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*Minutes of the NatSCA IGM, 2003 — University of Manchester
Monday 7th April, 2-00 pm*

1. Consideration of the agenda

The order of items on the agenda were changed so that the new chair could be voted into office and take over chairing the rest of the IGM. There were no reports presented by the chair or secretary.

2. Introduction

Simon Moore, as Chairman of the merger committee, gave a short introduction, covering the events leading up to the present meeting. This included a short account of the history of the Natural Sciences Conservation Group, and led up to the decision to merge. He thanked the merger committee, especially Kate Andrew, Kathie Way and Howard Mendel, for the work they had put into enabling the merger and making it as smooth a process as possible.

3. Election of officers

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

"This meeting accepts the individuals listed be accepted as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the NatSCA committee, and that they be entrusted with the organisation of NatSCA for a period of one year, until the 2004 AGM".

Executive Officers proposed being Chair: Nick Gordon, Secretary: Paul Brown and Treasurer: Kate Andrew.

Proposed, Tony Irwin, seconded, Rob Huxley.

The resolution was passed, 70 in favour, none against, no abstentions.

4. Election of interim committee

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

"This meeting accepts the individuals listed en block, to be the interim executive committee of NatSCA for a period of one year, until the 2004 AGM."

The interim NatSCA committee consisting of those members of the BCG and NSCG committees who wished to stand, were listed as follows: Sue Cooke, Bob Entwistle, Jo Hatton, Gabriela MacKinnon, Howard Mendel, Simon Moore, Vicki Noble, Maggie Reilly, Douglas Russell, Steve Thompson and Donna Young.

Further members may be co-opted during the coming year.

Proposed, Rob Huxley, seconded, Rosina Down.

The resolution was passed, 70 in favour, none against, no abstentions.

5. Acceptance of constitution

The NatSCA constitution, as amended according to the recommendations of the Charities Commission, and previously circulated to both BCG and NSCG memberships was presented.

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

" This meeting adopts the Natural Sciences Collections Association constitution, as approved by the Charities Commission."

Proposed, Louise Bacon, seconded, Lindsey Loughtman.

The resolution was passed, 70 in favour, none against, no abstentions.

6. Acceptance of NatSCA subscription rates

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

"This meeting accepts the subscription rates for NatSCA to be: Individual £15, Institutional £30, Overseas Individual 25 Euros or \$25."

Proposed, Kate Andrew, seconded, Claire Stringer.

The resolution was passed, 70 in favour, none against, no abstentions.

7. AOB

A draft logo of an Archaeopteryx was presented, and the rather muted response suggested that this would have to be reviewed. Ideas were requested.

Claire Stringer expressed the wish to be involved on committee with the collections at risk role.

Insurance –

Simon Moore has negotiated a very reasonable insurance deal with Heath Lambert for those conservators working independently (contract work requires insurance). The contract requires at least 10 persons and would provide cover for £2M Public Liability and £1M professional indemnity for those who are not being paid more than £10K per annum for Conservation contract work. If you are interested in such a contract or know of anyone else in Natural Science Conservation who might be interested, please let him know your/their Names, Contact details and Annual turnover. The more clients the cheaper will be the deal. He has application forms and information if anyone requires it. This is a good flexible package – please support it. He can be contacted at: Conservator of Natural Sciences, Hampshire County Council, Recreation & Heritage Department, Museums & Archives Service, Tel: 01962 826737, email: simon.moore@hants.gov.uk and www.hants.gov.uk/museums.

8. Close of meeting

(Minutes taken by Steve Thompson & Paul A. Brown)



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