



The Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (1190304)

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING COVERING 2021

Wednesday 29 June, 2022 at 14.00 (UK time)

Held via Zoom

Attending:

Chris Campbell (Society Secretary), Carloyn Cobbold (Membership Secretary), Stephen Clucas, Gerard Fitzgerald, Frank James (Chair), Rob Johnson (Treasurer), Sarah Lang, Bruce Moran, Peter Ramberg, Alison McManus, Gerrylynn Roberts, Anna Simmons (Ambix Secretary), Jenny Wilson, Viviane Quirk, Guthrie Stewart

1. Chairman's Introduction (Frank James)

Frank welcomed those present and noted that this was the first substantive meeting for SHAC 1190304.

2. Apologies for Absence

Robert Anderson, Hasok Chang, Isabel Malaquias, Peter Reed, Samantha Sanders, Tillmann Taape.

3. Minutes of AGM for SHAC 1190304 held on 7 January 2022 (Chris Campbell)

The minutes were proposed by Rob Johnson, seconded by Carloyn Cobbold and approved nem. con.

4. Presentation of Trustees Annual Report (TAR) and Statement of Accounts (as independently examined) for 2021 (Anna Simmons and Rob Johnstone) – both circulated ahead of the meeting

There were no questions to Anna and the meeting noted the TAR

Rob was asked why the Society retains the pre-CIO bank account. Rob replied that 313777 remains as a shell charity to be available as a deposit for any future legacies. There were no risks associated with keeping this earlier account active.

The meeting noted the report.

Both the TAR and the Society's accounts have been lodged with the Charity Commission.

5. Elections for Council and to be a Trustee of SHAC (Frank James)

The following members were elected to serve as trustees and as members of Council
Annette Lykknes - professor of chemistry education and historian of chemistry at NTNU-Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Tara Nummedal - professor of history at Brown University and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Ambix*

Peter Ramberg – professor of the history of science at Truman State University and associate editor of *Ambix*.

Frank offered his congratulations and looks forward to working with the new members of Council.

6. Update on current activities (Frank James)

Frank noted the following

- Open Access remains a threat to the Society's future income from Taylor and Francis.
- The SHAC Summer Party held on 17 June at the Physic Garden had been a great success.
- The online-seminar series is to continue with a programme to be announced in due course.
- The Partington Prize 2023 is open, and members are asked to publicise this through their networks.

Ambix – Bruce Moran (Editor) made the following observations.

The production of *Ambix* is going well, especially since the arrival of a new production manager at Taylor and Francis. Bruce is now sharing the book review copy editing with Tillmann Taape. Editions are in hand well into 2023 although the recent cancelling of two special issues – for perfectly understandable reasons – has proved to be a problem. Bruce encouraged suggestions for special editions and would be pleased to discuss ideas with future guest editors.

Post-Graduate Network – Alison McManus made the following comments

The recent conference, *Chemistry Outside the Laboratory*, was a great success. There were around forty participants at the two-day event. It was pleasing to see a wide range of different scholarly areas included from across the world. Alison thanked Sarah for the important part she had played in organising the conference.

Alison is soon to take up a tenured post at Johns Hopkins and is helping in the search for her replacement.

Frank congratulated Alison on her new appointment and thanked her for the excellent work she has done on behalf of the Society.

Frank invited questions:

Guthrie Stewart asked about the progress of *Sources*. Frank replied that Jenny Rampling has the first issue almost ready to go with Taylor and Francis.

Viviane Quirk commented that she had contacted John Christie about putting together a special issue for *Ambix* and asked if this represented a conflict of interests for Council members. Bruce (Editor of *Ambix*) offered the reassurance that submissions are taken solely on merit.

Peter Ramberg asked if the on-line seminars are to continue – Frank answered that these will restart as bi-monthly events later in the year.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business, Frank closed the meeting by thanking all for attending. He added a special thanks for the work done on behalf of the Society by its Officers.

Dr Chris Campbell
Honorary Secretary
3 July 2022