



Association of Laser Users

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting

Victory suite, Belfry Hotel, Nottingham

12 March 2013, 17:45 start

Present

Committee:

President: Martin Sharp
Vice President: Neil Main
Executive Secretary: Mike Green
Committee members: Paul Goodwin
Paul Hilton
Jack Gabzdyl
Tim Holt
Duncan Hand
Gerry Jones
Stewart Williams

Twelve other members were present, including Vice President elect Ric Allott.

Opening remarks

The President welcomed members to the AGM

Apologies received

Apologies had been received from several AILU members.

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of 18th AGM (NEC Birmingham, 19 March 2012) were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no actions arising from the minutes.

Presentation of the Annual Report

The President reviewed the activities of the last year, distributed in advance of the AGM [1]. In particular, he stressed the importance of raising AILU's profile and highlighted the pavilion stand at MACH 2012 and other exhibitions attended in the UK, Germany and France during the last year. He stressed that expanding AILU's visibility could not just be left to the AILU office and that all members must do their part in promoting membership. Special thanks were given to Liz and Trish at the AILU office.

Adoption of the Annual Report

The members present unanimously approved the annual report by a show of hands.

Presentation of accounts for 2011/12

The Executive Secretary reviewed the FY 11/12 accounts, the abbreviated accounts and a short report having been circulated with the calling notice [2]. FY 11/12 had been a financially challenging one. There had been a small positive growth in membership but, due in part to the postponement of two workshops during the year, workshop income had been disappointing. However, reaction to the AILU report 'Towards a Strategy for Laser Materials Processing in the UK' has been positive and there are hopes of financial support for technology transfer activities in FY12/13 and beyond. Also, it was now clear that ILAS 2013 will be a success, so the Association can confidently anticipate an improved financial situation in the current financial year.

Adoption of Accounts

The members present unanimously approved the annual report by a show of hands.

Election of Directors and Officers of the Standing Committee

There having been no additional names put forward for any of the officer positions, the following were duly endorsed: Neil Main (President), Ric Allott (Vice President) and Mike Green (Executive Secretary).

Election of the Ordinary Members of the Standing Committee

Two members had put themselves forward for the committee ahead of the AGM:

Adam Clare (Nottingham University) Supported by Rob Scudamore, Duncan Hand
Gerry Jones (Trumpf). Supported by Stewart Williams, Paul Goodwin

In addition, Jon Blackburn (TWI) put himself forward at the meeting. His application was supported by Duncan Hand and Paul Hilton.

All three members were duly elected as members of the committee.

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Neil Main, the new AILU President, thanked Martin for the massive effort he has given AILU over his two years as President.

There being no further official members' business, the AGM was closed at 18:05 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM Green', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JM Green, Secretary
14 March 2013

[1] AILU Annual Report 2011-12

[2] Presentation of the AILU accounts FY11-12

These documents can be downloaded from www.ailu.org.uk (members area > committee documents)