

**Eight Annual General Meeting of the Science and Enterprise Group
(SEG) held at SCI, 14/15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS on
Thursday 1st December 2016**

MINUTES

Attendees (all members of the SEG): Martin Elliott (ME; Chair); Stuart Jordan (SJ; Hon. Treasurer); Lambros Antoniou (LA); Brian Allin (BA); Bryan Hanley (BH); Kieran Quill (KQ); Peter Reineck (PR)

1. **Apologies received:** Chris Deakin, Becky Woods, Patrick Kitt (Hon. Secretary), Stephen East (FCG), Craig Duckham (Food Group), Clive Thompson (SCI Trustee), Kim Chandler (ECTG), Inna Baigozina-Gorelli (SCI Trustee),

AGM Agenda: Had been prepared and circulated to all SEG members.

AGM meeting started: 13:20. The meeting was audio recorded.

Minutes: Kieran Quill

2. **Chairman's Report for 2016:** Martin Elliott read the AGM Chairman's Report (previously circulated to the Committee members). He noted that there was a minor error in the Report concerning Jeff Powell; The correction is: Replace "*During the year Jeff Powell has not renewed his membership of the organisation*" by: "*During the year Jeff Powell resigned from the Board of Trustees*". **Action:** ME-completed.

ME noted that membership of the SEG has remained static, but with a slight and continuing increase in membership of under-55 age group. He noted that more needs to be done to engage with younger members who are in mid-career. ME noted the dates for SEG meetings set for 2017.

3. **Honorary Treasurer's Report** (SJ): To October 2016, £638 spent on SEG Committee expenses. The projection for 2016 is £900, in line with Budget. No additional expenses are expected.
4. **Election of Officers of the Science and Enterprise Group Committee:** Stuart Jordan is elected as the next Chairman, succeeding Martin Elliott. The appointment is unanimously approved by the members present, and no objections had been received. SJ's appointment is with immediate effect at the close of this AGM.

Bryan Hanley is elected Honorary Treasurer and Vice Chairman, with immediate effect. No objections were received.

Kieran Quill is elected as acting Secretary with immediate effect, succeeding Patrick Kitt, but at his request he will step down from this position at the end of six months. No objections were received.

5. **Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee:** The existing Ordinary Members are re-elected and no objections were received. SJ noted that there are several dormant Members who never attend meetings or send Apologies.

PR: we need not decide on the question of dormant Members at this point. But this should be resolved during the year ahead. This was accepted by those present. **Action:** SJ to revisit this in 2017.

6. **Any Other Business: Discuss Group Name:**

Two proposals are salient following the SEG Committee meeting on 6/10/16: “Enterprise Engagement Forum” and “Enterprise Innovation Forum”.

BA: We should consider using “Business” in the name.

SJ: “Enterprise” implies business. Including “Innovation” is highly desirable as innovation is now such a key theme for the SCI.

PR: we also need to consider “Industry” in the name. The SCI has in the past been rather cautious about using the word “Business”.

KQ: “Engagement” is an active word, and he prefers Enterprise Engagement Forum.

PR: “Engagement” tends to have many connotations, and so may be better avoided.

LA: Cannot see any real difference between the current name and the two proposals.

ME: In our suggestions for a new name, we need to reflect alignment with the SCI’s Strategy. The Executive Committee has not yet commented on the two leading suggestions.

LA: Suggested “Marketing” in the name. SJ: this is inadvisable as a new SCI Marketing Group is being established, but this Group will be marketing the SCI itself.

BA: “Enterprise and Commercial”?

PR: We should keep “Science” in mind. The SCI is about Science/Technology/Business/Enterprise.

SJ: We need not conclude the discussion at this point. These and other suggestions, including our preferred option(s) can be taken to the MAC and BoT and their and recommendations sought. **Action:** SJ to take this forward with MAC and BoT. All: To continue to think about this topic and make their preferred options known.

PR: We should ensure that SEG's own preferences in this matter are strongly defended

There was no other item for Any Other Business.

7. Proposed dates for next AGM and quarterly Committee meetings in 2017:

2nd March

1st June (preceded by EG meeting)

5th October

7th December: AGM and quarterly Committee meeting

Martin Elliott closed the AGM, and thanked all the Committee Members for their contributions and support during his Chairmanship. He also expressed his thanks to Emma Thomas (SCI) for her able assistance during the year.

Stuart Jordan thanked ME for his stalwart service to the SCI and SEG during his tenure as Chair. He also thanked Patrick Kitt, outgoing Secretary for his dedicated service to the SEG. Members present heartily endorsed SJ's thanks to ME and PK.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 13:50

End of Minutes of the 8th AGM. KQ 12/01/2017