

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The 56th Meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, 1979 at 14.15 in the Basement Lecture Theatre,
Biophysics Laboratories, King's College,
26-29 Drury Lane, LONDON WC2B 5RL

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Membership of Committee for 1979
3. Minutes of the 55th Meeting (previously circulated)
4. Matters arising
5. Matters arising from the 17th Annual General Meeting (Minutes enclosed)
6. Report of the Secretary
7. Report of the Meetings Secretary
8. Report of the Treasurer
9. Representatives' Reports
10. Undergraduate Biophysics Seminar, Easter 1979 - Progress Report.
11. Discussion of a Society Journal:
 - a) Report from Professor Phelps and Dr. Holwill on a Royal Society Meeting on the Administration of Learned Societies.
 - b) Response of those attending A.G.M. (item 9 of enclosed Minutes)
12. Election of Chairman for 1979
13. Any other Business
14. Date of next meeting.

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday,
27th September 1978 at the Biochemical Society Rooms.

Present: Dr. H.C. Watson : in the Chair
 Dr. G.L. Kellett : Meetings Secretary
 Professor C.F. Phelps : Treasurer

 Dr. K.A. Cammack
 Professor D. Chapman
 Dr. R.A. Crowther
 Professor P. Harrison
 Professor B.R. Jennings
 Dr. R. Pike
 Professor D.A. Rees

78/21 Apologies for Absence were received from Drs. M.J. Holwill and
 P.J. Knowles.

78/22 The Minutes of 54th Meeting held on 26th April, 1978 were approved
 and signed by the Chairman.

78/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Biophysics Looklet

 Professor Phelps presented an outline layout of the booklet
 and described progress in hand.

78/24 Report of the Secretary

 Dr. G.L. Kellett was acting-secretary for this meeting. He
 reported that Dr. Holwill had received a request from
 Professor M. Sandler of the Biological Council for financial
 support of a meeting entitled "Enzyme Inhibitors as Drugs"
 to be held on 9-10th April, 1979. The committee decided that
 it could not support this meeting, although it had done so in
 previous years, because the dates clash directly with the
 Society's own meeting on Metal Ion Transport and Storage.

78/25 Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Enzyme Active Sites; Winter 78.

 The Meetings Secretary reported that the Royal Society had
 refused to support this meeting, the first occasion on which
 this has happened. The Royal Society noted that their
 conference fund was coming under very heavy pressure, that
 the registration fees charged by the Biophysical Society have
 been unrealistically low and that only a small increase in
 fees is needed to cover costs. After some discussion, the
 registration fees were increased from those decided at the
 last meeting to £8 for members of the BBS, £14 for non-
 members and £16 for non-members wishing to join the Society.
 The registration form for the meeting was approved.

(b) Metal Ion Transport and Storage; Spring 79.

 Professor Harrison presented the final speakers list and a
 provisional balance sheet. The Chairman congratulated
 Professor Harrison on the high quality and low cost of the
 programme. It was agreed that Professor Harrison should

look into possible avenues of financial support which would be taken into account when the registration fees were fixed at the January meeting.

- (c) Receptors and Related Features of the Cell Surface; Winter '79
Professor Rees, and also Professor T. Blundell who was here especially for this item, presented a draft programme. Professors Rees and Blundell agreed to look into the comments of the committee and to report back at the next meeting.
- (d) Future Meetings
Professor Phelps reported progress in organising a meeting on Electron Conduction. Discussion was held over for the next meeting.

78/26 Nomination to the Committee

The Committee agreed to nominate Dr. G.L. Kellett as Secretary and Dr. D. Dover as Meetings Secretary at the forthcoming A.C.M. The Chairman then invited nominations for the six positions on the Committee which would become vacant. After some discussion a list of suggested candidates was drawn up and the Chairman agreed to approach them to see whether they would be prepared to stand.

78/27 A Society Journal

Professor Chapman proposed that the Committee should consider the idea of publishing its own journal, a "European Journal of Biophysics". It was realised that publication of a Journal would have a dramatic effect on the Society and there were numerous arguments and counter-arguments about its desirability. In the end, it was agreed to delegate Dr. Holwill and Professor Phelps to attend a meeting organised by the Royal Society on the Administration of Learned Societies in order to see how other societies handled the problem. They would then liaise with Professor Chapman and report back at the next meeting.

78/28 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 10th January, 1979 in the Biochemical Society Rooms.