

Association of Industrial Laser Users Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting

Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Beresford Ave, Coventry CV6 5JA

18 May 2017, 11:00

Present

President: Ric Allott, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

Vice President: Lin Li, University of Manchester

Executive Director and Chair: Dave MacLellan, Anode Marketing

Others: Simon Andrews (Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics); Jonathan Blackburn (TWI); Duncan Hand (Heriot-Watt University); Paul Hilton (Consultant); Derrick Jepson (Aerotech); Gerry Jones (TRUMPF); Tony Jones (Cyan Tec Systems); Louise Jones (KTN); Jonathan Lawrence (Coventry University); Chris Ogden (Laser Lines); Jamie Sharp (Laser Engineering UK); Pratik Shukla (Coventry University); David Waugh (Coventry University); Kevin Withers (MTC); Catherine Rose, (Anode Marketing, Minute Secretary)

Opening remarks

Dave MacLellan welcomed members to the AGM.

Apologies received

Apologies were received from Adam Clare (University of Nottingham), Adrian Norton (thinklaser), John Powell (Laser Expertise), Roy Harris (Coherent), Neil Main (Micrometric), Clive Grafton-Reed (Rolls Royce), Malcolm Gower (Imperial College London), Simon Richardson (Fujikura), Vojtech Olle (Hamamatsu), Shireen Khanum (GF Machining Solutions), Anke Lohmann (M Squared Lasers), Mike Poulter (SPI Lasers), Roger Hardacre (ALT), Martin Sharp (Liverpool John Moores University), Mark Millar (Essex Laser), Louise Geekie (Croft AM), Stuart McCulloch (SPI Lasers).

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 22nd AGM (14.04.2016, NEC, Birmingham) were approved (proposed: Dave MacLellan; seconded: Ric Allott).

Matters arising from the minutes

One matter arising was discharged at the following AILU Steering Committee Meeting. There were no other outstanding actions.

Presentation of the Annual Report

Ric Allott thanked all for attending the meeting and presented AILU activities over the reporting period (November 2015 – October 2016). The presentation included slides of past events and exhibitions, comparing attendee numbers from the previous reporting period for context. A look forward to future activities was also presented. Mention was made of AILU's input to the UK National Strategy for lasers in manufacturing. Ric Allott extended his thanks to Dave MacLellan for the successful delivery of the AILU agenda during his Presidency and recorded that it had been a pleasure to work with Dave over the past 2 years. Ric also thanked Lin for his support as Vice-President and wished the incoming officers every success over the next 2 years.

Adoption of the Annual Report

Those present unanimously approved the annual report (proposed: Dave MacLellan; seconded Jonathan Lawrence).

Presentation of accounts for 2015/16

Dave MacLellan presented the FY 15/16 accounts. Income and expenditure charts were presented, showing that the Secretarial Contract had paid out the maximum amount, a considerable achievement in a non-ILAS year. With total income slightly exceeding total expenditure, finances at the end of the reporting period were healthy. Simon

Andrews, Derrick Jepson and Duncan Hand all recorded their thanks to Dave MacLellan for the efficient running of AILU finances and the good end-of-year outcome in a non-ILAS year.

Adoption of accounts

Those present unanimously approved the accounts (proposed: Duncan Hand; seconded Jonathan Blackburn).

Election of Officers of the Standing Committee

The officers currently in position had come to the end of their 2-year tenure and so formal election for the posts of President, Vice President and Executive Director was required.

The nominations were as follows:

President Lin Li

Vice President Jonathan Blackburn Executive Director Dave MacLellan

The above named were proposed by Jonathan Lawrence, seconded by Tony Jones and unanimously approved by all present.

Incoming President's Address

Lin Li thanked Ric Allott for his successful presidency of AILU, which had been a period of transition for the organisation, and Ric was presented with an award in recognition of his time as AILU President. Lin Li introduced himself and outlined his goals for 2017-2019. These include: increased international collaboration, increased end-user engagement, increased student participation, the introduction of an Executive Forum, presentations at schools and the production of a new "Make it with Lasers" video.

Election of Ordinary Members of the Standing Committee

Dave MacLellan extended his thanks to outgoing members of the committee who had completed their 3-year term (Simon Andrews, Louise Geekie, Stuart McCulloch). Four nominations had been received for election as ordinary members to the committee for 3 years: Vojtech Olle (Hamamatsu), Mike Poulter (SPI Lasers), Anke Lohmann (M Squared Lasers) and Shireen Khanum (GF Machining). The nominations were unanimously accepted (proposed: Ric Allott; seconded Duncan Hand).

Any other business

Louise Jones wished to extend an opportunity to AILU members regarding the Laser World of Photonics event (Munich, Germany 26-29 June 207). KTN will be attending the event and are offering to share members' promotional material. The AILU office will circulate information to members.

The meeting closed at 11:48.

Catherine Rose, Minute Secretary 19 May 2017

List of documents available prior to the 23rd AGM:

Notice of 23rd Annual General Meeting Agenda of 23rd Annual General Meeting Minutes of 22nd AGM 2016 Abbreviated accounts 2015/2016