

Record of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the CCG, held Wednesday 18th November 2009, at the Chemical Research Laboratory, University of Oxford:

Background

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the CCG was held to address an unusual situation that had arisen with the CCG Committee. The Committee comprises three Officers (each serving a 2-year term) and six Ordinary Members (each serving a 3-year term). The expectation is that there should be a changeover of two Ordinary Members each year. Due to a sequence of early retirements from the Committee, five of the six current Ordinary Members (excluding the co-opted YCG/Student Representative) were due to retire at the CCG AGM in April 2010. The purpose of the EGM was to ratify measures that would assist continuity within the Committee and restore a more regular sequence for the changeover of Ordinary Members.

Proposed action

(i) Three of the five current Ordinary Members will retire as expected at the CCG AGM 2010. Two of the current Ordinary Members will remain on the Committee for one further year. Two new Ordinary Members will be elected in the usual way.

(ii) The two Ordinary Members serving extended terms will retire at the CCG AGM 2011 and be replaced by two new Ordinary Members in the usual way.

(iii) One current Ordinary Member will retire as expected at the CCG AGM 2012. Two new Ordinary Members will be elected in the usual way.

In this way, the Committee will comprise five Ordinary Members during the period 2010–2012 and be restored to six Ordinary Members in 2012 with a regular changeover sequence from that point onwards.

Record of the meeting

No objections were raised, and the proposed action was therefore accepted.

In response to a question raised by Prof. William Clegg (Newcastle University), it was clarified that the two Ordinary Members serving extended terms would stand down at the CCG AGM 2011, and would then not be eligible for re-election to the same office until one year had elapsed (according to Paragraph 12 of the CCG Constitution).

To prevent any similar situation in the future, it was stated that Committee members retiring before the end of their elected period of office should be replaced by co-option (according to Paragraph 13 of the CCG Constitution), and that the co-opted positions would span only the original period of the elected office.

Andrew Bond
CCG Chair (Dec 2009)