

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Steering Committee

The 10th meeting was held in Professor Eley's room in the new Chemistry Building, University Park, Nottingham, at 11.45 a.m. on Wednesday 26th July, 1961.

Present: Professor J. A. V. Butler (Chairman)
Professor D. D. Eley
Sir Gordon Sutherland
Dr. P. M. B. Walker (Treasurer)
Dr. J. C. Kendrew (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Professor J. T. Randall, Dr. J. W. S. Pringle, Professor R. D. Preston, Professor F. J. W. Roughton, Professor A. F. Huxley and Dr. L. H. Gray.

1. International Organization of Biophysics

- a. Arising from minute 5 of the ninth meeting of the Steering Committee Sir Gordon Sutherland reported that the Society's proposal that Professor Butler should be the British representative at the Stockholm meeting had been accepted by the Hospital Physicists Association and the British Radiological Society, and that the Council of the Royal Society had accordingly appointed Professor Butler to this office.
- b. General approval was given to the proposal that the Society should adhere to an International Organization for Pure and Applied Biophysics, subject to later ratification by the Society.
- c. The question of the number of delegates to be sent to the meeting of the International Organization by the United Kingdom was deferred for later consideration.
- d. The proposed statutes of the International Organization were agreed by the Steering Committee with the addition of the phrase "and allied subjects" at the end of paragraph 1a.
- e. The Steering Committee expressed the hope that no decision would be taken at Stockholm on the question of a Joint Union with Biochemistry.
- f. The Steering Committee hoped that the question of appointing Special Commissions would be deferred until the Council of the International Organization had been constituted, and that if Special Commissions were set up they would in the first instance be provisional.

2. Report on the meeting at Paris, 3rd and 4th July, 1961.

Professor Butler reported that this meeting had been attended by seventy to eighty people, of whom about twelve came from the United Kingdom.

3. Future meetings

- a. Meeting at the Royal Institution, 12th and 13th December 1961.
Professor Eley and Dr. Kendrew reported that satisfactory arrangements

for this meeting had been made with Sir Lawrence Bragg and with Dr. David Green (local organizer). It was agreed that there should be two symposia, one dealing with the structure of proteins (to be organized by Dr. Kendrew), and the other dealing with protein function. It was agreed that the Secretary should ask Dr. H. Gutfreund, and failing him Dr. Brian Hartley, if he would be willing to organize the second symposium. It was further agreed that the organizing committee should be empowered to arrange a dinner at a cost not exceeding 30/-.

- b. Membrane Meeting. It was agreed to postpone consideration of this meeting until later.
- c. Edinburgh Meeting, 11th to 13th April, 1962. Dr. Walker suggested that this meeting should include a symposium on macromolecular complexes in cell structures, to be organized by Dr. Peter Mitchell, and a symposium on some aspects of cell biology, the organizer to be nominated.

Dr. Walker and Dr. Eley were appointed as the organizing committee for this meeting, with power to co-opt.

4. Joint British Committee for Electron Microscopy.
The Secretary reported that the Society was entitled to send two representatives to meetings of this committee. He was instructed to approach Dr. H. E. Huxley and Professor Preston with a view to their acting in this capacity.
5. Applications for membership.
A list of applicants for membership (appended to these minutes) was tabled, and agreed in toto by the committee.
6. Professor W. T. Astbury.
The Committee instructed the Chairman to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. W. T. Astbury on the death of her husband, Professor W. T. Astbury, F.R.S., Honorary Member of the Society.
7. Next meeting.
It was agreed that the next meeting would be held about 1st October, 1961, in London.