

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 89th Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th December at 3.00 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

Present: PMB, NB, AC, MAF, KRF, DWLH, CN, SEVP, HWER.

Apologies for absence: WF, ACTN.

89/21 The Chairman welcomed Drs N. Borkakoti and C. Nave as new committee members.

89/22 The minutes of the 88th committee meeting were approved.

89/23 Matters arising

89/16a The Winter meeting on Medical Imaging and Spectroscopy was in progress. There were 60 registrants, of whom only 4-5 were BBS members. 6 other had joined during registration. The meeting would probably break even.

89/13 1) The secretary had written to the Royal Society expressing concern about the last BNC meeting, and representation on the new IRC. No reply had been received.

Prof. Fuller had written to inform us that Dr. J.M. Goodfellow, Dr. P. Bayley and Prof. Fuller (Chief Delegate) had been nominated as delegates to the IUPAB General Assembly in Vancouver. The Royal Society would provide expenses for WF and JMG. Prof. A.C.T. North had been nominated to the IUPAB Council.

The Royal Society have provided 10,000 travel funds towards the expenses of U.K. academics attending the Vancouver Congress. Miss de Vere at the Royal Society is handling applications. A small committee would be necessary to agree the allocation of funds. This would consist of WF, and a representative from each of the Physiological Society (Prof. Noble) and the BBS. HWER was nominated to serve on this committee.

2) HWER reported that no applications had yet been received from students for the BBS bursaries (£200) to attend the Vancouver congress. It was suggested that applicants be given advice on methods for raising the remainder of their expenses.

89/24 Honorary Secretary's Report.

1) The Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences had written asking for a nomination for the award for the Amsterdam Foundation for Medicine. PB would investigate possible nominees.

2) Peter Vaughan had written giving details of the 35th Harden Conference on cell-cell interaction in the nervous system, Sept. 9th-14th 1990. It was regretted that we could not provide any funds for bursaries to this meeting.

89/25 Treasurer's Report

The statement of the financial position had been given to the AGM.

The treasurer emphasised that meeting organisers were responsible for meeting accounts. In particular they should:

- 1) Open a bank account in the name of the meeting.
- 2) Present final accounts in the same financial year.

The copy of instructions to meeting organisers was to be amended.

89/26 Meeting Secretary's Report

- 1) The account for the Biosensors meeting (Dec 1988) had now been closed, though the money had not yet been received.

There had been no further progress on the accounts for the joint meeting with the French (April 1989). 90% of the EEC money for travel bursaries had been received, the further 10% depended on presentation of accounts. Meeting secretary to try presenting the completed UK accounts.

2) Future Meetings

April 1990: Protein Folding and Assembly. (Prof. R. Pain & Dr. M. Goldberg) Programme had been finalised. Details would go in the next (Jan.) newsletter.

Dec. 1990: Nucleic Acid Structure. (K. Fox & S. Neidle). To be held in Southampton, Dec. 18-19 1990. Details would be presented at the next committee meeting.

April 1991: originally planned as Biophysics of Membrane Receptors. Organiser (Dr. J.B.C. Findlay) wanted title to be "Membrane Biophysics". General feeling was in favour of the original title. MF to decide on title once a programme had been presented.

Dec. 1991: Tom Blundell had been approached to organise a meeting on Protein Design, but was too heavily committed. After a discussion of other possibilities (see Discussion meetings) it was felt that this was an important area an worth pursuing as a major meeting. MF was to approach a list of possible organisers in turn until someone agreed.

April 1992: Joint Anglo/French meeting, on Calcium Binding Proteins, to be held in Marseilles region. The French were pleased with the idea of another joint meeting and thought suggested title was interesting, but it was too early to progress further.

3) One Day Discussion Meetings.

PB to organise a Discussion meeting on Video Microscopy at Mill Hill in April./May 1990.

Other possibilities for one day meetings raised during the discussion above included:

Neutrons in Biology (John Baldwin)

Mechanical Properties of Macromolecular Networks (AC)

Calcium

PB to coordinate future one day discussion meetings.

89/27 AOB

HWER asked if the meetings and committee members were too molecular? HWER to organise a questionnaire to monitor the memberships' involvement in research and teaching. This would help in organising meetings and finding future committee members

AC to be BBS representative on the Techniques Group of the Biochemical Society.

British Biophysical Society

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday December 20th 1989 at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

1. The AGM started at 2.00 with 17 people present and Dr. H.W.E. Rattle in the chair.
2. The minutes of the 28th AGM held at University College, London on 19th Dec 1988 were accepted.
3. The Honorary Secretary presented her report for 1989 (attached).
4. The Honorary Meetings Secretary presented his report for 1989 (attached).
5. The Honorary Treasurer presented his report for 1989.

The audited accounts (attached) were presented by the treasurer and accepted.

6. Grant Thornton were appointed as auditors.
7. Election of Officers for 1990.

The following officers were elected.

Honorary Secretary: Dr. Keith R. Fox (Southampton).

Honorary Meetings Secretary: Dr. Michael .A. Ferenczi (NIMR).

Honorary Treasurer: Dr. David W.L. Hukins (Manchester).

8. Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee.
Four nominations for the vacancies were received from the committee:

Dr. G. Taylor (Biochemistry, Bath)

Dr. C. Nave (SERC, Daresbury Lab.)

Dr. N. Barkakoti (Roche Products, Welwyn)

Dr. S. Phillips (Physics, Leeds)

They were elected unopposed.

9. Any other business.
Could the Dutch Biophysical Society be informed of U.K. meetings?
The secretary would ensure that the newsletter was sent.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.20 p.m.