

# Minutes of the Genetics Society Annual General Meeting 2008

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held at the John Innes Centre, Norwich, on Saturday 10th May 2008

Sixteen members of the Society, including the President and ten other members of the Committee, attended the meeting. In addition, 55 members had registered email votes in advance, including three attending the meeting in person, who were not allowed to vote again. Because members voting in advance by email are deemed to contribute to the quorum, there were therefore email votes or attendance at the meeting by a total of 68 members, and the meeting was declared to be quorate.

## Agenda items

1. The minutes of the previous year's AGM, held on Friday 30th March 2007, had been available on the Society's web site and were agreed by those present to be an accurate record of proceedings. They were duly signed by the President. 1. The minutes of the previous year's AGM, held on Friday 30 March 2007, had been available on the Society's web site and were agreed by those present to be an accurate record of proceedings. They were duly signed by the President.

2. President Brian Charlesworth described the generally healthy state of the Society, particularly drawing members' attention to the very welcome appointment of Christine Fender as the Society's new Executive Officer.

3. In the absence of Honorary Treasurer Josephine Pemberton, the President summarised the finances of the Society. Despite an operating loss during 2007, the Society still had a strong financial position and was able to expend substantially on supporting genetics in the UK. The fieldwork, travel and other grants were now attracting large numbers of applications, and there was increasing expenditure on these items.

4. Honorary Secretary John Armour announced that (a) Matt Hurles (Sanger Centre) had been elected as the 2009 Balfour lecturer, and that (b) Steve Brown (Harwell) would receive the 2009 Genetics Society Medal. He then outlined the rationale for voting on the admission of new members to the Society and of new members to the Committee.

4(c) A list of 218 people proposed for membership to the Society had been posted on the web, circulated by email to members and distributed in hard copy at the AGM. No objections were raised to any of these individuals; on a show of hands there were eleven votes in favour to add to the 53 cast by email, with no votes against. These 218 were therefore elected to membership of the Society.

4(d) The new Committee members proposed by the current Committee were supported by eleven votes cast at the AGM, and by 54 votes (Veronica van Heyningen, John Brookfield, Ian Jackson and Adam Eyre-Walker) or 53 votes (all other nominees) cast by email, with no votes against. These new Committee members were therefore duly elected to join the Society's Committee.

5. Under Any Other Business, the President thanked the outgoing Committee members on the Society's behalf for their contribution to the Society's work, especially Vice President (Corporate Affairs) Helen Sang and Honorary Secretary John Armour.