
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the KCLEA Committee Meeting held on 18th April 2024

The meeting was a hybrid meeting with some members attending and some joining online

Those participating :-

Peter Weitzel	President
Liz Beckmann	Immediate Past President
Chris Bowden	Secretary
Bobby Dixit	Events' Secretary
Graham Raven	Membership Secretary
John Thomson	Treasurer and Webmaster
Lai Cheung	

Prior to the meeting Peter Weitzel had kindly put out his President's report Easter 2024, a commentary on Engineering Alumni Demographics and his thoughts for next year 2024/25. These had been forwarded to committee members on 6th. April, together with the agenda for the meeting.

1) Apologies

None noted

2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (25th. January 2024)

Approved. It was noted that some biographies are still to be done.

3) KCLEA Events for 2024

i) Lecture

Cancelled. It was not possible to find a convenient date.

i) Annual Lunch

Planned for 8th. June. A menu has been sent out. Aim to get a good balance between alumni and students. Aim and budget to get about 20 students. Policy on funding to be decided. Aim to be pro-active in getting more alumni together. Aim to get invite out a month before the event.

Action B.Dixit

4) KCLEA Events for 2024/2025

Peters paper suggested three events – arranged a year in advance
Autumn term – “About Kings” with a very brief AGM
Spring term – “Lecture” showing Kings Engineering worth in the World
Summer term “Lunch” – building KCLEA community

Other Events – such as a more recent alumni Lecture/get together could be organised

Action B.Dixit

Activities (Speed dating, judging project etc) Require contact with both the Departments/ faculties and student societies - - All are encouraged to be available to assist Peter. Liz said she would talk to the Biomedics with Peter in May **Action Peter /All/ Liz**

5) KCLEA membership and Communications

Between the Alumni Office and Mike Clode we have contact details for many engineering alumni. But only about a third of them with Email addresses Analysis of the Alumni Office list show the quartiles for All Members are 1980, 1995 , 2008 and with Emails 1994 2009 2016

A key point start with the email about the lunch. We then need to work on wider methods of communication so to get more alumni, of all ages, on board to secure our future

It is worth noting that KCLEA is one of the very few KCL alumni associations and thus there is no large system that we can plug into to communicate with our members,

6) Finances and Investment Fund.

John commented that we were doing reasonably well. Approximately £10,000 in our current account with £3000 needed for medal blanks.

7) Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th. July 2024 (on Zoom)

