



Annual General Meeting Minutes

14:35 Sunday 1st March 2015

The meeting was held in the Rik Medlik building of the University of Surrey during the UKSEDS National Student Space Conference 2015.

Attendance

A maximum of 49 members and a minimum of 44 members were in attendance. The exact number fluctuated throughout the meeting as some members had to leave.

Minutes

Minutes were taken by the Secretary, Joseph Dudley.

1. Committee Reports

- a. Jeremy Nickless, as Chair, presented Freshers packs all sent. ([control doc](#))
- b. 18 branches registered. 18 more to go. ([branch details](#))
- c. that UKSEDS is now a registered charity

2. Approval of the Accounts

- a. Rob Garner, as Treasurer, presented the accounts
- b. Vote: The accounts were approved unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes of 2nd March 2014 AGM at University of Leicester

- a. Joseph Dudley, as Secretary, presented the minutes of the 2014 AGM.
- b. It was noted that there was a mistake in the minutes.
- c. Vote: The minutes were rejected unanimously.
- d. It was motioned that the Secretary should correct the minutes at a later date, but that the corrected minutes should be approved during the AGM.
- e. Vote: The correct minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Motions

- a. Joseph Dudley, as Secretary, presented a motion put forward by the outgoing committee to amend the constitution.
- b. The motion was to amend clause seven of the constitution so that the role of trustee made sense within the context of UKSEDS' new status as a charity. The amended clause read:
 1. *The charitable trustees of UKSEDS ("The Trustees") will consist of the Executive of the UKSEDS Committee (as outlined in the Rules and Regulations) in addition to the previous year's Executive.*
 2. *The Trustees shall manage the affairs of UKSEDS and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of UKSEDS. It is the duty of each charity trustee to exercise their powers and to perform their functions in their capacity as a trustee of UKSEDS, in the way which they decide in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of UKSEDS*

- c. The Secretary took several questions regarding the role of the trustees and the procedure for a trustee stepping down part way through their term. He responded that though the constitution had no specific clauses covering this, the committee and trustees were required to follow the spirit of the constitution, and the appointment of any new trustees would be a matter that would require a vote of the membership or an EGM.
- d. Vote: The amendment was approved unanimously.

5. Elections

a. *Uncontested Positions*

- i. Chair
 - 1. Candidate: Joseph Dudley
 - 2. Vote: Joseph was elected unanimously.
- ii. Vice Chair
 - 1. Candidate: Rob Garner
 - 2. Vote: Rob was elected unanimously.
- iii. Treasurer
 - 1. Candidate: Ciara McGrath
 - 2. Vote: Ciara was elected unanimously.
- iv. Secretary
 - 1. Candidate: David Jones-Gerrard
 - 2. Vote: David was elected with 45 votes. There was 1 vote to reopen nominations.
- v. Events Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Alex Gee
 - 2. Vote: Alex was elected with 44 votes. There was 1 vote to reopen nominations.
- vi. PR Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Elisabeth Matthews
 - 2. Vote: Elisabeth was elected with 40 votes. There were 4 votes to reopen nominations.
- vii. Outreach Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Hannah Osborne
 - 2. Vote: Hannah was elected unanimously.
- viii. Careers Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Portia Bowman
 - 2. Vote: Portia was elected with 38 votes. There were 8 votes to reopen nominations.
- ix. Projects Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Samiksha Mestry
 - 2. Vote: Samiksha was elected with 42 votes. There were 2 votes to reopen nominations.
- x. Sponsorship Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Daniel Erkel
 - 2. Vote: Daniel was elected unanimously.

b. *Contested Positions*

- i. International Officer
 - 1. Candidate: Jack Perrott-Webb, Andrew Proctor
 - 2. Vote: Jack was elected by 23 votes to 22 votes, with 1 vote to reopen nominations.

c. *Positions Open to the Floor*

These positions had received no nominations, and were opened to the floor.

- i. Membership Officer
 - 1. James Telfer nominated himself
 - 2. Candidate: James Telfer
 - 3. Vote: James was elected unanimously.

6. Any Other Business

- a. The Secretary was asked about the status of the Heritage project. The Chair responded that some progress has been made, but that the project lack a sufficient number of volunteers to continue. He encouraged members to help restart the project.
- b. The Secretary was asked about UKSEDS' involvement in the UK Space Conferrece. He responded that the UK Space Agency had offered free tickets to UKSEDS members willing to volunteer both as general helpers and specifically to do outreach, and that more details of this would be made available shortly.

- c. The Secretary was asked which branches had joined UKSEDS in the past years. He responded that he could not remember precisely, but that they included the University of Oxford's astronomy society, a SEDS society at the University of Glasgow, and the physics society of the University of Hertfordshire.