

Meeting Minutes

RSC Food Group AGM 13th February 2019

Burlington House

Attendees: Kathy Ridgway (Chair) , Kath Whittaker (Secretary), Peter Wilde (Treasurer) , Jane Parker, Martin Rose, Wendy Russell, Mike Saltmarsh, Maud Silvent, Clive Thompson, , Bryan Hanley, John O'Brien, Rachel Burch, Antony Bagshaw, John Points, Ese Omoarukhe, Rebecca Halford-Harrison, Raj Patel, Sean O'Connor

Apologies: Taichi Inui, Tim Foster, Minqi Pan

1. Minutes of previous AGM 7th December 2016

The previous minutes were confirmed as correct.

2. Annual Report of the Secretary 2018

- a. **Food Group Annual Report 2018** was circulated ahead of meeting for review and agreed for submission.

Key highlights:

- Four successful conferences were delivered targeting academics, industrialists and early career scientists, with plans to repeat Advances in Chemical Food Analysis in 2020.
- Awards- Poster prizes were judged and awarded at the Food Oral Processing Conference and the Nursten Symposium. The 2018 Junior Medal nominees were of an excellent calibre in 2018, and a decision has been taken to run annually to further encourage early career scientists.
- 2019 plans include 2 new conferences: Cultivating Healthy Food Systems, collaborating with University of Aberdeen and Plastics from Cradle to Grave and Resurrection in collaboration with SCI and RSC Environmental and Toxicology Groups. The annual Nursten Symposium will be supported again and plans for Total Food are progressing

- b. **Membership** - Membership is currently 679, compared to 661 last year, with a 9% increase since 2015, despite decline in 2017 when restrictions on Group membership were implemented.

Key highlights:

- 18 new members primarily academic, undergraduates and postgraduates
- Half of members over 55years of age with 27% retired, but new membership trend positive
- Although overall 75% male:25% female, the trend is very promising with under 45 year olds now 50:50

3. Annual Report of the Treasurer

Due to increased income from conference activity, reflecting direct and joint activities with other interest groups, a net income of £1,930.77 was reported. This surplus is a welcome reversal of recent years' deficits and a reflection of the work that committee members have put into the organisation and promotion of events.

4. Election of Officers

Kathy Ridgway has agreed to remain as Chair, Kath Whittaker as Secretary and Pete Wilde as Treasurer for a further year. Robert Cordina has joined the Committee.

Following relocations to Asia Pacific of Julia Jaeger and Taichi Inui, the committee ideally needs at least one more member and nominations are open to all members of the Royal Society of Chemistry, regardless of membership category and experience.

Action: Kath to put out a call for volunteers to join the committee

5. Any Other Business

Initiative on food related period table to support IYPT shared and ideas welcomed. Further support for contributions will be requested via MyRSCfood

AGM Closed