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British Biophysical Society

Minutes of 62nd meeting of the Committee held on Monday, January 5th, 1981
at the Biochemical Society.

Present in the chair: Dr. M.J. Holwill
Secretary: Dr. S.D. Dover
Meetings Secretary: Dr. P.M. Bayley
Treasurer: Professor C.F. Phelps
Professors Harrison, Jennings, Keller and North;
Drs. Dwek, Geddes, Goodford, Henderson, Neidle and Rattle
Apologies were received from Dr. Lillford and Professor Wilkie

81/1 Composition of the Committee

New members (Drs. Geddes, Neidle, Rattle and, in absentia, Lillford) were welcomed. Professor Jennings reported that he had been informed, verbally, that he would continue as Institute of Physics representative.

81/2 The Minutes of the 61st meeting were approved and signed.

81/3 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Techniques Group: Minute 80/19(a)

The draft constitution was noted as expected. Suggestions for nominations for membership of the committee (from B.S. members) were made: Drs. Dwek and Rattle. Our representative on the committee will now be Dr. Henderson.

(b) Biochemical Journal: Minute 80/20(b)

The change in form of acknowledgement of our representative editors was accepted. There will now be no asterisks but there will be a note indicating that two editors are BBS representatives. Dr. Spragg will shortly be retiring and Dr. Bayley will discuss his replacement with the Editor in terms of Drs Kellet, Knowles, Blundell, Muirhead, Rogers, Pain, to determine the area/areas needed covering.

(c) IUPAB Congress, Mexico: Minute 80/20(c)

The Secretary would circulate members to see if there was any late interest for inclusion in the application for the Royal Society block grant. (subsequently the secretary was contacted for a Royal Society allocating panel meeting to be held on February 12th.)

(d) Federation of European Societies: Minute 80/20(d)

The Secretary was asked to continue to correspond with the President Kreutz. Enthusiasm for European links was to be expressed and a list of our future meetings to be sent. Tentative possibilities about events in conjunction with the 1984 Bristol meeting were to be explored.

(e) Biophysics Booklet: Minute 80/22(b)

Professors Phelps, North and Rees are going to expedite the production of the booklet in time for the Leeds meeting (initial print run 4000).

(f) Physics within Biophysics: Minute 80/23

Professor Jennings reported that the Institute of Physics was forming a sub-group whose title would not contain "biophysics". He would write to them stressing our openness to suggestions for topics for meeting of all kinds.

18/4 Reports of Sub committee On committee structure and responsibility

The report was accepted and implemented as follows:

(a) External Representation

In line with earlier decisions (80/14, 80/19) the following changes in representation will be effected according to protocol:

- (i) Royal Society National Committee for Biophysics.
Dr. Rattle to replace Professor Fuller. Dr. Watson, if agreeable was to be co-opted to the BBS committee
- (ii) Royal Society National Committee for Biochemistry: Professor Pain was, if agreeable, to be co-opted to the BBS committee.
- (iii) U.K. Crystallographic Council: Dr. Neidle to replace Professor Blundell.
- (iv) Molecular Enzymology Group: Dr. Geddes to replace Dr. Knowles.
- (v) Techniques Group: Dr. Henderson to replace Dr. Dover.

(b) Membership Information and Interests

The Treasurer Professor Phelps agreed to become "Membership Secretary" and with Dr. Bayley would increase the data available on membership interests by circulating a questionnaire. The file on membership is to be transferred to Dr. Holwill's computer.

(c) Forward Planning of meetings including smaller meetings of more

specialist groups is to become a more important topic of committee meetings, Members should arrive at committee meetings with specific suggestions for future society meetings so that discussion and selection can occur.

81/5 Report of Meeting Secretary

Details of the Leeds meeting were discussed. As time was short discussion of other meetings was deferred to the next meeting.

81/6 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19th May at 2.15 in B.S. rooms.

81/7 Chairperson:

Professor Harrison accepted the nomination to be chairperson.

P. M. Harrison