

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 86th Meeting held on Monday 19th December 1988 at 4.30 p.m.
at Birkbeck College, London.

Present : Professors Gadian, North and Roberts Drs Bayley, Bordas
Ferenczi, Goodfellow, Hukins, Moore, Phillips, Rattle.

Apologies for absence : Dr Neidle and Dr Clarke.

88/31 Election of Chairman

JMG opened the meeting and welcomed Professor Gordon Roberts a new committee member. The committee elected Dr Henry Rattle as chairman.

88/32 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the 85th Committee were approved.

88/33 Matters Arising

JMG had been unable to contact Professor Keynes to ask if he would be willing to be an Honorary Member. Professor Maurice Wilkins, Drs Gilbert Beaven and Arthur Elliot were also considered. It was decided to delay any decision until we had checked for the names of former members of the Committee.

JMG had replied to ABRC on responsibility of research councils for funding biology.

Dr Pauline Bennett (King's College, London) has agreed to represent the BBS at BCJEM.

Peter Bayley
PB reported on the success of his meeting on 'Cytoskeleton'. He is to write a report for newsletter.

JMG to contact Dr Hasnain about the report on meeting in Chester which BBS supported.

88/34 Honorary's Secretary's Report

The AGM took place at 3.50 p.m. on Monday 19th December preceding the Committee meeting. Drs Goodfellow, Phillips and Hukins were unopposed as the Honorary Secretary, Meeting Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Professor Gordon Roberts (Leicester) and Dr Henry Rattle (Portsmouth) were elected as ordinary Committee Members. One of the major items the AGM was to approve the New Rules of the Society. Although the AGM approved them, the AGM was not quorate under the Old Rules. As the New Rules have been circulated to all members in the November Newsletter and as there had been no objections to them, the Committee assumed that they were acceptable to

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Future Meetings

(i) NMR/Xtal Comparison

Already Intl conference on magnetic resonance of biological materials in September 1990. BBS might be asked to sponsor students. A meeting on a similar topic in 1990 would not be appropriate.

(ii) Neutron Scattering

John Finney (RAL) had agreed to organise a meeting on use of neutron scattering diffraction to biological materials. It was necessary to decide whether to hold a meeting at RAL where there was a problem over accommodation in Oxford.

(iii) Bio-Inorganic Chemistry Meeting

(Sponsored by IBDG) due to take place in Oxford in August 1991. GM suggested BBS participation. The committee decided that a one-day discussion meeting would be an appropriate format.

(iv) Molecular Enzymology/BBS Meeting

A joint meeting of BBS and molecular enzymology group (Biochemical Society) had been suggested by Dr C Beddell. JMG is to talk to Dr Janet Thornton (Birkbeck) who is on their committee about a suitable topic.

(v) Biophysics of Membrane Receptors

SEVP is to talk to Dr John Findlay (Leeds) about possible meeting.

88/38 A New Biophysics Journal

The Institute of Physics Publishing group had written to JMG about BBS involvement in a new Biophysical Journal. The committee were somewhat sceptical about yet another journal so ACTN is to write requesting more details.

88/39 Any Other Business

The date of the next meeting is 4 May 1989 at 13.00 at Birkbeck College.

the membership. However, it was agreed to give the membership an opportunity to approve the procedure by which the New Rules had been approved (i.e. a non quorate AGM). In the next Newsletter, the members of the BBS are to be asked for any objections to this procedure to be received by 1st May 1989. Thus, a final decision will be made at the next meeting.

The decision to appoint a Vice-Chairman was postponed as the New Rules had not been formally adopted. Nominations for this post are to be sent to the Chairman before the next committee meeting.

Publicity for the BBS, its meetings and for Biophysics teaching and research was discussed. It was recommended/suggested that the vice-chairman should have responsibility for this.

JMG received preliminary information on the 10th IUPAB Congress in 1990. SEVP had received information from Institute of Biology on setting up a larger centre for Biology in London.

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Treasurer's Report

HEWR

HEWR reported that the audited accounts had been presented to the AGM. He had successfully dealt with a minor cash flow problem.

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Meeting Secretary's Report

(i)

Spring 1989 Anglo/French Meeting

BBS had previously agreed to fund student bursaries up to £2,000. However, there was still no agreement on division of any profit or loss. The meeting was very well sponsored but some money (from CNRS) could only be spent on French Scientists. EEC funding was expected and the BBS is to request monies from this source in order that the Chairman could represent the society. The detailed program is to be placed in February's newsletter. It was recommended that SEVP retain UK registration fees until the profit/loss situation is resolved.

(ii)

Winter 1989 "Medical Imaging and Spectroscopy"

DG reported on organisation. All speakers are to be from UK (mainly London). Thus the meeting would be fairly cheap to run. The Committee recommended that the organisers consider poster sessions or contributed talks.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Society had not been invited to some previous meetings. It was agreed that future organisers should acknowledge BB sponsorship by inviting the Chairman to dinner and to introduce the meeting.

AWR
4 May 1989