

# Minutes of the 125th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

22 Jan 2002, 1.00pm

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## MINUTES

Present: R Cooke  
R Cross  
D Hornby  
E Hounsell  
M Miles  
A North  
J Seddon  
A Thomson  
S Tilley  
A Watts  
A Wilkinson

### Action

#### 1. Election of New Chair

Tony Watts was nominated by Liz Hounsell, seconded by Mervyn Miles and elected unopposed. He thanked Andrew Thomson for his service to the BBS committee as its previous chair

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from M Ferenczi, G Grant, S Harding, J Helliwell, P Malthouse, G Roberts, M Sansom, M Sternberg.

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### 3. Matters Arising

**Item 3:** The BBS membership list has been updated to remove non-paying members.

Tony North will provide contact details for the BCA to the BBS treasurer to decide whether it is worth pursuing support via Gift Aid

A North

Rob Cross and John Seddon had accepted invitations to join the BBS Committee. John will also be the RSC rep. John Ladbury will also be approached to see if he wishes to join the Committee.

A Watts

The rules of the society were changed at the AGM to allow for thirteen Committee members in addition to the Officers.

**Item 4:** Sarah Tilley has accepted our invitation to support the BBS as Publicity Officer.

**Item 5:** Gareth Roberts has been replaced by Gordon Roberts as the UK rep on the Scientific Unions Committee of IUPAB.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented on behalf of Judith Murray-Rust)**

The "What is Biophysics?" pages are being updated with EM and solid state NMR, and neutron diffraction contributions. John Ladbury will be approached regarding an item on calorimetry. SPR, fluorescence lifetime imaging and EPR were also suggested. A link would be made to the techniques section of the EBSA web page.

S Tilley

A new URL for the BBS would be obtained

S Tilley

Details of forthcoming meetings and reports should be sent to Sarah at s.tilley@bbk.ac.uk

Links to EBSA, the RSC and the IOP would be included on the BBS page

S Tilley

Committee members were requested to place a link to the BBS from their departmental sites

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5. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**

Despite economic uncertainties in Argentina, plans for the IUPAB congress in Buenos Aires are proceeding well. The following congress will be in Montpellier.

Simon Phillips has replied to say that Leeds is willing to host the EBSA congress in 2008. Simon would be approached to see if information could be compiled prior to an EBSA committee meeting on Feb 9th.

M Ferenczi /  
A Watts

6. **Treasurer's Report (presented by Tony Wilkinson)**

The accounts for the year 2000-2001 were approved by the committee.

Consideration of the surplus assets suggested that the BBS medal and future IUPAB contributions could be covered.

Funding of an archivist for the BBS records on a short-term basis was approved, and a suitable candidate would be identified.

R Cooke /  
A Watts

The BBS medal would be progressed and nominations sought by July. The nominator should be a BBS member.

M Ferenczi /  
A Watts

7. **Irish sub-section (presented on behalf of Paul Malthouse)**

Plans for Justin Molloy's lecture tour are well underway. It was suggested to have a tour every two years.

8. **Honorary Meetings Secretary's Report (held over to next meeting)**

Tony Watts reported plans for the miniaturisation meeting in April in Oxford were progressing well. Details would be circulated with the next BBS newsletter.

The 7TM meeting in Oxford in December went well.

The request for sponsorship of the Biochem Soc. / Harden meeting will be followed up.

**A Wilkinson /  
A Thomson**

The Knowles meeting would be supported, possibly by offering £200 for a named speaker (Kleinman?)

**R Cooke / G Grant**

David Hornby suggested a joint meeting with RSC Chemical Biology in December.

Theresa Pinheiro was suggested as a possible organiser of a Protein mis-folding in disease meeting in early 2003.

Details of the RSC meeting in 2003 would be passed to Guy Grant, and the possibility of a joint meeting in London would be considered.

**J Seddon**

A mass spec. meeting was suggested for 2003. Peter Derrick would be approached to see if he would be interested in hosting this.

**D Hornby**

There is also the possibility of an AFM meeting in May 2003.

9. **BBS Representation at IUPAB Congress**

Gordon Roberts, Tony Watts and John Helliwell were nominated as delegates to IUPAB. Gordon was selected to receive travel assistance from the Royal Society, and the BBS would be willing to provide assistance for John Helliwell if required.

12. **Any Other Business**

The UKLSC and IOB are now working to form a Biosciences Federation.

13. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 22 May 2002 at the Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place.