

## BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 87th Committee Meeting held on Thursday May 4th 1989 at 13.00pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present: HWER, JMG, ACTN, GR, MF, KF, SEVP, DH

Apologies for Absence: PB, AC, DG, SN

89/1 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the 86th Committee Meeting were approved.

89/2 Matters Arising:

It was agreed to look at the old files to find the names of previous committee members before deciding whom to nominate for Honorary Membership of the society.

89/3 Honorary Secretary's Report

JMG reported that she had received one objection to the New Rules. This was about the rules themselves and not about the procedure.

HWER had been to meeting at Royal Society to discuss the proposed changes to the administration of the National Committees. It was expected that there would be one International Relations Committee with one representative from each subject area beginning in 1990. We discussed the possibility of nominating Professor Watson Fuller (Keele), the current chairman of the National Committee for Biophysics, as the BBS representative.

HWER discussed publicity for the Society and suggested that a general poster be made for publicity purposes.

JMG was again discussing with the Biochemical Society what administrative services they could provide.

JMG reported the resignation of Dr Cull-Candy. It was decided not to nominate someone to fill this position on the Committee until the next meeting at which time we normally discuss new nominees. Suggestions for new committee members included Dr David Ogden (MRC), Dr Bill Lieb (IC) and Dr Trevor Powell (Oxford).

JMG announced that she was intending to resign as Honorary Secretary after the next Committee meeting.

It was decided to leave the post of vice-chairman until the next committee meeting.

#### 89/4 Treasurers Report

DH has just taken over as Treasurer. Number of members has slightly increased. It was agreed that a list of new members would be printed in the Newsletter.

#### 89/5 Meeting Secretary's Report

The December 1988 meeting on Biosensors had made a profit in excess of £2000. The Anglo/French April 1989 meeting was very successful with over 120 participants from UK, Europe and USA. 24 bursaries were funded out of money from EEC. The registration fees for UK participants had been sent to the French organisers. The BBS might have to underwrite the meeting up to £2000.

#### 89/6 Future Meetings

##### (i) Medical Imaging and Spectroscopy- December 1989

Fees were set at £10, £25, £35 and £50. It was still necessary to explore the possibilities of providing bursaries and a venue for a conference dinner. The AGM was set for the beginning of the afternoon session on Wednesday December 20th at 2.0 pm with the committee meeting at 4.30 pm.

##### (ii) Protein Folding and Assembly - April 1990

This is to be organised by Professor Pain and Dr Goldberg at Newcastle.

(iii) Joint IOP meeting on Neutrons in Biology in Oxford in December 1990. It was decided not to go ahead with a joint meeting with the IOP.

(iv) Other Meetings include 'Biophysics of Membrane Receptors', for Spring 1991 organised by Dr John Findlay (Leeds) and 'Nucleic Acid structures' for December 1990/1991 organised by Keith Fox and Stephen Neidle (?) at Southampton.

(v) One Day discussion Meetings including one at NIMR on protein-nucleic acid interactions and the possibility of a discussion meeting to overlap with Professor Roberts meeting on NMR of peptides and Proteins at Leicester in Spring 1991.

89/7 IOP New Journal in Biophysics

ACTN has continuing correspondence with IOP publishers about new journal. It was decided there would be no direct BBS involvement.

89/8 Organisation of the BBS

PB had written document about his concerns/thoughts on the future direction of the BBS. In the absence of PB, it was decided to delay discussion to the next meeting.

89/9 AOB

ACTN reported on the findings of the Southwood report on Biology in the UK and on the Morris report about one research council for funding biology.

89/10 The date of the next meeting was arranged for 28th September, 1989 at 1.0 pm at Birkbeck. Please note this has now been changed.

JMG

27 September 1989

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'JMG', with a horizontal line underneath the letters.