

**THE GENETICS SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

The Annual General Meeting of the Genetics Society was held at 12:20pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at The Royal Society, London

70 members of the Society, including 13 members of the Committee, were in attendance and the meeting was therefore declared to be quorate. Present for the purposes of the minutes: Linda Allardyce (PCS).

**1. Minutes of the previous General Meeting (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011).**

The minutes of the previous AGM had been available to view and/or download from the Genetic Society's website. There being no objections, it was agreed that these minutes provided a true reflection of the proceedings at that meeting and were accordingly signed as an accurate record.

**2. President's Report**

The President, Veronica van Heyningen, noted that this was the last AGM over which she would preside. The Presidency of the Society would pass to Enrico Coen who had been elected the previous year.

The President noted that it was vital to the Society that they continued to hold high quality meetings that were well attended and welcomed any suggestions from the membership regarding how to share and disseminate information in this regard. Equally key to the success of the Society was people continuing to join and supervisors were asked to encourage their students to do so, not least to allow them to access the grants and awards that the Society provides.

The President reported that the finances of the Society were in good health with income being generated by the journals *Heredity* and *Genes & Development*, which are respectively wholly and partly owned by the Genetics Society. The Society has also developed an ethical investment portfolio, which has performed well in a difficult economic climate.

The President went on to highlight that the Society had closed its own office and instead had outsourced various of the Society's administrative functions to Portland Customer Services, a subsidiary of the Biochemical Society.

**3. Honorary Treasurer's Report.**

The Honorary Treasurer, Hiro Ohkura, referred to the Society's 2011 statement noting that these were headline figures pending production of the audited accounts.

	<b>yr 2011</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Subscriptions	24k
Investment	3k
Journals	386k
<b>Total income</b>	<b>413k</b>
<b>Expenditure</b> inc support costs	
Grants*	151k

GS Meetings	91k
Journals	60k
Communications	73k
Governance	8k
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>384k</b>

**Balance** plus 29k  
**Total fund** £1,186k

<b>*Grants</b>		number
Meeting sponsoring	20k	14
GS Medals	2k	2
Travel grants	18k	30
Summer studentship	78k	30
Fieldwork	5k	4
	<b>124k</b>	(151k incl support costs)

All figures are provisional.

Full details of the Society's financial affairs would be publicised in the next edition of the newsletter.

#### 4. Honorary Secretary's Report

Patty Kuwabara, the outgoing Hon Sec, noted that her role would be taken up by Tanya Whitfield and she encouraged the membership to apply for roles on the committee next time they were advertised.

PK referred to the following awards which had been made by the Genetics Society during the past year:

2013 Balfour Lecturer – Simon Myers, University of Oxford  
 2013 Genetics Society Medal – Robin Allshire, University of Edinburgh  
 2012 Mather Prize – Gibran Hemani (Roslin Institute) and Ben Longdon (University of Edinburgh)  
 2013 JBS Haldane Lecturer – Mark Henderson (The Wellcome Trust)

The Honorary Secretary then asked whether there were any objections to any of the new members who had applied to join the society. None were raised and PK accordingly asked for a show of hands from those willing to have these members elected. 57 members cast their vote, including 13 votes from the Committee. This was carried.

The Hon Sec then asked if there were any objections to the changes in Executive Committee and Committee membership, as follows:

1. **Rebecca Oakey:** Vice-President, External Relations (to replace John Brookfield)
2. **Lizzie Fisher:** Vice-President, Corporate Affairs (to replace Ian Jackson)
3. **Tanya Whitfield:** Honorary Secretary (to replace Patricia Kuwabara)
4. **Colum Walsh:** Committee member Area "A" (Gene structure, function and regulation, to complete the term of Rebecca Oakey until April 2015)
5. **Judith Mank:** Committee member Area "E" (Evolutionary, ecological and population genetics, to replace Adam Eyre-Walker)
6. **Dominique Kleyn:** Committee member Area "F" (Corporate genetics and biotechnology, to replace Tom Weaver)
7. **Adam Hargreaves** (until 2014): Postgraduate representative, to replace Lynne Harris.

There were no objections and a show of hands revealed 57 members, including 13 votes from the Committee willing to support their election en bloc. This motion was carried.

The incoming President, Enrico Coen, took the opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the Committee and specifically the outgoing President, Veronica van Heyningen, for her dedication to the Society over the years.

There being no further business, the 2012 AGM was formally closed by the incoming President, Enrico Coen.

Minuted on behalf of the Genetics Society by Linda Allardyce (PCS).

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President

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