



King's College London Engineers' Association (KCLEA)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2023

Present

In person:-

Liz Beckmann, Chris Bowden, David Blacoe, Keith Newton, Bobby Dixit, Peter Weitzel, Graham Raven, John Thomson, Michael Luck.

Online:-

Mike Clode, Lai Cheung, David Russell

1.0 Apologies for absence

Rashi Chavan, Norman Borrett

2.0 Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Agreed

3.0 Matters arising

None

4.0 President's Report

Our President, Liz Beckmann, presented her report which was as follows:-

Over the last year, since the AGM and successful lunch on 19th November 2022 KCLEA has been increasingly active, following the lean years of the pandemic!

In late November 2022, there was a NMES Prize Giving Ceremony at which our traditional two academic awardees were named, with the medals dispatched by post, and a little later than normal, in February 2023 we awarded two undergraduate bursaries of £1000.

During this year, we have been able to continue to support the Engineering Mentoring using the King's Connect website. Also in December 2022, we participated in assessing the undergraduate's second year projects in their Demo Day and in March 2023 we were invited to share in a 'speed networking event' to assist the students in their career planning.

In early June, we were invited to join the Principal's reception for the unveiling of the "Shape the Quad" donor's wall, in which KCLEA's contribution is permanently recorded in the Gold Tier.

Our Annual Engineers' Lunch was held very successfully in Bush House on the 10th June with attendance of over 80, split almost evenly from both Alumni and current students.

The KCLEA committee has a range of plans for the coming year including plans for the annual lecture early in the new year.

More details of all the KCLEA activities are available on social media and from our website www.kclea.org.uk.

I would like to close by expressing my sincere thanks for the support and hard work by the Officers and Committee members on your behalf throughout this past year and throughout my term as President.

5.0 Accounts including the Trustees' Report

The current Trustees are Christopher Bowden, Michael Clode, Graham Raven, John Thomson.

Mike Clode presented his report for the Investment Fund, a summary of which is :-

Balances held at 30th. June 2023

	2023	2022
M & G Dividend Fund	£44,754.93	£47,214.77
Nationwide Business Account	£12,414.39	£12,356.93
Total =	£57,169.32	£59,571.70

Income received 2022 to 2023

M & G Dividend Fund	£ 2,749.09	£2,531.50
Nationwide accounts	£ 57.46	£ 11.68
Total =	£2806.55	£2,543.18

KCLEA Bursary Fund (held by the College)

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Market Value	£58,970.00	£59,677.00
Income	£2,138.00	£1,965.00
Income Account Balance	£4,615.00	£4,477.00
Capital Donations	£100,00	£100,00

Two bursaries, of £1000 each were awarded to Yousef Sakka and Maher Khalad

As regards tax liability the committee concluded that we should continue “as we are”

Treasurer's Report Summary.

	30th. June 2023	30th. June 202
Income	£3,928	£7,523
Expenditure	£2,550	£4,298
Excess	£1,378	£3,225
Total net assets	£66.044	£67,079

The meeting agreed that David Sheridan should be re-appointed as our external examiner.

The meeting was happy to accept the reports and thanks were expressed to Mike Clode and John Thomson.

6.0 Nomination of Officers and Committee Members

Peter Weitzel will become our new President. Other officers indicated their willingness to re-stand.

It was felt that KCLEA should continue to increase its involvement with students, including KCLES.

Peter Weitzel said that he was looking to gain more younger KCLEA members serving the Alumni community.

7.0 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The proposals were endorsed by those present at the meeting.

8.0 Update on Engineering at King's

Engineering, both Biomedical and in the Department of Engineering, is very well established and we note Professor Barbara Shollock's elevation for the Fellowship of Engineering.

9.0 KCLEA Events

a) The Annual Lecture

Planned for early 2024. The speaker will be Dawn Childs

b) The Annual Lunch

The last one was a success. A lunch will be planned for 2024.

c) Communication with Members

Various methods (e.g. Facebook) being developed by Bobby Dixit. Our alumni base is becoming increasingly "global"

10.0 KCLES

No update was available

11.0 Bursaries

We received 16 good applications.

The bursaries for 2023/ 2024 have been awarded to Lily Gregory and Ammarah Limbada.

12.0 Medals

The winners were Apolline Horn for General Engineering and Riccardo Cavarra for Biomedical Engineering.

13.0 Special Award.

The thanks of the Committee were given to Professor Luck and he was presented with a framed print of the Quad. to mark his role in the establishment in the formation of the Department of Engineering and the provision of the Quad. Labs.

14.0 The 13 Club Trophy

This was awarded to Peter Weitzel for his plans for KCLEA to become more relevant and active with Alumni of all ages across the world and of both the Biomedical and the more general (Civil/Mechanical/Electrical) engineering heritage.

15.0 AOB

None

