

## Minutes of the RSC/RAS Astrophysical Chemistry Group AGM, held January 6 2009 at UCL during the Annual Meeting.

### Agenda

1. Chairman's Report: Ian Sims
2. Treasurer's Report: June McCombie
3. AOB

### 1. Chairman's Report: Ian Sims

A summary of past and future meetings was given (see Tables below).

#### Past meetings:

Date	Activity	Attendance Numbers	Comments
Sept 20 2007	Young Astrochemists' Meeting, Cardiff University	25	Local organiser Dr Dave Nutter
Jan 3– 4 2008	Annual Meeting, High Temperature Astrochemistry, National University of Ireland, Galway	52	Local organiser Dr Matt Redman, AGM held, no new elections
1 April 2008	NAM 2008 Astrochemistry session, 'Chemistry as a Probe of Physics in Space', Queens University Belfast	?	Local organiser, Prof. Tom Millar, + Dr Dave Nutter, Dr Jeremy Yates,

#### Present and future meetings:

Date	Activity	Comments
<b>6-7 Jan 2009</b>	Annual Meeting, Computational Astrochemistry – a New Era? UCL	SOC/LOC: Jeremy Yates, Serena Viti, Wendy Brown, Estelle Bayet, Magda Vasta, Zainab Awab, Helen Christie, AGM scheduled
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009</b>	<b>IUPAC Conference Astrochemistry Session</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2009)	Convener Helen Fraser + SOC Ian Sims, Martin McCoustra, Tom Millar, Mike Pilling, Ruth Lynden-Bell

The IUPAC meeting was discussed and those present were encouraged to submit abstracts.

In the absence of the Group Secretary Helen Fraser, Committee matters were also dealt with in this part of the AGM. The composition of the Committee was given in the following table along with dates of office:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Name, Location</b>	<b>Date started</b>	<b>Date to retire</b>
Chair	Ian Sims, Rennes	01/05/2006 (4 yr)	<b>01/05/2010</b>
Secretary	Helen Fraser, Strathclyde	01/05/2006 (5 yr)	<b>01/05/2011</b>
Treasurer	June McCombie, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (5 yr)	<b>01/05/2011</b>
Member	Jeremy Yates, UCL	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>
Member	Martin McCoustra, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>
Member	Tom Millar, QUB	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>
Member	Serena Viti, UCL	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>
Member	David Nutter, Cardiff (web)	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>
Member	Anita Richards, Manchester	01/05/2006 (3 yr)	<b>01/05/2009</b>

The following motions were then proposed and passed by the AGM with a view to

a) renewing the Committee

b) permitting and orderly changeover, as most of the Committee was due to leave in the middle of the year.

Motions passed:

1) The current ordinary Committee membership was extended for those that wished until the next AGM. Anita and Jeremy wished to step down immediately.

2) The position of Committee Member with responsibility for the website (Webmaster) was extended from 3 to 5 years, and David Nutter agreed to stay on for this period.

3) The following people were elected to the Committee:

**Jane Buckle**, University of Cambridge, nominated by June McCombie and seconded by Serena Viti

**Nigel Mason**, Open University, nominated by Jeremy Yates and seconded by Ian Sims

**Malcolm Gray**, University of Manchester proposed by Anita Richards and seconded by June McCombie

The new composition of the Committee at 06/01/2009 is therefore:

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Chair	Ian Sims, Rennes	01/05/2006 (4 yr)	<b>01/05/2010</b>
Secretary	Helen Fraser, Strathclyde	01/05/2006 (5 yr)	<b>01/05/2011</b>
Treasurer	June McCombie, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (5 yr)	<b>01/05/2011</b>
Member	Martin McCoustra, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (3 yr extended)	<b>06/01/2010</b>
Member	Tom Millar, QUB	01/05/2006 (3 yr extended)	<b>06/01/2010</b>
Member	Serena Viti, UCL	01/05/2006 (3 yr extended)	<b>06/01/2010</b>
Member	David Nutter, Cardiff (web)	01/05/2006 (5 yr extended)	<b>06/01/2012</b>
Member	Jane Buckle, Cambridge	06/01/2009 (3 yr)	<b>06/01/2012</b>
Member	Nigel Mason, Open University	06/01/2009 (3 yr)	<b>06/01/2012</b>
Member	Malcolm Gray, Manchester	06/01/2009 (3 yr)	<b>06/01/2012</b>

## **2. Treasurer's Report (June McCombie)**

- 1) We have a total of 118 reported members as of October 2008
- 2) We have 35 reported members from 2008 who are neither RAS or RSC members.
- 3) Income from the RSC membership in 2008 was £365
- 4) Income from RAS membership in 2008 was £80.00
- 5) Independent members have yet to be invoiced for 2009
- 6) There is to be a change in the financing of interest groups by the RSC. This will affect us in 2010. In summary
  - There will be an inclusive (group membership) annual RSC membership fee
  - This will be recommended to council for March meeting. Will go forward for the 2010 fee.
  - This will result in a block grant plus amount per capita over 2008 membership numbers.
  - Transition grants can be applied for.

Bank Total end of Dec 2008 **£1783.53** (this includes monies for January 2009 meeting).

J.McCombie

## **3. AOB**

The matter of the next January meeting was raised by Anita Richards and Malcolm Gray. A rapid decision from the Committee was promised.