

## Minutes AGM Astrochemistry Group RSC

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| <b>Date</b>      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2016   |
| <b>Present</b>   | 10 members  |
| <b>Chair</b>     | Prof. T. Millar (TM)  |
| <b>Apologies</b> | Prof. W. Brown, Prof. G. Fuller, Dr. T. Field, Prof. P. Sarre, Dr. H. Fraser, Prof. N. Mason, Prof. J. Rawlings |
| <b>Minutes</b>   | Dr. A. Meijer (AJHMM)   |

### 1. Apologies and Members present

Apologies were recorded.

### 2. Chair's report

A Chair's report was received from TM. He noted, in particular, the fact, that a new webmaster for the website [www.astrochemistry.org.uk](http://www.astrochemistry.org.uk) needs to be found, since Paul Woods has decided to leave academia. Other matters are dealt with elsewhere.

### 3. Secretary's report

#### *Membership*

AJHMM reported on current membership. As of April 2016, we have 212 members via the RSC. This number has been fairly constant for a number of years. In addition, we have 23 members, who are members via the RAS only.

It was noted that we strongly encourage group leaders to make sure that their PhD students and postdocs are members of the group, and ensure that group members continue to benefit from reduced conference fees at group meetings, student bursaries for student members, and RSC / RAS members reduced fees at major RSC / RAS meetings, for those group members also in these professional bodies. A significant number of PhD students benefited from reduced fees for this meeting.

#### *Previous meetings (since Jan 2015)*

- **AGM 2015:** This was held at the Open University 15-16 January 2016. Attendance was approximately 30. A range of topics was covered in the talks.
- **STFC Database Grant:** A number of meetings were held to discuss the database needs of the astrochemistry community in its entirety. No report on this was received yet.
- **IAU Commission for Astrochemistry:** a new commission for Astrochemistry within the IAU was formed. A symposium on astrochemistry will be held by this commission in 2017.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

A report from Prof. Mason was received and discussed *in absentia*.

2014-15 Changed to new bank account after changes in RSC Accounting procedures.

**Balance 1 January 2015 £1434.58**

##### **Expenditure**

£1293.95 (Open University RSc/RAS meeting January 2015)

*Total Expenditure: £1293.95*

##### **Income**

£231 from RAS members

£1000 from RSC for 2016

£25 in cash/cheques at meeting (RAS members/A. Meijer)

*Total Income £1256*

**Balance expected 23 May 2016 £1,396.63**

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

#### 5. Elections

Tom Millar is due to step down as Chair.

Nigel Mason is due to step down as Treasurer.

Paul Woods has stepped down as ordinary member.

Tom Field is due to step down as ordinary member.

Gary Fuller is due to step down as ordinary member.

No nominations were received for Treasurer, so Nigel Mason agreed to stay in post for another year.

Prof. Martin McCoustra was nominated to be the new Chair (proposer: TM, seconder: AJHMM). He was elected unanimously.

The following members were elected:

- Sergio Ioppolo was elected to be an ordinary member of the committee. Proposer: Wendy Brown, Secunder: Nigel Mason
- Tom Field was elected to be an ordinary member of the committee for another year. Proposer: Mr. Guy Grantham. Secunder: AJHMM
- Gary Fuller was elected to a new term as an ordinary member of the committee. Proposer: Mr. Guy Grantham. Secunder: TM
- Tom Millar was elected as an ordinary member of the committee. Proposer: Malcom Gray. Secunder: June McCombie.

June McCombie raised the issue of male/female balance on the committee. This was accepted as a valid point by the committee and it was decided that a female candidate would be co-opted for the final position on the committee.

(Post-meeting note: Dr. Izaskun Jimenez-Serra of Queen Mary University London graciously accepted the invitation to join the committee).

## **6. Upcoming meetings**

- The National Astrochemistry Meeting (NAM) will be held at Nottingham in 2016 with a session on astrochemistry on 1 July 2016.
- There will be a Schools@NAM event on 30 June 2016.
- IAU symposium VII will be held in Puerto Varas, Chile, 20-24 March 2017.
- RSC is organizing the Faraday Conference in 2017, which will be a joint annual meeting for a number of interest groups of the Faraday Division. This conference will be held 11-13 April 2017.