

**AGM 2023 Item 3**  
**Parliamentary and Scientific Committee - APPG**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
Held online on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 12.30pm

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**PRESENT:** Stephen Metcalfe MP (Chairman)

Professor Claire Anderson  
Commodore Barry Brooks  
Elizabeth Chamberlain  
Alana Collis  
Gavin Costigan  
Colin Danson  
Rob Davies  
Martyn Day MP  
Dr William Duncan  
Professor Michael Elves  
Attila Emecz  
Claudia Flavell-White  
Dr Andrew Foulkes  
Professor Ian Haines

Dr Scott Harper  
Dr Lucy Harper  
Professor Wiebe van der Hoek  
Paul Jackson  
Hillary Layard-Liesching  
Professor Graham Machin  
Dr Iain MacKellar  
Andrew Mackenzie  
Stephen Millard  
Carol Monaghan MP  
David Price  
Professor Narender Ramnani  
Matthew Rooney  
Samuel Roseveare

Dr Isabella Russo  
Wendy Sadler MBE  
Eva Scholtus  
Viscount Stansgate  
Michael Stephenson  
Giles Watling MP  
Dr Richard Worswick  
David Youdan

Leigh Jeffes, John Slater and Ben Allen were in attendance.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from:

Professor Cara Aitchison  
Dr Eric Albone  
Professor John Allen  
Noel-Ann Bradshaw  
Oliver Carpenter  
Tom Chant  
Dr Derek Craston  
Professor Alistair Fitt  
Chris Green MP

Doug Gurr  
Tim Julier  
Anthony Kearns  
Dr Andy Kemp  
Professor Kurt Langfeld  
John Lowe BEM  
Professor Tony Mann  
Professor Michael Osborn  
Lord Patel

Professor Chris Rapley CBE  
Lord Taylor of Holbeach  
Dr Peter Thompson  
Professor Cherry Tweed  
Sylwia Wasiak-Rakowska  
David Wells  
Dr Anthony Whitehead  
Doris-Ann Williams MBE



## **2 BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair reminded Attendees that in accordance with the rules governing the Annual General Meetings of All-Party Parliamentary Groups only Parliamentarians present may vote. However all Attendees would be able to make statements and ask questions.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank the members of the P&SC Team for their work over the past year and to thank Lord Broers, who had retired from Parliament, for his support for the work of the Committee as President.

The Chair also thanked Paul Ridout, who would be standing down as a member of Council, for organising the Committee's presence on social media for a number of years.

## **3. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

The minutes, which had been circulated, were agreed and signed.

### **3.1 Matters arising not covered in the Agenda** None

## **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **4.1 Election of President**

The election of Viscount Stansgate as President was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Carol Monaghan MP and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

### **4.2 Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents**

The election of Stephen Metcalfe MP as Chair was proposed by Carol Monaghan MP, seconded by Giles Watling MP and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

The election the following Officers was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Giles Watling MP and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting:



**Deputy Chairman**

Ms Chi Onwurah MP

**Hon Treasurer**

Lord Willis of Knaresborough

**Hon Secretary**

Ms Carol Monaghan MP

**Vice-Presidents**

Mr Atti Emecz

Professor Ian Haines

Dr Guy Hembury

Ms Doris-Ann Williams MBE

Professor Francesca Medda

Sir Peter Bottomley

Chris Green MP

**4.3 Election of Council and Advisory Panel members for  
2022/2023**

The election the following members to the Council was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Giles Watling MP and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting:

Sir Peter Bottomley

Daniel Callaghan

Colin Danson

Professor David Dent

Professor Michael Elves

Mr Atti Emecz

Chris Green MP

Professor Ian Haines

Dr Guy Hembury

Mr Paul Jackson

John Lowe BEM

Andrew Mackenzie

Professor Francesca Medda

Mr Stephen Metcalfe MP

Ms Carol Monaghan MP

Dr Douglas Naysmith

Ms Chi Onwurah MP

Professor Narender Ramnani



Dr Elizabeth Rollinson  
Viscount Stansgate  
Mr Ian Taylor MBE  
Ms Doris-Ann Williams MBE  
Lord Willis of Knaresborough  
Dr Richard Worswick  
Mr David Youdan

The election of the following members to the Advisory Panel was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Carol Monaghan MP and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting:

Mr David Youdan  
Professor David Dent  
Daniel Callaghan

**5. ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS**

The Chair proposed that Lord Broers should be elected as a Life Member of the Committee in recognition of the valuable service he has given to the Committee. This was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Carol Monaghan MP and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

**6. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

The Annual Report for 2021 had been circulated.  
The Chair proposed that this be adopted, this was seconded by Viscount Stansgate and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

**7. FINANCE**

The Final Accounts for 2021 and the Budget for 2022 had been circulated.

**7.1 To receive the Financial Statement for 2021**

It was noted that a surplus of £25k had been achieved for 2021. The Chair thanked the Parliamentary Science and Technology Information Foundation (PSTIF) for their financial support.

The Chair proposed that the accounts for 2021 be adopted, this was seconded by Viscount Stansgate and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

**7.2 Financial Estimates for 2022**

It was noted that whilst the estimated results for 2022 would not be as good as the figures for 2021, a small surplus was still forecast.

The Chair proposed that the 2022 Budget be adopted; this was seconded by Viscount Stansgate and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

**7.3 To ratify Subscriptions for 2022**

The membership rates for 2022 had been circulated. Council had proposed a 3% increase for the year.

The Chair proposed that the 2022 membership subscription rates be ratified. This was seconded by Carol Monaghan MP and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

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**REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL**

The report, covering resourcing the work of the Committee, Membership, the Programme, Science in Parliament, STEM for Britain and Social Media had been circulated.

Council had met four times during 2021.

The Chair advised that thanks to Leigh Jeffes and the P&SC Team there had been an increase in membership in the past year, Science in Parliament was now distributed to both Houses, there had been an excellent programme of events and STEM for Britain was an on-going success.

The Chair proposed that the Report be received; this was seconded by Viscount Stansgate and agreed nem-con by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

**9. PARLIAMENTARY & SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

Council had appointed a Working Group to review the P&SC Constitution and to propose amendments to ensure that it accurately reflected the work of the Committee and its compliance with the regulations governing All-Party Parliamentary Groups .

The members of the Working Group were Professor Ian Haines, Professor Michael Elves and Professor Narender Ramnani. Their report had been circulated.

The Chair warmly thanked the members of the Working Group and paid tribute to hard work; Professor Ian Haines was invited to report further:

Professor Haines thanked Karen Smith and John Slater for all the help they had provided and advised that it had been a team effort.

The proposals made by the Working Group included making membership of the Committee more inclusive including opening membership to Schools, Colleges and early-career researchers.

It was also recommended that the number of Council members should be reduced from 35 to 20.

Professor Haines advised that Council had reviewed the proposed changes at their meeting, held the previous week, and had agreed some minor changes. The revised Constitution, which also would provide for international membership, would take the work of the Committee forward.

The Chair invited comment; Viscount Stansgate advised that the international aspect would be an excellent option to explore further.

The Chair then proposed the changes to the Constitution be adopted and passed to Council to progress. This was seconded by Viscount Stansgate and agreed nem-com by the Members of Parliament attending the meeting.

#### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

The meeting ended at 1.15pm.