

Astrophysical Chemistry Group of the RSC/RAS

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: 10 members.

2. Chair's report

- The chair reported on an ongoing discussion with the RSC regarding our governance. In particular, our constitution will need to be brought into line with existing constitutions of other RSC interest groups. Unfortunately, because we are an interest group shared with the RAS, this is complicated. Therefore, no final decision can be taken. However, the proposal was made to change our name to the 'Astrochemistry Group' to better reflect the interests of our members. This proposal was passed unanimously.

3. Secretary's report

- The membership of the astrochemistry group is currently at 203 with 14 RAS members. This makes us a medium-sized RSC Faraday interest group. RAS numbers are low. Perhaps, we should make more work of our connection with them (subject to the RSC review above).
- The secretary updated the meeting about the RSC Faraday Interest Group meeting to be held in Sheffield in 2020.
- From the last AGM, emails have been distributed to the membership also *via* the APCHEM mailing list on Jiscmail (apchem@jiscmail.ac.uk).

4. Treasurer's report

- Balance at the end of 2018 was £629.85.

5. Elections

- Chair: No election needed, Prof. McCoustra's term expires 2020.
- Secretary: No election needed, Prof. Meijer's term expires 2020.
- Treasurer: Prof. Mason was thanked for his service as treasurer. Prof. Brown was nominated by Prof. McCoustra and seconded by dr. Walsh. She was duly elected to be treasurer until 2023.
- Regular members of the committee
 - Dr. Ioppolo's term was extended until 2020 by popular acclamation.
 - Prof. Millar's term was extended until 2020 by popular acclamation.

- Dr. Walker (Newcastle) was elected to be a member of the committee until 2022 (Proposer: Prof. Brown, seconder: Prof. McCoustra)
- Dr. Dawes (OU) was elected to be a member of the committee until 2022. (Proposer: Prof. Mason. Seconder: dr. Candian)
- Dr. Walsh (Leeds) was elected to be a member of the committee until 2022. (Proposer: Prof. McCoustra. Seconder: Prof. Brown).
- Prof. Mason was elected to be a member of the committee until 2022. (Proposer: Prof. McCoustra. Seconder: Prof. Brown).
- Prof. Sarre, Prof. Fuller, and dr. Jimenez-Serra were thanked for their service to the committee.

6. Past and Upcoming Meetings

Past Meetings

Support (either in kind or monetary) has been given in the past year to:

- There was a lab astrochemistry session at ECOSS in September 2018.
- There was an IAU B5 Lab astrochemistry meeting at Jesus College, Oxford from 15-20 April 2019.

Future Meetings

- There is a session on astrochemistry at the ACS meeting in San Diego (Aug. 2019).
- RSC Faraday Interest Group meeting to be held in Sheffield 6-8 April 2020. Notable invited speakers from the astrochemistry field: Ewine van Dishoeck, Serena Viti, Paola Caselli, and Dwayne Heard.
- ECLA will be held at Capri (IT) between 19-24 April 2020.
- A Faraday Discussion proposal around astrochemistry was accepted last year. The meeting will be held in Baltimore either in March 2020, August 2020, or March 2021. The precise date is dependent on the exact launch of the James Webb Space Telescope.

7. Any other business

- Prof. Meijer proposed that the next AGM will be held at Sheffield during the Faraday Interest Group Meeting This proposal was accepted.
- Dr. Walsh was invited to organize the AGM after that for Jan 2021 in Leeds. She accepted this invitation.