

RACI Colloid & Surface Science Division

2009 AGM Minutes

Time and Venue: 5.00 pm Wednesday 4th February 2009, Stamford Grand, Glenelg

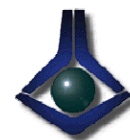
Present: R. Crawford (chair), P. Mulvaney (vice-chair), G. Morris (treasurer), E. Wanless (secretary), P. Hartley (past chair), P. Scales, R. Horn, G. Franks, G. Webber, B. Boyd, D. Beattie, R. Dagastine, C. Neto, J. Shapter, D. Chan, T. Barnes, J. Addai-Mensah, D. Palms, Q. Li, D. Kennedy, K. McGrath, G. Warr, S. McArthur, C. Prestidge, J. Stokes.

Apologies: I. Gentle, F. Grieser, J. McQuillan, J. Schulz

Cc: V. Craig, I. Larson, K. Stack

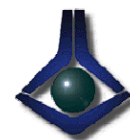
Item

1	Divisional Committee 2008 Report (Russell Crawford) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair's report (Russell Crawford)<p>Division activities are proceeding well: ACIS, ACSSSC, A-J meetings. The chief difficulty for the community lies with arrangements with RACI: ACIS 2011 only approved after commencement despite lodging of documentation 9 months previously. This late approval means that ACIS was never advertised in Chemistry in Australia (potential loss of delegates), and has only been indemnified at the last minute.</p>2. Treasurer's report (Gayle Morris)<p>Division has been able to support a growing number of activities: 40th anniversary celebration of ACSSSC, Bob & Tom conference registrations, Healy-Hunter award, conference executive registrations (partial), ACIS plenary, Alexander plenary ACIS registration, ACIS ECR travel bursaries. Financial uncertainty in security of Division finances exist owing to difficulties in way that RACI accounts are currently operated. Difficult to get statements & balances. Payment made from the Division to General Assembly even if Division is not represented. Possible that we are not accruing the interest that is needed to keep these accounts in good shape. Division balances: cheque account: \$ \$29,839 Hunter-Healy account: \$ \$20,467 General ledger: \$8,659 ACIS 2009 likely to break even.</p>3. Secretary's report (Erica Wanless)<p>Division numbers are healthy while the total RACI membership is in 'free-fall'. Total of 574 members nominate the Division as preference: (1) 193, (2) 195, (3) 186. RACI implementing new initiatives to halt the overall decline (see December Chem In Aust.): consideration to equivalent qualifications & service. More colloid and surface scientists will be eligible as a result.</p>
Actions	Division representation at every General Assembly should be aimed for. Ideally PM attends with a question for notice re financial matters at next Assembly. GM to ascertain what happens to interest on Division balances.
2	26ACSSSC (Ben Boyd) <p>Very successful meeting. No hitches. Warrnambool campus of Deakin University was perfect: good lecture theatre & central social venues. Financially successful with high</p>



