

Institute *of* **Physics**

Merseyside Branch Committee Meeting

Wednesday 25 September 2002

Oliver Lodge Laboratory, Department of Physics, University of Liverpool

Present: N Marks (Chairman), S D Barrett (Secretary), D S Martin (Treasurer), M F Bode, E Boyes, A G Buckley, D M Farley, A Marks

Apologies: N Heritage, R N McGrath, M Moores, P J Nolan

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2002 were accepted.

3. Matters arising

5(i) *Physics 'Taster' Day* – still pending.

5(ii) *Physics Christmas lecture* – see Item 7.

5(iv) *Physics Joke Competition* – still no reply to emails to Bellerive FCJ school.

4. Committee Business

(i) Resignation – J A Varley has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

(ii) Co-options – Two members were proposed and voted onto the committee:

Dr S L Bennett of Daresbury Laboratory will strengthen the industrial initiative;

Dr N Clitherow, a retired neuroradiologist, will improve the committee's contacts with the medical community.

5. Brief Reports on Recent Events

Physics Teachers Conference (July) was attended by 44 teachers. Feedback was very positive, indicating that this is an event which the teachers value greatly and that it should be organised in future years with a similar format.

Astronomy on Merseyside by Mike Bode (Sep) Attendance ~ 80 (the majority being new students of the University of Liverpool). An excellent introduction to astronomy and the links with local astronomers, past and present.

6. Branch Finance – Bid to HQ for 2003

The budget request for 2003 was discussed and broken down as indicated below:

Communication	£
Autumn Newsletter	800
AGM Newsletter	400
Committee expenses	100
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Lecture Programme	1000
Schools and Colleges activities	
Paper Clip Physics	200
Liverpool Physics Olympics	300
University activities	
Freshers' Lunch	200
Industrial Initiative	100
Total	3200

DSM will submit the bid by email and attend the Treasurers' Meeting at IoP HQ on 4 Oct 2002. **Action DSM**

7. Schools and Education initiatives

NH was not present to report on education matters.

As the opening talk of this session, *Astronomy on Merseyside* by Mike Bode, was considered an excellent talk suitable for A-level students, it was suggested that it could be given again as a Christmas Lecture and targeted at all local schools. MFB agreed to this and a date of 16 Dec 2002 at 2 pm was fixed.

8. Industrial Initiatives

MM was not present, but emailed the following update to the Secretary:

Two meetings of the steering group have taken place during the summer and a further meeting is scheduled for October. A number of possible options for actions have been proposed and these will be discussed at the October meeting. The main conclusion so far is that the IoP at local or national level needs to collaborate with other groups or organisations in moving industrial initiatives forward.

NM will email MM to inform him of the co-option of Steve Bennett onto the committee. **Action NM**

9. Commemorative Plaques

RNM reported by email that no progress had been made since the last meeting.

10. Another Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be Tue 26 Nov 2002. The meeting will be followed by an evening meal to which all committee members and partners are invited; those wishing to attend should notify the secretary a few days in advance.

S D Barrett Honorary Secretary
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