

Informal Minutes of the Astrophysical Chemistry Group AGM, January 6, 2006

Agenda

1. Chairman's Report
2. Future meetings
3. Elections
4. AOB

Present: 20 members of the Astrophysical Chemistry Group, including the three officers

Chairman: David A Williams, UCL

Secretary: Ian R Sims, Université de Rennes 1

Treasurer : Anita MS Richards,

1. Chairman's Report

David Williams, current Chairman of the Astrophysical Chemistry Group, gave a brief report on the past year's activities, commencing with the previous Annual Meeting at Cardiff organized by Derek Ward-Thompson and colleagues in January 2005. The meeting was entitled 'Astrochemistry from laboratory to telescope', and there were a total of 59 registered participants. Following on from this, Jeremy Yates organized a one-day meeting entitled 'Frontiers in Circumstellar Chemistry: Examining The Vital Role of nLTE Chemistry' at UCL on Tuesday 14 June 2005. This meeting was also well attended. Again at UCL, Serena Viti arranged a 'Young Astrochemists' Meeting' on September 19, 2005. This provide an excellent opportunity for PhD students and recent postdocs to present their work to a friendly audience, and to start to build up a network of contacts for future collaborations.

2. Secretary's Report

Ian Sims thanked David Williams for all his hard work as Chairman, and added that the current number of members of the group (before the current meeting in Glasgow) stands at 103, comprising 73 members of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 11 members of the Royal Astronomical Society, and 19 who pay their subscription directly to the group.

3. Treasurer's Report

2. Future meetings

Ian Sims reminded those present that the group is organising a major international meeting this year, the Faraday Discussion 133 'Chemical Evolution of the Universe' at St Jacut in Brittany, France, 24-26 April 2006. The possibility that the group may also organise a session in the area of star formation at NAM 2006 was also discussed.

3. Elections

Ian Sims introduced this part of the meeting with a reminder that essentially all on the committee has served their full term (and in some cases a little more!), and so what was being proposed was that the current committee would step down on May 1 2006, after Faraday Discussion 133, and so the AGM would now elect a new Committee to take effect from that date. Nominations had been called for from among the membership by email/letter before Christmas, and along with those nominated during the AGM the list was as follows:

Function	Name	Proposer	Second
Chair	Ian Sims, Rennes	David Williams	June McC
Secretary	Helen Fraser, Strathclyde	Ian Sims	Monica G
Treasurer	June McCombie, Nottingham	Ian Sims	David Williams
C'tee member	Jeremy Yates, UCL	Anita Richards	Janet Bowey
C'tee member	Martin McCoustra, Nottingham	Ian Sims	Helen Fraser
C'tee member	Tom Millar, QUB	David Williams	Jonathan Rawlings
C'tee member	Serena Viti, UCL	David Williams	Anita R
C'tee member	David Nutter, Cardiff	Derek Ward-Thompson	Martin McC
C'tee member	Anita Richards, Manchester	Ian Sims	Monica G

The AGM approved the above list of names and functions by a show of hands. It was noted that the new Committee may choose to co-opt other people as it sees fit to cover areas of the subject which are not currently well-represented.