

Minutes of the CCG AGM

12:45pm Wed 9th April 2008

University of York

There were 38 members present.

1) Apologies for absence: David Watkin, Steve Moggach

2) Minutes of the previous AGM:

The 2007 AGM was held at the University of Kent, Canterbury and were accepted by Paul Raithby. There were no matters arising.

3) Chairman's report:

The chairman, Richard Cooper, congratulated Bob Gould on his honorary membership to the BCA. It is great to have a member of the CCG receive this prestigious status.

A recap of the past and future CCG activities was given: The Autumn meeting held in Nov 2007 at Diamond Light Source, sponsored by Bruker, proved to be very successful. Next year the CCG are sponsoring the biannual Durham Intensive Crystallography School.

Committee Membership:

No positions up for election this year. The current committee are as follows: Richard Copper (Chair), Andrew Bond (Vice-chair), Alex Griffin (Secretary). Ordinary Committee members: Harriott Nowell, Steve Moggach, Amber Thompson, Jon Charmant, Ross Harrington, Hazel Sparkes, Stephen Cairns (Student Rep) and Alex Hamilton (YC rep).

CCDC Younger Scientist Prize:

This was awarded to Kirsty Anderson, University of Durham for her work on structures with $Z' > 1$. This is the 9th annual prize and is open to UK citizens and researchers working at UK institutions. Usually candidates must be under the age of 35 years to be eligible for nominations. Applications for the prize will be open near the end of the year and nominations are encouraged. There was very strong field of nominees this year and congratulations to Kirsty on winning. The CCDC had agreed to sponsor this prize for ten years and have now extended their sponsorship in the future.

Current Meeting:

There are two CCG related workshops during this meeting: The DASH and OLEX II workshops. The CCG have had the CCDC prize lecture and also awarded two poster prizes. One is sponsored by the IUCr with a prize of the International Tables Vol. A. The second is a cash prize sponsored by the CCG. These will be announced at the dinner this evening. The CCG was given the teaching plenary this year and invited Peter Muller from MIT to give this talk.

4) Secretary Treasurer's Report:

Alex Griffin presented the groups financial statement for 2007. Overall there is £5855 in the bank which is healthy. There were late expenses which occurred from the autumn meeting in 2006 which gives some discrepancies in the accounts compared to last year. However the autumn meeting in 2007 made a profit £383. Overall the accounts are healthy but will be managed carefully to ensure maximum benefits to the CCG members. Sandy Blake approved the accounts.

At the last autumn meeting there were 87 delegates which was great considering the location of Diamond. At the meeting we increased the attendance fee to keep in line with the increasing costs of catering and room hire. There was no student sponsorship this year as the fund from Pfizer which lasted 5 years had run out. We are looking in to acquiring further sponsorship for next year. There were 8 new members signed up to the BCA at this autumn meeting.

The date for the next autumn meeting was under some debate due to discussions with the IG group over a joint CCG/YCG and IG meeting. We had decided to hold our own meeting as there were complications with dates and locations. The date of the meeting will be confirmed in Crystallography News or by e-mail. The meeting will be held at Newcastle University.

5) Autumn Meeting 2007:

Richard Cooper mentioned previously that the last meeting was a success and that we forgot to thank the local organiser Harriott Nowell for her help in the arrangements. She was presented with a gift.

6) Future Meetings:

Richard Cooper announced that the next autumn meeting would be entitled 'New Hardware, New Methods' and the committee are currently arranging the speaker programme. Members of the CCG were invited to suggest names for this event. The programme will be announced in Crystallography News and the meeting is sponsored by Oxford Diffraction and the local organiser is Ross Harrington.

The next spring meeting will be a Loughborough and the programme chair is Simon Parsons. Our CCG Reps on the programme committee are Andrew Bond and Amber Thompson.

7) AOB: None

Meeting Closed: 1.05pm