

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE

ELECTROCHEMISTRY DIVISION

Minutes of 2000 Annual General Meeting

Held at the Carlton Hotel, Parramatta, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday 13 December, 2000.

Present:

Sam Adeloju, Gordon Wallace, Danny Wong, Paul Duckworth, Paul Breuer, Sherryl Robertson, Wei Lit Choo, Peter Adcock, Trevor Lewis, Vicky Vicente-Beckett, Greg Hope, Richard, John, Norm Barisci, Brynn Hibbert, Peter Lay, Russell Taylor (non member), Kylie Catterall, Andrew Bales, Violeta Misoska, Andrew Hadjichari, Mathew Jeffrey, Alan Bond.

1. Apologies

Dr. Bruce Verity, Prof. Will Price

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted as a true record.
No matters arising

3. Chairman's Report

Special thanks to Bruce Verity who shouldered so much of the work of the Division since the last meeting and to all committee members. The committee attempted to host events all over the country but had limited success in creating local interest in Western Australia. An Electrochemistry Summer School was held at Monash in 1997 and a Winter School at Wollongong in 1999. Both were very successful. The Inaugural Gutman Lecture was presented by Prof. Alan Bond at the Wollongong event. The Division was involved in other events including the Asia Pacific Biosensors workshop held on the Gold Coast in 1999 and the 11th RACI National Convention held at Canberra in 2000.

4. Treasurer's Report

At the time of the AGM the financial status of the Division was as follows

Net Assets	\$12 229.93
Bank Balance	\$6 729.93

The funds have decreased from \$23 877.14 in 1997. During this time we have received no central funds from council. Major expenses during this time have included

~ \$2800 in central audit, travel and FCM costs
\$2000 for NC costs
\$725 for Chem in Aust costs
~\$1200 Divisional travel costs
\$1340 for Divisional sponsorship of speakers at conferences
\$821 for Divisional Medals
\$2650 for Divisional Electrochemical Experiments Publication
\$5500 for 11AEC

Full financial details were presented and are available from Richard John or Trevor Lewis.

5. Forthcoming Conferences

2001 IUPAC – involvement to be determined by new committee; the RACI wants all division medallists show cased.

2002 INTERACT Analytical Conference – Danny Wong is representing the Division at meetings; probably at UTS in July (almost a mini-NC).

The next AEC could be scheduled for 2003. WA was unable to host 11AEC; Trevor Lewis indicated that the Tasmanian Government is interest in hosting such events. Hobart was suggested as the location.

The next NC is in 2004.

It was suggested that a Research students Annual Research Topics Conference/Symposium might be good for the Electrochemistry Division – perhaps in association with the next Summer/Winter School.

Prof. Adeloju provided an interim report on 11AEC:

- 100-110 people attended, including 7 plenary speakers.
- Planned to attract lot of p/g students and return the \$5,500 float to the Division; however significant problems with international visitors have been experienced and the conference was moved from the University to the Hotel; now aiming to return \$2,000-4,000.
- Thanks to sponsors: EDRACI, UWS, ADInstruments, ProDigital and the Carlton Hotel.
- It was acknowledged that the AEC conferences provide an important opportunity to strengthen links with the international Electrochemistry community – the report from 11AEC will be distributed internationally by Sam Adeloju.

6. Other Business

RACI Rationalisation

Brynn Hibbert explained that until this year the governing body of the RACI had been the Council as consisting of several elected members and representatives of Divisions and Branches.

The RACI now is an incorporated company with a Board + Executive Director + Assembly of advisors. The Assembly is made up of representatives of Divisions and Branches.

The RACI is now passing 2% of subscriptions to Divisions together with half of the Divisions' gross interest (subscriptions and interest for the last few years have been retained by the RACI to assist with the financial situation).

The Electrochemistry Division is one of the smallest, with 123 “members” (i.e. RACI Members who nominate the Division as their first preference on their annual subscription form); the Solid State Chemistry Division has 64 “members” and the Cereal Chemistry Division has 124 “members”.

Rationalisation will likely involve Division numbers being cut down to about 8 with more overarching groupings (e.g. merging of Environmental and Analytical Divisions).

Options Raised for EDRACI:

- Do nothing, and continue on without being a Division
- Merge with 1 or more other Divisions
- Split and join other Divisions, e.g. analytical/environmental

Election

All positions declared vacant.

Chairman

Nominations – Richard John was nominated by Greg Hope, seconded by Peter Lay. Nomination accepted. No other nominations.

Secretary

Bruce Verity nominated by Richard John, seconded by Danny Wong; Bruce had indicated he would accept nomination if there were no other nominees.

Treasurer

Trevor Lewis was nominated by Sam Adeloju, seconded by Paul Duckworth.

Committee Members*Nominee*

Danny Wong
 Paul Duckworth
 Reto Broger
 Peter Adcock
 Russell Taylor
 Matthew Jeffrey
 Vicky Vicente Beckett

Nominator

Greg Hope
 Sam Adeloju
 Danny Wong
 Paul Duckworth
 Sam Adeloju
 Greg Hope
 Sam Adeloju

Seconded

Brynn Hibbert
 Richard John
 Sam Adeloju
 Trevor Lewis
 Trevor Lewis
 Peter Adcock
 Trevor Lewis

+ Alan Bond International Relations Co-ordinator

Students

Violeta Misoska
 Wei Lit Choo
 Kylie Catterall

Trevor Lewis
 Matthew Jeffrey
 Richard John

Richard John
 Sherryl Robertson
 Greg Hope

NZIC Contact

Simon Hall is willing to be the NZIC contact if Alison Downard is no longer able.

Closed 6:42pm