

✓ 18

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 103rd Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 1994 at 1.00 p.m. at the Biochemical Society, 59 Portland Place, London.

Present: K.R. Fox, D.W.L. Hukins, W.N. Hunter, G. Kneale, R. Leatherbarrow, G. Moore, A.R. Rees, M.S.P. Sansom (Chairman) and Dr David Clark (Institute of Food Research, Norwich) in place of L. Fisher representing the Biophysical Chemistry subgroup; Faraday Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The Chairman welcomed new members to the Committee and thanked WNH for assuming the Honorary Secretary's position.

Apologies for absence: P.M. Bayley, L. Fisher, S. Homans, S.E. Harding, A.C.T. North, G.C.K. Roberts, J. Thornton, T. Thomas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Matters arising:

None

Honorary Secretary's Report: Presented by MSPS

(1) Correspondence received from Professor J.A. Lucy with an application to become an Emeritus member. This was granted.

(2) Dr K. Marinakis, Publishing editor with Elsevier Science has written regarding the journal Biophysical Chemistry. Elsevier would be interested to offer a personal subscription at a reduced rate to Society members. The price would depend on the total number of members. Elsevier would like us to offer this to our members and perhaps organise personal subscriptions. It was decided that it was not practical to assume the organisation of this but rather to give Elsevier the opportunity to advertise in the next newsletter. WNH will contact them.

(3) The Committee was informed that although Dr David Eisner (Liverpool) had been proposed as a new member he feels unable to accept the invitation. A replacement is therefore sought. Dr Fran Ashcroft was put forward as a possibility.

Honorary Treasurer's Report: Presented by RL.

(1) The accounts are about to be submitted for the annual auditing.

Honorary Meeting Secretary's Report: Presented by MSPS.

(1) Oligosaccharides, 19-20th December, London, 1994.

It was reported that there is still no commercial sponsor for the meeting joint with the Molecular Graphics Society.

(2) FTIR spectroscopy of biomolecules.

No further details about the proposed meeting on FTIR have been received from Dr Parvez Haris and this proposal is now dropped.

(3) Mechanical properties of macromolecules and tissues, April 18-19, 1995, Aberdeen.

Joint with the Faraday Biophysics subgroup. DH reported that £300 sponsorship had been arranged with the promise of some further funds/support also being available. A budget was presented for consideration and a request for £500 BBS support to underwrite the meeting was agreed. A 2:1 split of costs/profit BBS:Faraday subgroup ratio was agreed.

(4) Molecular Recognition and Signalling, December 19-21, 1996 Bath. ARR presented a budget together with a detailed outline of possible speakers and subjects. Although the dates clash with the Biochemical Society meeting in Aberdeen there is no overlap in subject area, the latter being clinical biochemistry. Recent communications from the Swedish Biophysics Society indicate a wish to hold a joint meeting. ARR will contact Prof. L. Nilsson regarding this possibility.

(5) Joint UK/Australian Biophysical Society's meeting on Membrane Structure and Dynamics. Satellite meeting of the IUPAB congress, July 1996, Oxford.

We await further details of the meeting. MSPS will contact Prof. A. Watts on this matter.

(6) ISMR meeting, Sydney, Australia

The Committee awaits further details. GCKR might be able to report at the next meeting.

(7) A discussion took place about future meetings. One suggestion was a possible joint meeting in April 1997 with the Biochemical Society on "Bioenergetics". GM will investigate further and report at the January Committee meeting.

AOB

(1) EBSA meeting

PB has informed us of attempts by EBSA to organise a meeting in Spain with sessions planned by the various European Biophysics societies. Without relevant and detailed information it was decided not to discuss

this any further. WNH will inform PB of the committee's opinions on this matter.

(2) RL informed the Committee of relevant details of the Data Protection Act with a warning as to how we treat names and addresses of conference participants.

(3) The date for the AGM is set for Tuesday 20th December, 1994 at 1.45 p.m. This will be held at the Oligosaccharides meeting, University College London. WNH will confirm with the organisers that this is acceptable and notification will go out in the next newsletter.

(4) KRF reminded the Committee that several members had almost completed 3 years service and might be standing down. It was thought that KRF, SH and JT were in this category. The membership of the Committee and how many vacancies will arise needs to be considered before the AGM.

(5) The date of the next Committee meeting is Wednesday 4th January, at 1.0 p.m. at the Biochemical Society, 59 Portland Place, London.