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	<p>sponsorship and 126 delegates. Ian Larson and Ben Boyd thanked for their fantastic efforts in running such a successful conference.</p>
3	<p>ACIS 2009 (Peter Scales) Detailed report presented by ACIS chair. Summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move from Coogee has been successful with Glenelg a great location & venue (Stamford Grand). 231 delegates. 2. International numbers down significantly (esp. if Japanese omitted from count). Attributed to poor and late marketing. Need to target individuals and also international meeting delegates with flyers the northern summer prior to ACIS. Suggestion for non-funded keynotes. 3. A-J as a theme worked well (see 4). 4. First use of PCO to do abstract book at \$5.50pp was invaluable. 5. Tulips once again good value at \$93.50pp. Jane Yeaman and her team thanked for truly excellent service. 6. Sponsorship did not run smoothly. Attribute this to late action and economic circumstances. Sponsorship coordination needs rethinking. Template for potential sponsors to be sent to all theme chairs as early as possible. Location influences industry attendance (lower than ACIS 2007) and also trade displays - the latter are both local (Coherent & Lastek?) 7. Nanofabrication theme is a possibility for ACIS 2011. 8. Likely budget at breakeven which is satisfactory particularly given the current economy. 9. Peter was thanked for leading the ACIS 2009 committee.
Actions	GM to report final finances to next committee meeting.
4	<p>Australia-Japan meetings (Ian Gentle) The latest meeting was incorporated as a theme within ACIS 2009. This was successful in terms access to the PCO, also in terms of increasing the profile of the A-J amongst ACIS delegates. 23 Japanese and 160 Australian delegates registered. Sunday outing was poorly attended. Monday night dinner was very successful with presentations to Neil Furlong and Toyoki Kunitake very well received.</p> <p>The next meeting will be 19-22 September 2010 at Makuhari-Messe near Tokyo. The chair is Katsumi Kaneko (Chiba Univ.) RC+PH nominated George Franks to be the Australian contact. George kindly accepted the nomination.</p> <p>George assisted by Vince Craig will investigate the option of the next Australian gakkai ~November 2011. Possibly in north queensland/Darwin.</p> <p>The following Japanese A-J will be held in conjunction with IACIS 2012 in Sendai May 13-18.</p>
Actions	BB to email Kazue Kurihara (incoming Japanese Division Chair) agreed Australian contact is GF for next A-J.
5	<p>27ACSSSC (Feb. 2010) (Chair, Jonas Addai-Mensah, IWRI) Assisted by Tim Barnes & Marta Krasowska. Aim for first week of February 2010. Possible venues: Roseworthy (U. Adelaide) or Flinders campus. No booking possible until 12 months ahead. May need additional beds off campus at Roseworthy.</p>
Actions	JAM to liaise with Division via BB (26 ACSSSC co-chair & new secretary) & treasurer



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	<p>(GM). JAM to visit both sites in next month with preliminary budget. Decide venue & report to Division by April 2009.</p>
6	<p>ACIS 2011 (Russell Crawford/Paul Mulvaney) All delegates at ACIS 2009 asked to complete evaluation which will include questions on ideal location of ACIS 2011 (same or move to e.g. Tasmania)</p>
Actions	<p>Division Committee to nominate chair of ACIS 2011. <i>(Subsequently Russell Crawford nominated and accepted this role).</i> RC to establish ACIS committee and report to Division by May 2009. RC to liaise with NZ steering committee (via K. McGrath) for AMN(2011) timing.</p>
7	<p>Website (Jamie Schulz) Nothing to report. JS happy to continue in this role. JS thanked for his excellent continuing contribution.</p>
8	<p>Election of Office Bearers & State Representatives Paul Mulvaney confirmed as new Division chair effective immediately. Russell Crawford thanked for his term as chair, we hope that he enjoys the comfy past chair position.</p> <p>Election results (nominators): Vice-chair E. Wanless (Morris, Mulvaney) Treasurer G. Morris (Mulvaney, McArthur) Secretary B. Boyd (Hartley, Crawford, Franks)</p> <p>ACT/NT V. Craig (Boyd, Hartley) NSW J. Schulz (Webber, Warr) QLD J. Stokes (Boyd, Prestidge) SA D. Beattie (Wanless, Morris) TAS K. Stack (Mulvaney, Hartley) VIC I. Larson (Morris, McArthur) WA Q. Li (Wanless, Morris) NZ J. McQuillan (McGrath, Mulvaney)</p> <p>PH thanked as outgoing past chair for his service to our community. EW thanked for 10 years as Division Secretary.</p>
Actions	<p>EW to pass on secretarial files to BB & ensure RACI & JS notified of new personnel. BB to email all elected office bearers and state reps. PM to convene a committee phone conference ~ May 2009.</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business The idea of an ECR committee position was discussed. General support, but no decision reached on whether should be pre academic position (student or postdoc) or within first years of academic position. Tim Muster and Grant Webber both expressed interest in the position.</p>
Actions	<p>PM to consult constitution regarding core committee composition re ECR representative options.</p>
10	<p>Next AGM Will be held at 27ACSSSC (South Australia, February 2010)</p>

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.