer)  
R. Eley

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. J. C. Kendrew.

1. The minutes of the 12th Meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

Item 6. The Committee confirmed correspondence between Professor Butler and Dr. Kendrew, that it had not agreed to provide travel costs for anyone except Dr. Drenth.

2. Royal Institution Meeting, 12th, 13th December, 1961.

The payment of Dr. Drenth's travel and subsistence expenses was approved from Society Funds.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the Pergamon Press that it was not desired to publish the proceedings of this Meeting.

3. Meeting at the Middlesex Hospital, Saturday, 10th March, 1962.

The following arrangements were approved:

- (a) Title: "Enzyme Mechanisms in Active Transport Systems".
- (b) That no arrangements should be made with the Biochemical Society for joint publication to include all the papers at the Biophysical Conference, but that contributors should be offered the option of such publication, if the Biochemical Society will agree to this.
- (c) The Society will guarantee 100 lunches at 10/6d. and 100 teas at 2/-.
- (d) An opinion was expressed that the Meeting should end with tea at 4.45 p.m.

Dr. Keynes reported by letter that Skou, Glynn and Smyth hoped to give papers, but it would be some weeks before he could finalize the programme.

Skou hoped to raise his own expenses, but Dr. Keynes asked that the Society should apply to the Wellcome Foundation on his behalf, in case he failed. It was agreed to postpone any application to the end of January to go in with those for the Edinburgh Meeting.

The Secretary was asked to obtain an estimate of Skou's expenses, and to find out the last date of application from the Wellcome Foundation.

4. Meeting at Edinburgh, 11th - 13th April, 1962.

The Meetings Secretary suggested that plans be finalized by the end of January and this was approved.

5. Meeting at Cambridge, 26th - 27th September, 1962.

The Meetings Secretary enquired if the second Symposium topic had been decided. Professor Roughton reported that one proposal was that both Symposia should be on Haemoglobin and the papers published (as in the Barcroft Symposium). "Coding" was suggested as a possible topic for this or other future meetings.

The sub-committee was asked to formulate plans if possible for the next Committee meeting.

6. Future Meetings

It was suggested that the December (1962) Meeting (and A.G.M.) should be held in London, and Professor Huxley suggested University College as a possible venue. It was agreed that the matter be left over for the elected Committee to decide at its first meeting.

7. National Committee on Biophysics

Professor Huxley reported that the Royal Society had set up a Committee, consisting of the Biological Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Gordon Sutherland, Dr. Kendrew, Professor F. G. Young and himself to examine this matter.

8. Joint British Committee on Electron Microscopy

The Committee approved payment of £5 annual subscription to this body.

9. Annual Report of the Secretaries and Treasurer, 1961.

This was approved. The Treasurer reported a net balance of £257, (excluding the gift from the Faraday Society), as standing to the credit account of the Society. It was decided to leave the elected Committee to decide how to handle these funds.

10. Appointment of Auditors

The Committee agreed to recommend to the A.G.M. that it should appoint two members to audit the accounts to 31st December, 1961, and that it should appoint professional auditors to act from 1st January, 1962.

11. Retiring Members of the Committee

The Secretary was instructed to write and thank retiring members for their services.

12. The Chairman

Professor Eley thanked Professor Butler on behalf of the members of the Steering Committee for his valuable services in guiding the work of the Committee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Butler", is located in the lower right quadrant of the page.