

The Molecular Graphics and Modeling Society

Wednesday, 15th April, 2015

Amanda Foreman Room, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6QA

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting

An Attendee Register was passed around and names and signatures of everyone attending were collected; 41 people were present.

Minutes from 33rd AGM

The minutes of the 33rd AGM held at McCance building (Room 402), University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, were accepted.

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Chairman's Annual Report

A paper copy of Phil Biggin's report was provided and an electronic version is available (contact Secretary for copy).

Secretary's Annual Report

A copy of Garrett M. Morris's report was provided and is available from the Secretary. The report was read by Garrett M. Morris; he highlighted the changes in the committee for the coming year and co-opted members and their roles. Garrett also thanked the organizers of the Young Modeller's Forum 2014, all the newly co-opted members of the committee (Louise Birch, Dave Winkler, Xiao Lewell, Jiayun Pang, and Tim Clark), and out-going co-opted member, Chris Richardson.

Treasurer's Annual Report

A copy of Brendan Howlin's report was read out by Brendan Howlin. An electronic version is available from the Secretary.

MGMS Membership and Fees

The membership report was presented by Steve Maginn. MGMS membership currently stands at a low figure of 58. This is because those who joined due to participation at the Sixth Sheffield Chemoinformatics meeting and the P450 Meeting in 2013 have not renewed and have been removed from the list. A list from the Glasgow M3 meeting has not yet been received, but this will add some more names, as will this current event in Oxford. It is clear that the

mechanism of joining through registration at conferences is the major way of people joining the MGMS, and retaining their memberships.

There are just 10 members who pay for physical copies of the Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling through their membership of the Society.

The Journal of Molecular Modelling and Graphics Society

Jonathan Hirst stepped down as Editor in Jan 2015, after 9 years in post: MGMS thanks JH for all his efforts in that time. Jamie Platts at Cardiff University has now taken over from Jonathan, and is handling new manuscripts along with Jeffry Madura.

The journal continues to be successful: submissions were up last year (534, compared to 451 in 2013), with contributions from all around the world (though not many from the UK!). Acceptance rate is steady at around 30%, the most recent Impact Factor is just over 2, and on average we take 3 to 4 weeks from submission to first decision, and 7 weeks to publication.

A topical perspective from Silver Jubilee Prize winner Lynn Kamerlin was published in 2014, and the most recent winner, Rob Paton, has agreed to submit another soon. If members are interested to contribute such an article, they are encouraged to contact one of the editors. No Graphics Prize was awarded in 2014 due to the change of Editor, but we intend to re-establish this in 2015.

Election of the Trustees/Committee Members and Chair

There were no elections.

The committee as it stands is:

Chairman	Phil Biggin (2013)
Secretary	Garrett M. Morris (2014)
Treasurer	Brendan Howlin (2012)
Membership Secretary	Steve Maginn (2013)
Meetings Secretary	Frank Blaney (2012)
Journal Editor	Jamie Platts (2013)
Ordinary Members (6)	Val Gillett (2012)
	Jonathan Hirst (2012)
	Adrian Mulholland (2013)
	Stuart Firth-Clark (2014)
	Shozeb Haider (2014)
	Richard Bryce (2014)

Co-opted members for 2015-2016 are Louise Birch, Dave Winkler, Xiao Lewell, Jiayun Pang, Mike Mazanetz, Ben Cossins, Irina Tikhonova, and Tim Clark. Chris Richardson announced in March 2015 that she would be resigning from the Committee as a Co-opted member.

Any other Business