

## KING'S COLLEGE LONDON ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the KCLEA Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The meeting was held online

#### Those participating :-

Peter Weitzel	President
Liz Beckmann	Immediate Past President
Chris Bowden	Secretary
Bobby Dixit	Events' Secretary
Graham Raven	Membership Secretary
John Thomson	Treasurer and Webmaster
Lai Cheung	
David Blacoe	
Mike Clode ?	

The meeting started by marking the death of Stanley Earles. Thanks were given to Mike Clode, Keith Newton, and John Thomson for arranging the obituary on our website.

#### 1) Apologies

Mike Clode?

#### 2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (18<sup>th</sup>. April 2024)

These were approved.

#### 3) Past and current business

##### KCLEA Lunch 8th June

We welcomed Prof Chris Lorenz, the new Head of the Department of Engineering, who spoke briefly. Despite lower numbers (48) it went well in all respects on the day, including a good "mix" of people on each table. (Peter had taken some time in determining the table plan)

All Student were KCLES members, and none were from the Department of Engineering

It was considered that we needed to enhance the “marketing” of next year’s lunch so that there are more known numbers in good time so fewer last-minute bookings. The expenditure was £1,860.15 and income was £1,072.64 with a subsidy required of £787.51.

Next year’s lunch booked for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. June 2025.in the 8th Floor Bush House

### **Compliance of the War Cry**

There had been much discussion by email and a document had been created summarizing the reasoning behind the words of the War Cry line by line considering their historic and current significance & context and current KCL policies. Following discussion, it was decided that the actions outlined in that paper were to be taken and that as a result KCLEA will continue the use of the War Cry on appropriate occasions (with context being given). **Action C. Bowden J. Thomson**

### **Finances and Investment Fund.**

Mike Clode has issued a report. John will send out a spreadsheet.

**Action J. Thomson**

Year end audit procedure to be started.

**Action J. Thomson**

John Thomson was thanked for handling the medal payments and promptly paying the lunch subsidy

## **4) Updates**

In the absence of committee members undertaking duties Peter Updated the meeting on a range of Topics and received comments

**Membership list and emailing** – Progress was being made in contact with the Alumni office and a plan for 5 mailings of the Newsletter can be made by the AO. Some of these can be split by faculty and age. The emails were to be Mid-September, December, February April Late May/early June around AO mailings which would carry brief mention on KCLEA matters.

We are still looking for someone to take this work forward including looking at Keith Newton list of members found on Linked in.

**Marketing comms** - As had been discussed previously there would be no more invites to the KCLEA event – all mailing would be of a Newsletter – and a specification for this had been circulated and was generally agreed.

## Meetings with other bodies

**KCL (Department)** – a useful meeting has been held with Prof Lorenz - key points included – The Engineering course has been IET accredited, the dependence of the department (80%) & universities in general on Overseas student funding, there were about 30% female students and most UK students are home based.

This is very different from how some of the committee remember their time at Kings! Peter took a suggestion from KCLES that some Biomed and Engineering courses should be merged – Prof Lorenz said there was much going on in linking between the Department and the School.

He agreed to speaking/ department to assist in organization of an Event based in Quad labs in November – (but NMES/engineering had a public lecture that we would work around) and working with KCLEA on Activities (Judging ,Speed dating etc.). Peter also met with Dr Nicky Bailey to discuss Students and “Womxn in ...”

**(School)** A meeting with Prof Rhode with Peter and Liz Beckmann is set for 7th August to find out more about the School and LIHE .. and the Spring Event.

**KCLEs-** although they still have the same lack of committee Rashi and Leah have a good spirit for revitalizing the Society and including All students (as they have to). Peter has introduced them to Dr Nicky Bailey of Engineering – who is supporting “Womxn in....” initiatives and thus KCLES has support in the Department of Engineering.

**KCLAA** – Peter was due to meet Sue Searle on 18July – But it is looking that there are things we can work together on. Like cross promotion of Events. Understanding Mailings and generally promotion of (young) alumni.

**AO** Alex was helping in getting the mailing lists more analyzable and in matters about GDPR for those not on the AO emailing list. There is a need for KCLEA to be able to do more and persuade the AO to do less.

But We have Received an Alumni event calendar.!!!

## 5) Next year Events and Activities

### Events

The **Autumn “Find out about Kings”** event would be held in the Quad labs and include contributions from Profs Lorenz and Rhode on Current activities, May be KCLES and the NMES Outreach team – and tours of the labs ..... and networking time! Date - one end of November or the other to miss NMES lecture

The **Spring Lecture** event would ideally be at LIHE and be something like a keynote plus panel discussion on Entrepreneurship in (Biomedical) engineering. As after discussion no one volunteered to take this forward – Peter will start this off and find others to help....

The date for **the lunch is set 21 June 2025** there is no immediate need to start detailed planning other than getting it well publicised so that members know about it and its purpose.

**Action P. Weitzel**

## **Activities**

Until a better connection has been made with the Academics the nature of activities as part of Course or Department / School initiatives is not known. KCLES has been offered one or two fireside chats -

The Newsletter (And other more personal contacts) will solicit members to assist / speaker / take part in Activities – as this is the minimum that someone can do to help KCLEA.  
**Action P. Weitzel**

## **7) AGM**

This will be held on Zoom in Early December to give time for the account to have been examined, as there is no Newsletter immediately before it – we require to have a notice and putative agenda on the website by the time that the September newsletter is sent out. We will get “mentions” in AO mailings of the date and point to the website. (see item at foot of these minutes)

**Action C. Bowden**

Members were asked to review their willingness and ability to serve and take an active role on the Committee as Officers or Members the coming year. So that replacement “new blood” can be solicited to take up these and other roles. In recognition of the length of service – if any member feels that they can offer something to KCLEA but not undertake a full officer Role – appointment as a Vice President will be considered.

Can all indicate to the Hon sec their willingness to stand or become a Vice president  
**Action ALL**

## **9) Other items**

We need to consider if we meet Hybrid or on Zoom - the feeling was that Zoom was easier for most people – but let Chris Bowden Know if you prefer Hybrid.

## **8) Date of next meeting**

To be decided. Chris and Peter to liaise. To set meeting dates/ weeks for the year ahead and draft key agenda items typically 4 meetings

**Action C. Bowden P Weitzel**

Since the meeting it has been determined that the constitution needs amendment to remove all references to being a branch of KCLA which does not exist and in the KCLAA constitution a branch is not suitable for KCLEA and thus to set KCLEA aims and to reflect that the academic entities are now the Department of Engineering (in NMES) and the School of Biomedical Engineering & Imaging.(in FoLSM) At the same time it seems appropriate to modify how KCLEA can be wound up. It is intended that no other changes are made this year but the governance and status of KCLEA requires reviewing / updating in the next years after Legal advice has been taken

The Hon sec has been requested to arrange a meeting to discuss this and any other AGM matters (if any) and to confirm the arrangements for Nominations  
**Action C. Bowden**