



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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING COVERING 2023

Wednesday 14 May, 2024 at 14.00 (UK time)

Held via Zoom

Attending:

John Brooke, Chris Campbell (Society Secretary), Carolyn Cobbold (Membership Secretary), Frank James (Chair), Rob Johnson (Treasurer), Sarah Lang, Annette Lykknes (Awards Officer), Bruce Moran (*Ambix* Editor), Gary Patterson, Megan Piorko, Karolina Pulkkinen (*Chemical Intelligence* Editor), Jennifer Rampling, Gerrylynn Roberts, Anna Simmons (*Ambix* Secretary), Nicholas Zumbulyadis

1. Chairman's Introduction (Frank James)

Frank welcomed those present – the third AGM under the new arrangements.

2. Apologies for Absence

Hasok Chang, Tom Fischer, Bruno Godinho, Didier Kahn, Tillmann Taape

3. Minutes of AGM for SHAC 1190304 held on 3 May 2023 (Chris Campbell)

The minutes were agreed without additions or corrections.

4. Presentation of Trustees Annual Report (TAR) and Statement of Accounts (as independently examined) for 2023 (Chris Campbell and Rob Johnstone)

There were no questions to Chris and the meeting noted the TAR.

Rob went through the accounts that had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

The accounts were noted.

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

Frank noted that the contribution made currently by Taylor and Francis (*Ambix* publishers) may be threatened in the longer term by Open Access. The current contract guarantees the Society 7,000 UK pounds p.a.

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

The following nominations were agreed for re-election to Council, *nem com*.

Christopher Campbell	Honorary Secretary (Officer)
Carolyn Cobbold	Membership Secretary (Officer)
Bruce Moran	Editor of <i>Ambix</i> (Officer)
Viviane Quirke	Associate Editor of <i>Ambix</i>
Tillmann Taape	Book Reviews Editor of <i>Ambix</i>
Jo Hedesan	
Lawrence M. Principe	<i>Sources</i> Series Editor
Jennifer M. Rampling	<i>Sources</i> Series Editor

6. Update on current activities (Frank James)

Frank and others outlined the following activities:

- The Spring Society Meeting will be held in Oxford.
- The Autumn Society Meeting will be in Amsterdam on 11 October.
- The bi-monthly seminars are continuing.
- The latest edition of *Sources* is with the printers and should be dispatched to members soon – two more editions are being worked on.
- *Ambix* is thriving – the forthcoming Special Edition is excellent.
- The activities of the Society as well as *Ambix* are being fully publicised across all appropriate social media platforms.
- John Perkins, who transformed SHAC's operational base died in June 2023. He left twenty boxes of valuable archive material that is going to be catalogued at UCL and we are looking for an appropriate repository to hold it.
- A reminder that 31 May is the closing date for applications to the SHAC Award Scheme.
- The website is now running more smoothly and some effort is being applied to increase its visibility to the various search engines.
- Latest edition of *Chemical Intelligence* is going out soon – which Frank described as an 'excellent newsletter'

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 1435 UK time.

Dr Chris Campbell,
Honorary Secretary,
10 June 2024