

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday,
26th ~~May~~^{September} at the Biochemical Society Rooms.

Present: Dr. M.J. Holwill: in the Chair
Dr. G.L. Kellett: Secretary
Dr. S.D. Dover: Meetings Secretary
Prof. C.F. Phelps: Treasurer

Dr. K.A. Cammack, Prof. D. Chapman, Prof. P.M. Harrison,
Dr. R. Henderson, Prof. B.R. Jennings, Prof. D.A. Rees.

Apologies for absence

Dr. R. Dwek, Dr. P.J. Goodford, Prof. A. Keller,
Prof. D.R. Wilkie, Dr. P.F. Knowles.

79/20. The Minutes of the 57th Meeting were approved and signed by the
Chairman.

79/21. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Biophysics Booklet

Professor Phelps presented the first draft of the booklet and asked for comments. A lengthy discussion ensued resulting in many helpful suggestions which were welcomed by Professor Phelps. A further draft is to be presented at the next meeting. Members of the Committee were asked to contact the 'local science adviser' with a view to circulating the booklet in schools.

(b) Biophysics Journal

Dr. Holwill reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Royal Society National Committee on Biophysics and asked for their opinion about a possible 'European Journal of Biophysics'. The National Committee responded that this was a matter for the Biophysical Society. As a next step it was decided to contact Biophysical Societies in Europe. Professor Chapman agreed to do this with the aim of finding the status of these Societies, whether they would like joint meetings and whether they were interested in the idea of a 'European Journal'.

(c) Policy towards Publishers

The Secretary presented a short paper on 'Policy towards Publishers' based on enquiries with other Societies and with publishing houses. It was agreed that:

- (i) the membership list would not be released to any publishing or information retrieval company;
- (ii) that advertising inserts would be included in the normal circulations for a fee plus any excess postage and administration costs.

79/22. Report of the Secretary

- (a) The Secretary reported that the failure to make the usual summer circulation was caused by a disc crash on the computer in Bristol, so that Dr. Watson was unable to

provide the address labels in sufficient time. It was decided that a more appropriate and useful time for this circulation was May rather than July and the Secretary agreed to contact the Biochemical Society in this connection.

- (b) The Secretary reported the request of ARMS (Association of Researchers in Medical Science) for circulation facilities. The Committee affirmed that the Society should circulate only scientific and educational material to its members. The Secretary was asked to write to ARMS on this basis.
- (c) The Committee declined to provide financial support for participants on the NATO Advanced Study Institute at St. Andrews next March.
- (d) The Committee agreed to donate £20 to the Biological Council for support of their symposium on 'Drug Receptors and their Effectors' to be held at the Middlesex Hospital next March.
- (e) The Secretary reported that IUPAB had accepted the invitation of the National Committee on Biophysics to hold the 1984 International Biophysics Congress in Bristol.

79/23. Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Winter 1979: 'Receptors at Cell Surfaces'

The programme and timetable presented by Professor Rees were approved. Fees for the meeting were fixed at £10/£18/£20/£2 for members, non-members, new members, and students respectively.

(b) Easter 1980: 'Electron Conduction'

Professor Phelps presented a list of speakers and said that the programme would centre on cytochrome oxidase. He reported that the U.S. Army would donate \$1500 in support of the meeting in return for which the Society is required only to waive the registration fee for three observers and to supply a copy of the typescript of the proceedings.

(c) December 1980: 'Drug - Nucleic Acid Interaction'

Dr. Dover presented draft proposals from Dr. S. Neidle for this meeting. The Committee felt this was a good idea but that the programme needed to be broadened and might therefore be better termed 'Nucleic acid interactions with proteins and drugs'. Dr. Dover, together with Professor Jennings, Phelps and Rees agreed to assist in broadening the scope of the programme. It was decided that the conference should be held on the 16th (Tues) - 18th (Thurs.) of December, 1980 and that there would be no publication of proceedings.

(d) 'Biophysics: Spring 1981'

Dr. Dover reported that Professor North of the Biophysics Department, Leeds was willing to act as host to the 21st birthday meeting of the Biophysical Society. The Committee felt that the meeting should review Biophysics over the 21-year period and that speakers should be chosen for their entertainment as much as for their scientific value! It was agreed that Dr. Dover should invite Professor North to attend the next Committee meeting.

- (e) Future Meetings: 'Trigger Processes in Biology': the Committee felt that this was too close to the Winter 79 meeting to hold in Winter 1980, but might be suitable for Winter 1981. 'Semiconductors in Biology': Dr. Dover reported the request from Dr. Willis of Nottingham for the Society to participate in a conference on this topic to mark the retirement of Professor Eley. The Committee noted that the Society would already be honouring Professor Eley at the Easter 1980 meeting, in which he is speaking, and that the Nottingham meeting was really a local one for them alone. Dr. Dover agreed to reply to this effect to Dr. Willis.

79/24. Report of the Treasurer

- (a) Professor Phelps reported that the books were in the process of being audited.
- (b) It was agreed that the Committee should be more rigorous in insisting on the formal election of members by the whole Committee at its meetings.
- (c) It was agreed that the Biochemical Society should be approached with a request to take over administration of the membership list and that the poster list should be revised.

79/25. Election of Committee Members

Dr. Holwill was asked to remain as Chairman of the Society for a further period of 1 year. In view of the proposed 'Birthday' meeting in 1981, it was felt that a suitable committee nomination for the single vacancy which occurs at the end of 1979 would be Professor A.C.T. North. This proposal will be put before the next A.G.M. as a Committee Nomination.

79/26. Biophysics Seminars

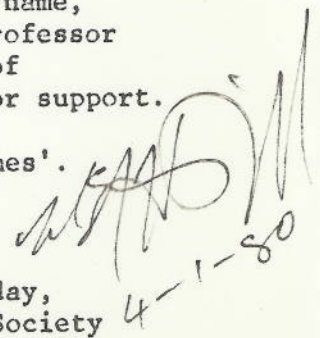
Professor Phelps expressed a wish that the Biophysics Seminars should continue but emphasised the need for more stable financial support. The Committee saw no objection to the seminars being advertised under a sponsor's name, if a suitable long-term sponsor could be found. Professor Phelps will approach I.C.I. and at the suggestion of Professor Jennings, the Kodak Educational Trust, for support.

The proposed topic for the 1980 Seminar is 'Ribosomes'.

79/27. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Friday, 4th January 1980, at 2.15 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms.

G.L. Kellett
Secretary.

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