

Genetics Society  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 10 November 2016  
The Royal Society, London

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Friday 17 April 2015  
The minutes of the AGM held on Friday 17 April 2015 had been circulated to members electronically on 26 October 2016. No objections were raised and the minutes were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

3. President's Report  
*This item was taken out of the order on the agenda and followed Item 4.*

The President, Professor Wendy Bickmore, echoed the Honorary Secretary's delight at the increase in membership over the last 12 months. She encouraged members in attendance at the AGM to promote the Society to colleagues, with a view to attaining 2019 members by 2019, the Society's centenary year.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report  
*This item was taken out of the order on the agenda and followed Item 3.*

Professor Anne Donaldson presented the Society's financial statements for 2012-15.

It was noted that the Society's income in 2015 had been £500,000. For the first time expenditure had exceeded income, but the Treasurer reassured members that this was viewed positively by the auditors, and that the charity's finances were in good health. The accounts for 2015 had been submitted to the Office of Scottish Charities Regulator and the Charity Commission.

Grant expenditure was high, with £85k spent on the Summer Studentships in 2015, however this was in line with the Society's objective to support and promote genetics through funding opportunities.

Professor Donaldson highlighted a recent change to the application criteria for the Junior Scientist Travel Grants, which required PIs contributing supporting statements to be full members of the Society. It was hoped that this would lead to a growth in membership.

The Society had been saving for its centenary celebrations and had seen a £22k increase in the value of its investments in 2015 as a result.

Both the President and the Honorary Secretary then thanked Professor Donaldson for her hard work as Treasurer since she would be stepping down from the role in April 2017.

5. Honorary Secretary's Report and Business for Transaction  
*This item was taken out of the order on the agenda and followed Item 2.*

- (a) The Honorary Secretary, Jonathan Pettitt, began by reporting a membership increase from 1685 members in July 2016 to 1751 in October.

A list of new members who had joined the Society since April 2015 had been circulated to the membership for approval by electronic ballot on 26 October 2016. The results of this ballot are provided in Appendix A.

- (b) Dr Pettitt then presented a list of medals and prizes to be awarded in 2017:

- Balfour Lecture: Dr Andrew Wood (IGMM, Edinburgh)
- Genetics Society Medal: Dr Marisa Bartolomei (University of Pennsylvania)
- JBS Haldane Lecture: Professor Enrico Coen (John Innes Institution, Norwich)
- Mary Lyon Medal: Dr Petra Hajkova (Imperial College London)
- Mendel Medal: Professor David Baulcombe (University of Cambridge)
- Sir Kenneth Mather Prize: Nominations to close on 27 November 2016

It was noted that the nomination deadline for 2018 lectures would be extended until 28 April 2017, and Dr Pettitt asked members to submit their nominations to him directly at [j.pettitt@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:j.pettitt@abdn.ac.uk).

- (c) The following new committee members had been appointed to the committee and this had been ratified by an electronic ballot in April 2016:

- Vice President for Corporate Affairs – Malcolm Logan (King's College London)
- Vice President for External Relations – Colum Walsh (Ulster)
- Honorary Secretary – Jonathan Pettitt (Aberdeen)
- Ordinary Committee Member, Area 'A' (Gene structure, function and regulation) – Aziz Aboobaker (Oxford)
- Ordinary Committee Member, Area 'E' (Evolutionary, ecological and population genetics) – Frank Hailer (Cardiff)
- Honorary Treasurer (shadowing Anne Donaldson 2016-17) – Martin Taylor (Edinburgh)

- (d) Dr Pettitt reported that the following changes to the committee would take effect as of 1 May 2017:

- Newsletter editor – Ms Lynsey Hall, current Postgraduate Representative
- Postgraduate representative – vacant
- Website editor – Dr Kay Boulton, current Ordinary Committee Member, Area 'D' (Applied and quantitative genetics)
  
- Area 'B' (Genomics) - vacant
- Area 'C' (Cell and developmental genetics) – to be undertaken by Dr Stefan Hoppler, University of Aberdeen
- Area 'D' (Applied and quantitative genetics) – to be undertaken by Dr Alistair Wilson, University of Exeter

- Area 'D' (Applied and quantitative genetics) – vacant

It was noted that the nomination deadline for these posts was 25 November 2016, and that an electronic ballot would be circulated to members to ratify the appointments in due course.

#### Appendix A

Results of an electronic ballot circulated to members of the Genetics Society on 26 October 2016, regarding the approval of new members joining the Society since 1 April 2015.

Q. If you are unable to attend the Genetics Society's AGM on Thursday 10 November, please could you confirm that you wish to admit the new members listed here to the Society.

Yes: 93.10% (27)

No: 3.45% (1)

Abstain: 3.45% (1)



Signed .....

Honorary Secretary

Date .....16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.....