

INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY
60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Society, London, at 16.30 on Wednesday 22nd April 2009.

The President, Professor Raymond Dwek, took the chair in the presence of 54 corporate members. Apologies were received from Dr Patrick Naughton, Ms Elizabeth Lakin, Ms Christine Fry and Mr Tim Brigstocke.

1.0 Notice Convening the Meeting

A proposal to take the Notice of the Meeting as read was proposed by Professor David Coates and seconded by Mr Ken Allen. The President declared the resolution carried.

1.1 Quorum

The Hon Secretary, Dr William Marshall advised the Meeting that 54 Corporate Members were present and the meeting was quorate.

2.0 Meeting Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting was proposed by Dame Bridget Ogilvie, seconded by Professor Val Randall and was carried unanimously. There were no matters arising.

3.0 Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 30 September 2008

Dr William Marshall, Honorary Secretary, presented the Trustees Report for 2008 which had been circulated with the Annual Report in January 2009.

Mr Alan Johnston proposed and Jean Wilson seconded the adoption of the Report of the Trustees which was approved.

Mr Alan Johnston, the Honorary Treasurer, presented the Summarised Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2008 which were circulated in February 2009.

4.0 Appointment of auditors

Professor Peter Downes proposed that Messrs Crouch Chapman be re-appointed as auditors for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Dr Cliff Collis and carried unanimously.

The President thanked the Chief Executive and staff of the Institute for their assistance over the last year.

5.0 Special Resolutions relating to the amendment of General Regulation 1.330

5.1 General Regulation 'Subscriptions' (Bylaw 26 and Regulation 310.5)

Council proposed that with effect from the 1 October 2009, the following annual subscriptions shall be payable by members of the Institute:

Fellow	£162	Associate	£74
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Member	£116	Affiliate	£66
Students	£ 23		

Additionally, for the first two years after graduation, previous student members will be entitled to remain members for half of the associate rate – ie £37.00 provided that a Direct Debit is in place before the subscription renewal date.

The resolution was carried.

5.2 General Regulation 'Life Subscriptions' (Bylaw 26 and Regulation 310.7)

To consider and approve subscription rates for the year commencing 1st October 2009 as shown in the following table:

Age	Fellows	Members	Other
55	£775	£550	£355
56	£760	£545	£350
57	£750	£535	£340
58	£735	£525	£335
59	£720	£415	£330
60	£705	£505	£315
61	£685	£490	£310
62	£670	£480	£307
63	£655	£470	£295
64	£640	£460	£290
65	£620	£445	£280
66	£605	£430	£275
67	£590	£420	£265
68	£570	£405	£260
69	£550	£395	£250
70	£535	£385	£245

Mr Alan Johnston commends resolutions 5.1 and 5.2. The resolution was carried.

5.3 The President then moved to item 5.3 formally to propose changes to the Royal Charter and item 5.4 to approve new Bylaws. This is in order to submit to the Privy Council in order that the IoB may change the Royal Charter including the change of name to the Society of Biology although it is hoped this will change further in due course.

The EGM in December authorized Council to proceed to create a new organisation and enormous progress has now been made. Formal approval of these proposed changes are needed in order that we may formally apply to Privy Council and a postal vote has been conducted on these two issues. He asked that members who had not yet voted should do so by using their voting card.

Mr William Marshall announced the results of the votes cast today as follows:

For: 23
Against: None

The postal ballot was as follows:

For: 2,621

Against: 55

Therefore the total results of the vote taken today, together with the postal vote come to:

Those in Favour: 2,644

Those Opposed: 55

The motion is therefore carried by 97.9% to 2.1%.

He thanked the Officers and Members of Council for their support during the last year and also to the staff, Alan Malcolm and Ken Allen.



6.0 Election of Council for 2009

6.1 Council recommends that the current officers and members of council continue in office until the new organisation comes into being.

It was proposed that the following Honorary Officers be elected to Council:

President	Professor Raymond Dwek, FRS
Past President	Professor Sir Richard Gardner, FRS
Vice Presidents	Professor David Coates
	Mr Tim Brigstocke MBE
	Ms Elizabeth Lakin
	Mr Ken Allen
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Alan M Johnston
Honorary Secretary	Dr William Marshall
	Dr Michael Tribe
	Professor Val Randall
	Professor Christine Foyer
	Professor Patrick Naughton

It was proposed that Dame Nancy Rothwell be nominated as President elect and this resolution was carried unanimously.

It should be noted that before the end of the year The Society of Biology will have come into being legally and therefore all the Officers and Members of Council will on the appropriate date resign their Office. Their places will be taken by Interim Council which will themselves resign pending an election to membership of the new Council.

7.0 Mr Ken Allen announced the following as new recipients of the President's Medal:-

Michael Clapham
Glenn Dickson
Christine Fry
Shirley Greatrex
Laurie North
Jean Wilson

The Institute congratulated all the awardees on their significant contributions to biological science and the work of the Institute.

- 7.1 Lord Sainsbury was presented with, and grateful accepted, an Honorary Fellowship of the Society.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.