

The Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society

Pipe Partridge Lecture Theatre of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

5.20 p.m., Wednesday 6th April 2011

30th Annual General Meeting

26 members were present.

11/1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the 29th AGM held at the University of Sheffield on 13th July 2010 were accepted.

11/2. Matters arising

None

11/3. Chairman's Annual Report

The chair's report was tabled (copy in minute book). The Chair, Chris Richardson, reflected on the successful meetings held over the past year. The Chair thanked those who had been involved in making these meetings a success, including local organisers and sponsors. The Chair also invited members to submit any ideas or suggestions to the committee. The Chair reflected on the fact that the Society had weathered the difficult prevailing financial conditions over the last couple of years and had emerged in good shape.

11/4. Secretary's Annual Report

The secretary's report was tabled (copy in minute book) and the range of topics of the excellent meetings in the past year highlighted. At this meeting, it was also noted that Chris Richardson retires as Chair and trustee/committee member. She was thanked by the members present at the AGM for her tireless effort and encouragement in guiding the Society over the last three years.

11/5. Treasurer's Annual Report

The treasurer's report was tabled (copy in minute book). The accounts were discussed. Phil Biggin noted that the Society was in good financial shape (better than indicated from the year accounts), with an overall bank balance standing at £44k.

11/6. MGMS membership and fees

Phil Biggin reported that from 1 Jan 2012, the Society membership fee will increase from £20 to £30. Those whose membership expires before that will only become liable for renewal payment from 1 Jan 2012.

11/7. The Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling

On behalf of the Editor, Jonathan Hirst, Richard Bryce reported that the Journal of Molecular Graphics & Modelling had had another successful year. The most recent impact factor is 2.2. The journal now appears as eight issues throughout the year. A new policy from the Publisher has substantially reduced the time taken for accepted articles to appear in print. In 2010, the journal received about 340 submitted manuscripts, of which about one third were accepted. The journal has recently instituted a "Topical Perspectives" article-type. The Editors

(jonathan.hirst@nottingham.ac.uk or madura@duq.edu) would be pleased to receive ideas for topics and/or expressions of interest regarding potential submissions. The 2010 winner of the Graphics Prize was Professor Steven Plotkin of the University of British Columbia for the video provided as Supplementary Information in his article entitled, “BioVEC: A Program for Biomolecule Visualization with Ellipsoidal Coarse-graining.”

11/8. Result of election of Trustees/Committee Members

Stuart Firth-Clark, Charlie Laughton, Richard Ward and Richard Bryce were elected as trustees/committee members. Richard Bryce was further elected as Chair. All elections were unopposed and passed by a show of hands. The committee for 2011-2012 therefore is (date of most recent election is in parentheses):

Chairman	Richard Bryce (2011)
Secretary	Richard Ward (2011)
Treasurer	Phil Biggin (2010)
Membership Secretary	Jamie Platts (2010)
Meetings Secretary	Frank Blaney (2009)
Journal Editor	Jonathan Hirst (2009)
Ordinary Members (6)	Adrian Mulholland (2010) Val Gillet (2009) Stuart Firth-Clark (2011) Charlie Laughton (2011) Ian Gould (2009) Jonathan Vessey (2010)

Coopted members are Garrett Morris, Chris Richardson, Steve Maginn, Louise Birch, Shozeb Haider, Darren Flower, Dave Winkler and Tim Clark.

11/9. Any other business

None.

11/10. Date and location of next AGM

TBA