



Minutes of the Aerosol Society Annual General Meeting

Friday 17th November 2023

The Meeting was held during AASC 2023 at NPL, Teddington

Chair – Ian Colbeck

Ian welcomed all to the AGM, Ian was standing in on behalf of Marc, our general secretary. First item to approve is last years AGM minutes.

Jacqui – Proposer

Amanda – Second

President

The President began by thanking all the AASC Organising Committee and NPL for hosting a fantastic meeting.

This year we have received a high number of abstracts, each year the figure is increasing. Last year we had 106 attendees at AASC 2022, this year we've 118 at AASC 2023.

The Society also runs DDL, DDL 2022 had over 800 attendees and more than 100 sponsors and exhibitors last year. DDL 2023 will take place in Edinburgh between 6-8th December, this year for the first time they have taken the whole of Edinburgh International Conference Centre to accommodate the increased number of delegates and exhibitors.

Our membership continues to be healthy.

Action – Jacqui/Lindsey to review membership, checking student membership that is older than 4 years or more.

Aerosol Research Journal – Ben Murray is one of the editors of this new journal. Details regarding the journal can be found here: <https://www.aerosol-research.net/home.html>

The President also thanked Matthew Wright for his 9 years on the Committee and Marc Stettler, our General Secretary for contributing to the report.

Treasurer

The financial situation of The Society continues to improve, with markedly increased net profit and a consequential increase in bank balance. Sponsorship remains vital, and we thank all our sponsors. As predicted, the waning of COVID and a return to travel has led to increased demand for grants and awards. Even accounting for an increase in activity, our fixed costs have inevitably increased with inflation. The Society was approached by the founders of the new diamond open access not-for-profit Aerosol Research journal to financially contribute to its founding. As the second largest learned society in the European Aerosol Assembly (EAA), we have agreed a £30,000 contribution.

Jon thanked all our Sponsors and Exhibitors for making AASC 2023 successful.

Jon suggested how should we look to invest our profit, options are to review our Grants and Awards. The EAA Journal is certainly a starting point.

Education Officer

This has been a great year in terms of grants and awards and interests in awards that we offer.

Carers' Award - This is a new award introduced in 2021. It provides funding to support members of The Aerosol Society that might not otherwise be able to attend a research event or conference due to their personal responsibilities.

Doctoral Thesis Prize - The Aerosol Society awards this annual prize for an outstanding body of original aerosol-related research. This prize is kindly sponsored by Aerosol Science and Technology.

Early Career Scientist Travel Award - Awards in the form of bursaries of agreed amounts are available to early career scientists (including postdoctoral researchers) who are members of The Aerosol Society to attend conferences and present their work. In 2023, there 14 applications and 11 awards, totalling £5,750.

Undergraduate Research Bursary This bursary scheme provides an opportunity for undergraduate students enrolled in a range of physical science, engineering, or technology-based degree programmes to spend a minimum of six weeks working on an aerosol research project. Through support from the bursary scheme, an undergraduate will be able to gain experience in aerosol science research and encourage them to pursue a career in aerosol science. The bursary is for a total of £2079 – this is based on a real National Living Wage of £9.90 per hour, at 35 hours per week for six weeks.

Aerosol Society Doctoral Student Award - The Aerosol Society Doctoral Student Award is designed to recognise, reward, and encourage doctoral students who are engaged in aerosol science. The award is aimed at graduate students who are within the first two years of studying for a doctorate at a United Kingdom or Irish University (considering part time working). In 2023, there were 12 applications, these are being reviewed.

Fundamentals of Aerosol Science – Planning for FAS 2024 starts this quarter, this is likely to be online as per 2023.

Changes to the committee

Re-elections – The following people are coming towards the end of their two-year term, at the end of that two year they need to be re-elected on to the committee. Adam Boies, Amanda Leigh-Langton, James McGarth, Mohsen Kazemimanesh wish to be re-elected.

Name	Proposer	Second	Vote
Adam Boies	Jacqui Hamilton	Jon Symonds	Majority vote
Amanda Leigh-Langton	Jacqui Hamilton	Jon Symonds	Majority vote
James McGarth	Jacqui Hamilton	Jon Symonds	Majority vote
Mohsen Kazemimanesh	Jacqui Hamilton	Jon Symonds	Majority vote

The Aerosol Society have 4 Committee Meetings throughout the year, consisting of 3 online, 1 in-person. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please contact Jacqui Hamilton or Lindsey Stoner @ admin@aerosol-soc.com

AOB - None