



The Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society

School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square, London, UK.

12 p.m. Thursday 26th April 2012

31st Annual General Meeting

36 members were present.

1. Minutes of the 30th AGM held at Oxford University on 6th April 2011

Minutes were accepted.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

A copy of Richard Bryce's report was provided and is available in the minute book. The Chair summarised the aim of the MGMS to those present and thanked Chris Richardson, Steve Maginn and Shozeb Haider for the organisation the CEAD 2012 meeting. The Chair also referred to the successful meetings which the MGMS has organised and supported over the year. These included the Membrane structure and function meeting in Oxford, the meeting in honour of Dr Andy Vinter in Cambridge and the flagship YMF meeting. Richard Bryce also highlighted Professor Tim Clark's lecture tour across 5 venues in the UK and the eagerly anticipated 2012 lecture tour from Professor Modesto Orozco. Richard congratulated the MGMS 2011 Silver Jubilee Prize winner, Andreas Bender, who will also be speaking at the Computational Chemical Biology Meeting in Manchester this year. The Chair then thanked everyone involved in the MGMS for their hard work and all the sponsors for the events and looked forward to the exciting events of the coming year. Richard thanked Ian Gould for his efforts on the MGMS Committee as he now steps down from his role. The Chair finished off by directing everyone present to the new MGMS website if they wanted to find out more information about the society or get in contact eg. regarding ideas about meeting topics (www.mgms.org).

4. Secretary's Annual Report

A copy of Richard Ward's report was provided and is available in the minute book. The Secretary highlighted the importance of the role of the MGMS in bringing together importance Science in these challenging times to drive the discipline forwards and to highlight potential areas of collaboration. Richard also highlighted the key meetings from last year and some exciting events coming up next year. Richard finished by thanking everyone involved in the Committee, those who helped organise meetings, attended the meetings and to meeting sponsors.

5. Treasurer's Annual Report

A copy of Phil Biggin's report was provided and is available in the minute book. The accounts were discussed; finances are in a strong position through these challenging economic times.

6. MGMS membership and fees

The Secretary read Jamie Platts' Membership Report, copy available in the minute book. Jamie reminded everyone on the importance of MGMS membership and how it underpins all the events of the Society. Membership numbers have stayed relatively constant (~120 members) in difficult economic times. Delegates were also reminded that the current CEADD 2012 meeting includes membership of the society for the remainder of 2012. This year, we have changed the standard dates of membership to run from January to December, instead

of May to April as before, to bring them into line with other activities of the society. Unfortunately, we also had to increase membership fees from £20 to £30 to cover increasing venue hire and travel costs. However, we do still offer reduced rates for student, retired, career break and unemployed members.

7. The Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling

The Chair read Jonathan Hirst's Membership Report, copy available in the minute book. The Journal of Molecular Graphics & Modelling has had another successful year. The most recent impact factor is 2.0. The journal now appears as eight volumes throughout the year, accelerating the time taken for accepted articles to appear in print. In 2011, the journal received about 350 submitted manuscripts, of which about one quarter 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 2011 winner of the Graphics Prize was Dr Christian Kandt of the University of Bonn for Figure 1 of his article entitled, "dxTuber: Detecting protein cavities, tunnels and clefts based on protein and solvent dynamics".

8. Election of Trustees/Committee Members and Chair

Frank Blaney, Val Gillet, Jonathan Hirst and Brendan Howlin were elected unopposed as trustee/committee members. The committee for 2012-2013 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 (2012)
Journal Editor	Jonathan Hirst (2012)
Ordinary Members (6)	Adrian Mulholland (2010)
	Val Gillet (2012)
	Stuart Firth-Clark (2011)
	Charlie Laughton (2011)
	Brendan Howlin (2012)
	Jonathan Vessey (2010)

Co-opted 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.

9. 11/10. Date and location of next AGM

To be confirmed.


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