

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The 57th Meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 9th May at 2.15 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms, 7 Warwick Court, High Holborn, London WC1R 5DP.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the 56th meeting (previously circulated).
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the Secretary.
- *5. Report of the Meetings Secretary.
6. Report of the Treasurer.
7. Representatives' Reports.
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next meeting.

G L. Kellett
26.4.79.

* Members are reminded that suggestions of possible topics for future meetings are urgently needed.

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Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, 10th January 1979 at the Biophysics Laboratories, King's College.

Present Dr. H.C. Watson: in the Chair
 Dr. G.L. Kellett: Secretary
 Dr. S.D. Dover: Meetings Secretary
 Professor C.F. Phelps: Treasurer

Professor D. Chapman
Dr. R. Dwek
Dr. P.J. Goodford
Professor P.M. Harrison
Dr. R. Henderson
Professor A. Keller
Dr. P.F. Knowles
Professor D.A. Rees
Professor D.R. Wilkie

79/1 Apologies for Absence were received from Dr. K.A. Cammack and Professor B.R. Jennings.

79/2 Membership of the Committee

The Chairman welcomed the new members to committee:

Meetings Secretary, Dr. S.D. Dover; Dr. R. Dwek, Dr. P.J. Goodford, Dr. R. Henderson, Professor A. Keller, Professor D.R. Wilkie.

79/3 The Minutes of the 55th Meeting held on the 27th September 1978 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

79/4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Biophysics Booklet

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Professor Phelps reported that/draft booklet was now almost complete and would be available for inspection at the next meeting of the committee.

(b) The secretary noted that Professor Sandler had been notified of the Committee's decision under minute 78/24.

79/5 Report of the Secretary

The Secretary reported that a member of the committee was needed to be the Society's representative on the Molecular Enzymology Group Committee of the Biochemical Society. Dr. P.F. Knowles agreed to act in this capacity.

79/6 Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Metal Ion Transport and Storage: Spring 1979

Professor Harrison reported some minor changes in the programme and presented the provisional balance sheet which showed a generous donation of £100 from Boehringer-Mannheim Ltd.

A general discussion ensued about the financing of meetings. The view was expressed that meetings must not only be designed to balance financially, but in fact make a significant profit so that the increase in the Society's assets at least matched the rate of inflation. It was noted that since support was no longer forthcoming from the Royal Society and since it was becoming much harder to obtain funds from industry, an increasing reliance must be placed on the financing of meetings from registration fees. However, since many universities will pay travel costs but not registration fees, this increased the possibility that fewer people would attend meetings. In view of the need to make the present meeting balance (provisionally, at least) it was agreed that the fees should be £12 for members, £18 for non-members, £20 for non-members wishing to join the Society and £4 for students. These fees were considerably higher than previously and it was decided that the committee should review the policy of increased fees at a future meeting.

(b) "Receptors at Cell Surfaces": Winter 1979

Professor Rees presented the provisional programme and reported that he and Professor Blundell had enlisted the help of Professor Arden. Professor Rees also presented the provisional balance sheet and said that he anticipated good financial support from industry!

(c) "Electron Conduction in Biology": Spring 1980

Professor Phelps presented a provisional list of speakers and topics. He anticipated that the meeting would be an interface meeting between Biology and Physics. It was agreed that he should approach Professor R.J.P. Williams to be the third organiser.

(d) Future Meetings

Topics for the Christmas 1980 meeting are urgently needed for consideration. Members of the Committee agreed to think seriously about possible topics and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

79/7 Report of the Treasurer

Professor Phelps presented the annual accounts and noted that the cost of meetings has risen dramatically. He strongly expressed the view that local organisers must observe the elementary responsibility of ensuring that meetings will balance financially. The Committee agreed that Professor Phelps should ask the accountants to advise on the potential investment of present deposit account funds.

79/8 Undergraduate Biophysics Seminar: Easter 1979

Professor Phelps reported that this year's seminar at Lancaster was to be on "Muscle As a System". There is no registration fee and up to 100 students are expected to attend.

79/9 A Society Journal

- (a) Dr. Watson reported that Miss Stella Watson of IPC had approached him for permission to publish the proceedings of the Winter meeting. When in accordance with Society policy, Dr. Watson refused, Miss Dutton then approached all speakers individually. The Committee agreed that Dr. Watson should register a protest.
- (b) Dr. Holwill reported the feelings of members expressed at the Annual General Meeting against the publication of a Society Journal. (See 1978 AGM Minute 9).
- (c) Dr. Watson reported a written request from Miss Stella Dutton of IPC about whether the Society might be interested in some form of association with the new journal "Polymer". The committee agreed that Dr. Watson should find out how such an association might benefit the Society.
- (d) Professor Chapman expressed the view that a strong, independent "European Journal of Biophysics" was needed. Again there was much discussion and it was agreed that the Secretary should approach the Royal Society National Committee on Biophysics to sound out feelings about a possible "Federation of European Biophysics Societies" and European Journal.

79/10 Chairman for 1979

Dr. M.J. Holwill was elected as Chairman for 1979. The committee expressed its thanks and paid tribute to Dr. H.C. Watson, the retiring Chairman, for all the hard work that he had done for the Society over many years.

79/11 Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 9th May at 2.15 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms.