

BRITISH BIOPHYSICS SOCIETY

Minutes of the 85th Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th October, 1988 at 1.00pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present: Professor Gadian, Drs Clark, Ferenczi, Fox, Goodfellow, Hukins, Moore, Neidle, Rattle, Phillips (and Professor Vadgama (Manchester)).

Apologies for Absence: Professor North, Drs Bayley, Bordas and Cull-Candy.

In the absence of Professor North, Dr Goodfellow opened the meeting and welcomed Dr G Moore as the IBDG representation. Dr Rattle took the chair.

88/22 The minutes of the 84th Committee Meeting were corrected and signed.

88/27 Future Meetings

As Professor Vadgama was present to discuss the "Biosensors" winter meeting, the agenda was changed in order to deal with this item first. Professor Vadgama presented a detailed program and budget which was approved by the Committee. The assistance of the laboratory of the government chemist was acknowledged. The program and registration form are to be printed in October newsletter with Dec 1 deadline. The difficulty of pre-booking accommodation at Halls of Residence in London was discussed. The AGM was set for 3.35pm on the first day of this meeting, Dec 19th 1988 at University College.

88/23 Matters Arising

SN handed over details of Biophysics Courses to the Honorary Secretary.

SN reviewed the list of Honorary Members. These include Professor R D Preston and Professor J Randall (deceased) who were elected in 1981, as well as Professors J Kendrew, M Perutz and D D Eley elected in 1982. JMG is to write to Professor Keynes.

88/24 Honorary Secretary's Report

JMG reported correspondence from Save British Science about society membership. The committee decided that it should be left to individual members to join.

The ABRC had asked for views on any change in the responsibility of research councils for biological sciences. JMG, with others, is to write letter emphasising the interdisciplinary nature of biophysics.

Quarterly Reviews in Biophysics have agreed to reduction to £35 for individual BBS member Subscriptions. Biochemical Journal have agreed to review procedure on choice of BBS representation on editorial board.

Dr Pauline Bennett is to be asked to be BBS rep on BJEM Committee. BBS is to agree to publicise work of International Campus Book Library.

88/25 Treasurer's Report

HWER presented the audited accounts and reported a surplus of £562 for last year. This was less than the previous year because we are paying both for current newsletters and also the Biochemical Society one year in arrears. This also affects our current liabilities as a figure is mentioned in this column in order to pay a non-existent debt to Biochemical Society. All meetings broke even or made a profit. Our current membership is 490 UK and 130 overseas.

88/26 Meetings Secretary's Report

MAF's meeting on Caged Compounds was very successful. BBS agreed to pay £311.31. SN's discussion meeting on DNA-bending cost £254 and attracted about 70 participants. SN agreed to write a report for the newsletter.

SEVP reported that JMG had organised a discussion meeting on DNA-hydration at a cost of £300.

PB had sent SEVP some useful notes for people chairing scientific sessions.

Modern microscopies meeting (Winter 1987) made a profit of £47. Anglo-German Meeting also made a profit of just over £400.

88/27 Future Meetings Continued

Spring 1989 Anglo-French meeting on molecular recognition was progressing well. SEVP had been to Marseille to speed up arrangement. The program was nearly complete. The committee agreed with SEVP suggestion of a 50:50 loss or profit agreement with the French Biophysics Society. BBS agreed to sponsor the meeting by £2000 for bursaries for students.

DG reported on plans for the Winter 1989 meeting on 'Medical Imaging ~~in~~ and Spectroscopy: Biochemistry, Physiology and Pharmacology'. It is to be held at Royal College of Surgeons on Dec 19-20th 1989. Other organisers include Dr T Jones (MRC cyclotron unit, Hammersmith) and Dr Ian Young (NMR Unit, Hammersmith). JMG is to supply list of B&B and hotels in the Bloomsbury area. No University of London accommodation to be booked because of problems of guessing numbers and the fact that many people travel daily to London or stay with friends during meetings. The speakers are to be mainly from the UK.

AC agreed to look further into the possibilities of a discussion meeting on "Biopolymer Networks".

Two other suggestions for future meetings included (a) comparison of NMR and Crystallographic structures (SEVP to contact Professor Gordon Roberts) and (b) biophysics of membrane receptors (JMG to make enquiries).

SN reported that Dr King (NIMR) was interested in organising a discussion meeting on DNA-proteins Interactions.

Further suggestions are needed and Committee members should bring ideas for meetings to the next committee meeting.

88/28 Rules of the Society

HWER reviewed the changes to the rules. It was agreed nem con to include the rule concerning the vice-chair (to be elected by committee). Slight changes were made to produce final version of new rules. These are to be printed in newsletter and presented to AGM for approval.

88/29 The committee nominated Simon Phillips and Julia Goodfellow to continue as the Honorary Meeting's Secretary and Secretary respectively. David Hukins is to be nominated as the new treasurer.

New ordinary members are Henry Rattle and either Professor G.Roberts (Leicester) or Dr T Jones (Hammersmith).

These nominations to be printed in October newsletter and presented to the AGM.

Professor Gadian is to be co-opted to committee for 1 year.

88/30 Any Other Business

AGM confirmed as 3.35pm on Dec 19th 1988 at UCL. The next committee meeting to be at Birkbeck College at 4.15pm after AGM.

JMG
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Rattle', with a horizontal line underneath.