
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the KCLEA Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2023

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

Those participating :-

Liz Beckmann	President
David Blacoe	Immediate Past President
Chris Bowden	Secretary
Bobby Dixit	Events' Secretary
Peter Weitzel	
Graham Raven	
Lai Cheung	
Wieslawa Stevenson	
Mike Clode	King's Engineer Bulletin Editor

1) Apologies

John Thomson, Barbara Shollock.

2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (13th. July 2023)

Item 7. The correct spelling is H.K.Lam

3) Developments within the Department of Engineering

Peter Weitzel had a meeting with Barbara Shollock on 20th. September 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to re-engage with the Department of Engineering and to find out where and how the KCLEA can help.

Topics discussed to be followed up after the Committee meeting and term is starting.

Action P.Weitzel

4) Quad development

Project now completed. Topic to be deleted from future agendas.

5) KCLEA Events

i) King's Global Day of Service

No further action. Item to be deleted from future agendas.

ii) Annual Lunch

No future plans at present. To be kept on follow.

Action B.Dixit

iii) Annual AGM and Lecture

Dame Dawn Childs has kindly agreed to present the lecture on November 16th with a topic of her choosing. Liz to also liaise with Dawn if Bobby thinks it would be useful.

Ask department of Engineering and Biomedical Engineering to make people aware, including KCLES.

Bobby is liaising with Agnes as regards the arrangements for the lecture

Action B.Dixit

It was suggested that we hold our AGM before the lecture

**Action B.Dixit
L.Beckmann**

iv) Engineering Student Demo Day – mid December

No further developments

v) Mentoring

No further developments

vi) Future visits (for students and alumni)

To be considered for the future.

6) KCLES

We need to review the best way of communicating.

**Action B.Dixit
P.Weitzel
L.Beckmann**

7) Bursaries and Medals

Mike is of the view that we should have the agreed "Bursary Procedure" in place. Financial details still awaited.

Mike to liaise with H.K.Lam, ideally before the AGM

Action M.Clode

Find out the date of the prizegiving for the award of medals.

Action D.Blacoe

We are awaiting the delivery of new medals.

8) Finances and Investment Fund.

Subsequent to the meeting John provided the following summary for July 2023 to September 2023.

Total Income	£2,242.65
Total expenditure	£210.86

Excess income v. expenditure	£2,031.79
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Bank balance	£9,813.85
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Prior to the meeting Mike provided the following figures for Investment arm of our accounts.

Totals as at 30th. June 2023.

M&G dividend Fund	£44,754.93
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Nationwide Business Account	£12,414.39
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Total	£57,169.32
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Our tax situation has been placed on record.

9) Website, Membership Communication and King's Engineer Bulletin

Mike raised the following issues as regards the King's Engineer Bulletin.

- a) Mailing list legality
- b) Computer / Software problems
- c) Content. Some but not enough.
- d) WEB vs Direct mailing vs Social Media
- e) Demands on his time

As regards the Bulletin the email list has been reviewed with the option for people to opt out.

A "slimline" issue of the Bulletin is to be put out particularly to announce the AGM and Annual Lecture.

Action M.Clode

We need to build our link with students. Perhaps with Whatsapp, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Also need to discuss how the Alumni office can support KCLEA.

Identify best link with the Department of General Engineering and also Bio-Medical Engineering – and who might join / attend the committee meetings from both.

**Action P.Weitzel
L.Beckmann
D.Blacoe**

10) Review of KCLEA Constitution

On hold for the time being.

11) AOB

Liz Beckmann to step down as President at the AGM. It was proposed, and agreed, that Peter Weitzel would, kindly, be proposed to take on the role.

A very useful paper entitled "KCLEA – a way forward – summary Sept 2023" has been prepared by Peter Weitzel and was emailed by Liz Beckmann to committee members on September 22nd 2023.

It was suggested that sub groups be formed to move forward on various initiatives based upon Peter's paper.

To be reviewed prior to full discussion at our next meeting.

Action **All**

Congratulations to Professor Barbara Shollock on the award of the FREng.

Michael Luck is moving to Sussex.

12) Date of next meeting

Suggested that we wait until after the AGM. Suggested week beginning 22nd January 2024