



The Molecular Graphics and Modeling Society

3:45 pm Wednesday 20th August 2014

Minutes of 33rd Annual General Meeting

32 people were present.

Minutes of the 32nd AGM held at Sheffield on Monday 22nd July 2013

Minutes were accepted

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Chairman's Annual Report

A paper copy of Richard Bryce's report was provided and is available attached to the electronic version (contact Secretary for copy). The chair summarized the aim of MGMS to those present. The chairman thanked Hans Senn, Tell Tuttle and other organizers for hosting the Modelling Molecules and materials (M3) conference and providing a suitable slot to accommodate the AGM in this meeting. The chair reported on a busy year for the MGMS and highlighted a number of MGMS organized meetings including the Sheffield conference on chemoinformatics (Sheffield), Cutting edge approaches to drug design meeting focusing on water in biosystems (SOAS, London), Cytochrome P450 meeting (Guildford), Multiscale modeling of condensed phase (Manchester) and Faraday discussions (Nottingham). The chair also highlighted the lecture tours of Professors Adrian Elcock (University of Iowa) and Arthur Olsen (The Scripps Institute, La Jolla). The chair highlighted the future meetings including the YMF2014 (SOAS, London) and Membrane Proteins (Oxford). The chair announced the winner of the 2014 Silver jubilee prize. Richard Bryce also congratulated the winner, Robert Paton from University of Oxford. The chair also mentioned giving honorary membership to Prof Mike Hann (GSK) and Prof Martin Karplus (Harvard University). Other international chapters of the MGMS were also highlighted including the German and the Australasian (AMMA) chapter along with the meetings that were recently organized by AMMA near Brisbane. The chair finished off by directing everyone present to the new MGMS website if they want to find out more information about the society or get in contact regarding ideas about meeting topics (www.mgms.org) and our LinkedIn group "Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society". Finally, Richard Bryce thanked his previous team for having a smooth and enjoyable tenure.

Secretary's Annual Report

A copy of Richard Ward's report was provided and is available from the secretary. The report was read by Jamie Platts. Jamie highlighted the changes in the committee for the coming year and co-opted members and their roles. Jamie, on behalf of the secretary, also thanked everyone on the committee.

Treasurer's Annual Report

A copy of Phil Biggin's report was read out by Brendan Howlin. An e-copy is available from the secretary. The accounts were displayed as a powerpoint slide. There was discussion about future bursaries. The YMF2013 was run at a loss, while the Sheffield meeting made a surplus. The 2014 accounts were not reflected in the current audit. There are about ~41K in funds, which forms the lower limit of operation of the society.

MGMS Membership and Fees

The membership report was presented by Steve Maginn. Subscriptions from MGMS membership underpin the activities of the society outlined by the chair and have held up through the difficult financial climate of recent years. There is a current membership of 179. Most of the members are via conference registration route, which drops at the end of the year. Out of these 46 are direct paid members and 8 honorary members. The delegates were reminded that all meeting registrations included membership of the society till the end of the year or they can adopt a direct route for membership. The benefits of the membership were highlighted including discounted subscription to the Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling and reduced registration fees at future MGMS meetings.

The Journal of Molecular Modelling and Graphics Society

It has been another busy and successful year for the journal. Over 400 manuscripts were submitted. The acceptance rate was 30%. The impact factor was 2.0, slightly lower than previous years. Jonathan Hirst was stepping down as the editor after 9 years. The new editor to take over will be Jamie Platts (Cardiff).

Election of the Trustees/Committee Members and Chair

Charlie Laughton/Richard Ward were stepping down

Richard Bryce/Stuart Firth-Clark were restanding

Garett Morris/Shozeb Haider were standing as new trustees

All were elected unopposed and the motion was carried.

Richard Bryce was stepping down as a chair.

Phil Biggin was proposed to be the next chair by the committee. The meeting approved the motion by a show of hands.

The committee as it stands is:

Chairman	Phil Biggin (2014)
Secretary	Garrett Morris (2014)
Treasurer	Brendan Howlin (2012)
Membership Secretary	Steve Maginn (2013)
Meetings Secretary	Frank Blaney (2012)
Journal Editor	Jonathan Hirst (2012)

Ordinary Members (6)	Adrian Mulholland (2013)
	Val Gillett (2012)
	Stuart Firth-Clark (2014)
	Jamie Platts (2013)
	Shozeb Haider (2014)
	Richard Bryce (2014)

Co-opted members for 2014-2015 are Louise Birch, Jiayun Pang, Xiao Lewell, Dave Winkler, Mike Mazanetz, Ben Cossins, Irina Tikhonova and Tim Clark.

Any other Business

No AOB