



King's College London Engineers' Association (KCLEA)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2021

Due to current restrictions the meeting was a virtual one via “zoom”

Those participating

John Thomson, Mike Clode, Bill Shepherd, David Blacoe, Keith Newton, John Kennedy, Liz Beckmann, Barry Michael, Ken Hubble, Francis de Gaulle, Chris Bowden, Jonathan White, Jonny Dixon, Guilio Mosca Toba, Stephan Jefferis, James Aston, Agnes Kwong, John Burton, Bobby Dixit, Graham Raven, Mike Jeffries, Jonny Dixon, Kwadwo Addae, Huda Hashmi.

1.0 Apologies for absence

Received from and David Lloyd

2.0 Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Under item 13.0 (AOB) of the minutes of the 2020 AGM the query on the prize money was raised by Stephan Jefferis and not Stephen Oates. It was requested that this be left as an item. Otherwise, they were approved.

3.0 Matters arising

None.

4.0 President's Report

Our President, David Blacoe, presented his report which was as follows:

We commenced the past academic year with the award of two undergraduate bursaries of £1000. Unfortunately there was no NMS Prize Giving Ceremony as a result of the lockdown restrictions, so we were unable to present our traditional two academic achievement medals.

Our Annual Lecture was held in the format of a webinar on 24th March 2021. The topic was the "Discovery and scale-up of vaccines and novel therapeutics in the age of AI and robotic automation." The global pandemic has shaken the western world to its core. It has become clear that the recovery strategy depends totally on rapid deployment of novel anti-viral vaccination campaigns to permit living with on-going mutant virus strains.

Technology promises a new era for the rapid response against new and emerging threats and diseases. In this lecture, King's Professor of Sustainable Manufacturing Systems, Harris Makatsoris, explored a cross section of research with examples ranging from small organic molecule discovery through to the rapid development and scale-up for the manufacture of vaccines.

Our Annual Engineers' Lunch was again cancelled, with all future 'in person' events still on indefinite hold. However, on 10th June we were able to support the first rollout of Engineering Virtual Mentoring using the King's Connect website. This has resulted in a number of our members being enrolled as mentors on the database and further discussion is on-going to see how to deepen this connection between student and alumni.

More details of KCLEA activities are available in the "King's Engineer Bulletin – Autumn 2021", which can be downloaded from our website www.kclea.org.uk.

I would like to close by expressing my sincere thanks for the support and hard work by the Officers and Committee members on your behalf throughout this past year.

David Blacoe

President KCLEA

There then followed some feedback and discussion on the items mentioned in the report.

Bobby and Agnes updated us on our online student mentoring sessions, and put forward some new ideas and thoughts on new ways of communicating. These proposals were well received at this meeting and will form the basis for detailed development in the next Committee meetings.

Agnes then spoke about student and alumni engagement, outlined alumni office events including supporting students and recent graduates. It was reported that there had been 18,000 registrations for King's Connect, with about 300 for Engineering.

There will be a global day of service on the 25th. March 2022.

David invited feedback.

5.0 Accounts including the Trustees' Report

Mike Clode presented the following summary of accounts held by the KCLEA and the college held Bursary Fund. John Thomson also showed the accounts signed off by our independent examiner, David Sheridan.

Investment Fund (formerly known as the Life Fund)

Unit Trust Investment with M&G

Dividends paid into the Nationwide Building Society account

Nationwide Building Society account (also part of the former Life Fund)

Low interest account. Income from M&G dividends

General Fund

Comprises of two components – Current and Business

Income from Donations & Investment Fund as needed.

Used for day to day running expenses, events and prizes.

KCLEA Bursary Fund (held and managed by the College)

Comprises of two components – Capital and Income

Used solely for the award of the KCLEA Bursaries

A summary of the annual income and capital, as at the end of June 2021, relating to our accounts is as follows:-

	2020/21		2019/20	
	Value	Income	Value	Income
Investment Fund (M&G)	£49,020	£1,948	£40,980	£3,308
Nationwide building society	£11,814	£11	£9,855	£10
General fund current	£50		£50	
General fund business (Deposit account)	£3,539		£4,930	
Bursary fund (capital)	£63,168	£1,830	£54,335	£1,749
Bursary fund (income)	£6,512		£4,682	

Thanks were expressed to Mike, John and David.

HMRC to be followed with respect to our tax liability.

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6.0 Nomination of Officers and Committee Members

In accordance with our Constitution David Blacoe is standing down as our President and Liz Beckmann kindly agreed to be nominated as our new President. David agreed to work closely with Liz as we move forward.

All other officers indicated their willingness to be re-elected.

Mike Clode extended an invitation for sub editors to help him with the continued publication of the KCLEA Bulletin.

7.0 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The nomination of our new President and willingness of other officers to re-stand were endorsed by on line polling.

8.0 Update on Engineering at King's

Unfortunately, Professor Shollock was unable to join the meeting.

Agnes updated us on the physical re-development of the Quad. More details can be found on this webpage: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/engineering-under-the-quad>

Also Agnes brought our attention to the research initiative in the Engineering Department on climate change. More details can be found on this webpage: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/kings-engineering-and-climate-change>

9.0 KCLEA Events

a) The Annual Lecture

Details of this year's lecture were outlined in the President's report.

The arrangements and speaker for next year's lecture are being finalised by the committee.

b) The Annual Lunch

As mentioned in the President's report there was no lunch this year. Initial planning for the 2022 lunch is in progress.

c) Communication with Members

Being followed by the committee, as outlined in item 4 above.

10.0 KCLES

Unfortunately Adriana Namour was unable to join the meeting.

11.0 Bursaries

The bursaries have been awarded to Giulio Mosca Toba and Noor Hashmi

Liz suggested that we invite the recipients to provide some input (e.g. what they used the money for) so that we can mention this in our Bulletin

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12.0 Medals

The winners were James Kenyon for General Engineering and Riine Heinsalu for Biomedical Engineering.

13.0 The 13 Club Trophy

David showed the 13 Club Trophy, Reggie, which was then awarded (virtually) to Chris Bowden in recognition for his dedicated work, over the years, as our Hon. Secretary.

14.0 AOB

Ken Hubble expressed his appreciation of our activities and initiatives.

Liz Beckmann thanked David Blacoe for chairing the meeting.