**KING’S COLLEGE LONDON ENGINEERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the KCLEA Committee Meeting held on**

**20th January 2022**

Because of the current restrictions the meeting was again held “on line”

**Those participating**

Liz Beckmann President

Chris Bowden Secretary

Keith Newton

Graham Raven Membership Secretary

John Thomson Treasurer and Webmaster

Jonny Dixon

David Blacoe Immediate Past President

Lai Cheung

Bobby Dixit Events’ Secretary

**1)** **Apologies**

Received from Mike Clode, Barbara Shollock

**2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (4th. November 2021)**

These were approved.

**3) Developments within the Department of Engineering**

Liz informed the meeting that she had established contact with Barbara who will provide us with an update in the next week or so.

Liz will also establish contact, at senior level, with all branches of Engineering at King’s in order to consolidate and develop our association with them, including the appropriate point of contact.

A key objective is to ensure awareness of the KCLEA and what we do, including the award of bursaries, medals and our mentoring initiative.

**Action L.Beckmann**

**4) Quad development and “Shape the Quad Appeal”**

It is anticipated that the input from Barbara (reference previous item) will provide us with some information.

It was confirmed that our donation of £2000 had been transferred.

The opportunity for a visit by Engineering alumni, perhaps in June or July, to view the development would be much appreciated.

Items recorded in the minutes of our last meeting to be followed with Malcolm Gill.

**Action C.Bowden**

Following the meeting contact was established with Malcolm who promptly responded as follows:-

Hello Chris,

I hope you are well and I'd also like to offer my congratulations to the KCLEA for electing Liz Beckmann as president.

The Quad and vaults are progressing well, with some delays to the steps due to COVID during the Christmas spike. The Quad Steps are now open to the King's public and the helix lightwell is looking good. Still some work left to go before the surface is fully complete in late Feb / early March.

It has been a few months since I last visited the vaults, so I can report back in a couple of weeks where we might be placing the specific KCLEA recognition and the print.

Regarding the history, as we discussed with Barbara during your visit in 2021, there will be monitors in the main hallway as you enter the Engineering Building from the King's Building. It will be on those monitors during specific times of the year where we can include a digital history and information about the KCLEA - this will allow for students to see the history easily and dynamically as they wait for and move between their workshops and classes.

More photos to follow after Agnes and I visit the site next week. I would also like to invite Liz to visit the site, and will reach out to her directly with a formal invitation.

Do let me know if you have any other questions. Agnes will be in touch with more photos in the coming weeks.

With kind regards,

Malcolm

**5) KCLEA Events**

Contact to be established with Agnes Kwong once she has returned from Hong Kong in order to progress things.

**Action B.Dixit**

We were reminded of King’s Civic Challenge (support for local charities) and the Global Day of service on 25th March 2022.

1. **Mentoring**

Ongoing

1. **Annual Lecture**

Liaise with Agnes over possible dates for a live lecture.

**Action B.Dixit**

If necessary Graham offered to contact Megan Bruns.

**Action G.Raven**

It was considered that the key factors in selecting a suitable speaker are that they studied at King’s, have experience of delivering a lecture, and a topic with broad appeal and not just to engineering alumni.

A shortlist of three potential speakers has been selected on forwarded by David to Bobby.

David has drafted on invitation which he will forward to Bobby so that it can be sent out. David kindly offered to take the lead in supporting Bobby.

**Action D.Blacoe, B.Dixit.**

1. **Annual Lunch**

The suggested date is the 11th. June 2022, which is the Queen’s official birthday. Hopefully this type of gathering will be allowed by then. To be followed up.

**Action B.Dixit**

**6) KCLES**

Unfortunately Adriana was not able to join us and has not responded to emails. Current situation as regards the KCLES to be checked. Liz understands that Tiarna is still active and would be a good contact point. Bobby to try to make contact with follow up if necessary by Liz.

**Action B.Dixit, L.Beckmann**

**7) Bursaries and Medals**

Prior to the meeting Mike had submitted the following input:-

Dr Sam Gibbs (the Faculty Business manager) has drafted a proposal for the Bursary Payment mechanism. To be fair this is a very good attempt and a great starting point. After circulating the draft proposal there was quite a bit of reaction, most noticeably from the ubiquitous Keith Newton. His comments were also send to Trustees and ‘Ministers’ of the KCLEA.

The key item at the moment is to get the money to the Bursary winners. It was suggested that Mike could liaise with Sam Gibbs.

**Action M.Clode**

Engraved medals to be sent to Arianne who will forward them to the winners.

**Action D.Blacoe**

It was noted that we need to buy a new stock of blank medals in the next year or so.

**8) Finances and Investment Fund.**

Nothing major to report. John has written to HMRC regarding our tax liability and is awaiting a response.

**Action J.Thomson.**

**9) Website, Membership Communication and King’s Engineer Bulletin**

It is planned to put out the next Bulletin in the Spring. Some content is coming in and more is invited.

**Action All**

Some input from the Bursary awardees would be welcome.

**Action D.Blacoe**

**10) AOB**

Graham brought to our attention Jonathan Wong who is Secretary of the KCL Construction Lawyers Association. It was suggested that we could engage in joint activities, such as future Annual lectures.

Keith informed us that Aktar Hussain had been awarded the BEM in the New Years honours. Details sent to Mike for inclusion in the Bulletin.

**Action M.Clode**

**11) Date of next meeting.**

31st. March 2022. Possibility of meeting in the College to be followed with Clare

**Action C.Bowden**