



King's College London Engineers' Association (KCLEA)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2022

Present

Liz Beckmann, Chris Bowden, Ian Page, Mike Clode, David Blacoe, Keith Newton, Bobby Dixit, Ali Akglin, Tony Davies, Max Lipman, Adriana Namour, Rashi Chavan, Jessica Sajil, Rita Clode, Roy Gooderman, Bill Shepherd, Charles Turner, Peter Weitzel, Barry Michael, Graham Raven.

1.0 Apologies for absence

Received from Lai Cheung, Ken Stedman, John Burton, John Thomson, David Lloyd, Norman Borrett.

2.0 Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Agreed

3.0 Matters arising

None

4.0 President's Report

Our President, Liz Beckmann, presented her report which was as follows:-

Despite the limitations of operating online in late 2021, KCLEA awarded two undergraduate bursaries of £1000. As lockdown restrictions eased in early 2022, there was a virtual NMS Prize Giving Ceremony at which our traditional two academic achievement medal awardees were named, with the medals dispatched by post!

Although much delayed by constraints on the use of College facilities, our Annual Lecture was finally held in hybrid format on 13th October 2022. The topic was "Human Sustainability; Designing our Future". Climate change is now at the heart of the debate on human sustainability and yet the public aspect of that debate is argumentative and binary. In this talk, Martin Stockley explored whether the approach of arguing two opposing opinions was impeding our progress in becoming more sustainable. He questioned what if anything can be learned from the earlier threat of nuclear warfare to human survival and how applying design and scientific thinking might help us now. Martin considered the idea of resource conservation and management alongside the development of resource consuming future technology. How appropriate for the current delegates at the COP27 Summit in Egypt!

Our Annual Engineers' Lunch has also been deferred from the Summer Term until this year's AGM to allow us the opportunity to meet 'in person'.

During this year, we have also been able to continue to support the Engineering Virtual Mentoring using the King’s Connect website.

More details of all the KCLEA activities are available in the “King’s Engineer Bulletin – Spring 2022”, which can be downloaded from our website www.kclea.org.uk.

I would like to close by expressing my sincere thanks for the support and hard work by the Officers and Committee members on your behalf throughout this past year, especially to Keith Newton who is resigning from the committee after so many years of service. He has done so much for KCLEA and the engineering Alumni as well as some excellent work on the history. – Thank you, Keith.

Liz Beckmann
President KCLEA

Liz then presented Keith with a small Reggie and a bottle of champagne.

5.0 Accounts including the Trustees’ Report

The current Trustees are Christopher Bowden, Michael Clode, Graham Raven, John Thomson.

Mike Clode presented a summary as follows: -

Investment Fund (formally known as the Life Fund)

Unit trust investment with M &G

Dividends paid into the Nationwide Building Society account

Nationwide Building Society account (also part of the former Life Fund)

Low interest account. Income from M&G dividends

General Fund

Comprises of two components – Current and Business

Income from Donations and Investment Fund as needed

Used for day to day running expenses, events and prizes.

KCLEA Bursary Fund (held and managed by the College)

Comprises of two components - Capital and Income

Used solely for the award of the KCLEA Bursaries.

Balances held at 30th. June 2022

	2022	2021
M & G Dividend Fund	£47,214.77	£49,019.83
Nationwide BS Trust a/c	£12,356.93	£11,813.75
Total =	£59,571.70	£60,833.58

Income received 2021 to 2022

M & G Dividend Fund	£2,531.50	£1,947.69
Nationwide BS Trust a/c	£ 11.68	£ 0.88
Total =	£2,543.18	£1,958.57

KCLEA Bursary Fund (held by the College)

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Market Value	£59,677.00	£63,168.00
Income	£1,965.00 (1)	£1,830.00
Balance	£4,477.00	£6,512.00
Donations	£100,00	£100,00
Awarded	£4,000 (2)	£0.00 (3)

- Notes (1) Return on fund's market value at the start of the financial year 3.11%
(2) £2000 refund to General Fund. See note (3)
(3) Bursaries for 2020/21 were taken from the General Fund.

Other items summarized by Mike Clode

Closure of Nationwide Building Society Trustee account
Opening of Nationwide Building Society Business account
Due diligence exercise with M & G
Money Laundering and dealings with Russia
KCLEA's Tax position

Treasurer's Report Summary

Income	£5,016.73
Expenditure	£2,219.59
Excess	£2,797.14

General Fund Balance	£6,335.98
162 donation	£1,014.86
Interest	£ 1.87
Donation to the Quad appeal	£2,000

It was noted that the KCLEA needs to purchase more medals.

Mike confirmed that the financial reports had been audited by our external examiner.

The meeting was happy to accept the reports and thanks were expressed to Mike Clode.

6.0 Nomination of Officers and Committee Members

Graham Raven would like to remain as Membership Secretary for a further year after which David Blacoe kindly offered to take on the role.

Keith Newton will be standing down as a committee member. Ian Page will continue as a committee member.

Other officers indicated their willingness to re-stand.

7.0 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The proposals were endorsed by the meeting.

8.0 Update on Engineering at King's

Professor Shollock gave a presentation at the end of the Lunch, which was held immediately after the meeting. This provided us with a detailed overview of the structure and objectives of the Department.

9.0 KCLEA Events

a) The Annual Lecture

Details of this year's lecture are outlined in the President's report.

Options for next year's lecture are being considered by the committee.

b) The Annual Lunch

This took place, immediately after the AGM, in the Great Hall.

c) Communication with Members

Being followed by the committee, as outlined in item 4 above.

10.0 KCLES

Adriana Namour (President of the KCLES) gave us a review of events, initiatives and social activities.

11.0 Bursaries

The bursaries for 2021/ 2022 have been awarded to Giulio Mosca Toba and Noor Hashmi. Our congratulations were offered.

The meeting agreed that we should initiate the process for this year. The procedure is being put in place. To be progressed.

Action M.Clode

12.0 Medals

The winners were Deng Pen for General Engineering and Carlo Saija for Biomedical Engineering.

13.0 The 13 Club Trophy

This was awarded to Bobby Dixit for his work as Events' Secretary.

14.0 AOB

A review of our Constitution is in progress.