



## Association of Laser Users

### Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting

NEC Hall 5, Solihull

10 April 2014, 12:30 start

#### **Present**

President: Neil Main  
Vice President: Ric Allott  
Executive Secretary: Mike Green  
Committee members: Stan Wilford  
Mark Wilkinson

Six other members were present, including members-elect Nick Longfield, Stuart McCulloch and Louise Geekie.

#### **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**

Adoption of the minutes of 19th AGM (Nottingham Belfry Hotel, 12 March 2013) was proposed by Mark Wilkinson and approved by all.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no actions arising from the minutes.

#### **Presentation of the Annual Report**

The President reported the activities of the last financial year, as described in a document circulated in advance [1]. AILU events included: ILAS 2013 (2 days); a technical workshop on laser processing of composites; a job shop business meeting; a stand at the MM Live exhibition; and support for five other LMP events and several half day ESP KTN meetings in support of the TSB 'Lasers for Industrial Processing' initiative. Special thanks were given to Mike and to Liz and Cath at the AILU office for their efforts throughout the year.

#### **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 12/13 accounts. The abbreviated accounts and a short report been circulated with the calling notice [2]. Compared to FY10/11, the previous ILAS year, workshop income was 18% higher but the costs of running ILAS 2013 were much higher than for ILAS 2011. Moreover, last year's optimism that the AILU report 'Towards a Strategy for Laser Materials Processing in the UK' would attract financial support for technology transfer activities in FY12/13 and beyond, failed to materialise; resulting in the total absence of AILU support from external organisations and a £20k shortfall in the Secretarial Contract.

Net membership numbers had remained almost constant over the last two years (188 Corporate members, 38 Individual, 6 Students and 14 Life members) but there are some positive signs. These include a renewal of industrial confidence in the UK; the launch in November 2013 of a TSB call in LMP and the formation of the CIM in Laser-Based Production Processes.

#### **Adoption of Accounts**

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mark Wilkinson and seconded by Stuart McCulloch.

#### **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**

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

Simon Andrews, the Executive Director of Fraunhofer UK Research Ltd  
Nick Longfield, a Technical Specialist at the Manufacturing Technology Centre, Coventry  
Stuart McCulloch, a Product Manager at SPI Lasers  
Louise Geekie, a Project Manager at Croft Additive Manufacturing

The President suggested that all four nominees be accepted. This was proposed by Ric Allott and seconded by Roger Hardacre (Advanced Laser Technology) and they were duly elected as members of the committee. In addition, Roger expressed a willingness to join the committee, taking one of available places with less than a full 3year term: his application was supported by Stan Wilford and accepted by all.

The President thanked the retiring members of the committee (Paul Goodwin, Jack Gabzdyl, Duncan Hand and Mark Greenwood) for all their efforts over the last three years.

**AOB**

No further business matters were raised.

The AGM was closed at 13:32 pm.

JM Green, Secretary  
22 April 2014

[1] AILU Annual Report 2012-13

[2] Presentation of the AILU accounts FY12-13