

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE ABERDEEN CENTRE OF THE IChemE (Scottish Branch)**

**LOCATION:** Fraser Noble Building, Aberdeen University

**DATE:** 24<sup>h</sup> January 2012

**CHAIRMAN:** John Hargreaves

**MINUTES BY:** Miranda Edwards

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	John Hargreaves [JH]	Katy Barr [KB]
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Neill Renton [NR]	Richard Barrett [RB]
	Chris Curson [CC]	Sandra Tan [LT]
	Nigel Bowker [NB]	Alisdair Woodhead [AW]
	Richard Cousins [RC]	Samira Benzidan [SB]
	Neil McDonald [NM]	Miranda Edwards [ME]
	Kumar Vallatharasu [KV]	Latoja Jack [LJ]
	Seun Olowojebutu [SO]	John Ritchie [JR]
	Neil McDonald [NM]	Kerry O'Neill [KO] - apologies
	Abs Majid [AM]	Nigel Bowker [NB]
	Mohammad Moonis [MM]	

Item	Description	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>Committee Summary</b></p> <p>John Hargreaves gave a summary of the committee's activities over the past year and the plan for 2012. This focussed on the activities of the Social, Schools Liaison, Technical, Mentoring and Young Members sub-committees. See attached presentation.</p> <p>Main events in 2011 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social – Annual meal, pub quiz, bowling.</li> <li>• Schools Liaison – School career events, UCAS events.</li> <li>• Technical – 3 technical meetings were held in 2012.</li> <li>• Mentoring – Get Chartered, Interview Skills and Fellowship.</li> <li>• Young Members – Cheese and Wine Knowledge Sharing, 3 socials.</li> </ul> <p>Attention was drawn to the revamped Aberdeen IChemE website, which can be found at <a href="http://www.icheme.org/Aberdeen">http://www.icheme.org/Aberdeen</a>.</p> <p>The main events for 2012 will be the Annual Technical Seminar (topic ideas welcome) and the Annual Dinner (to be attended by Alex Salmond, the Chairman of IChemE and the IChemE Council).</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Constitution</b>	

	<p>Neill Renton presented the changes to the constitution, as distributed prior to the AGM.</p> <p><i>Proposed by: Miranda Edwards</i> <i>Seconded by: John Ritchie</i></p>																
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Summary</b></p> <p>Please see attached presentation. In summary, a surplus of around £2000 was made in 2011. Thanks were given for the sponsorship received over the year, in particular by AspenTech.</p>																
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Nominations</b></p> <p>New nominations for the 4 key committee positions were made:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Committee Posts:</th> <th>Current Holder</th> <th>2012 Nominations from Committee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>John Hargreaves</td> <td>Nigel Bowker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chairman</td> <td>Nigel Bowker, Neill Renton</td> <td>John Ritchie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Miranda Edwards</td> <td>Miranda Edwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Chris Curson</td> <td>Alastair Woodhead</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Proposed by: Andrew Rothwell</i> <i>Seconded by: Samira Benzidan</i></p> <p><u>Ordinary Members</u> Anyone who wishes to join the committee can come to our next meeting: 6pm, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Conoco Phillips Office, Rubislaw</p>	Committee Posts:	Current Holder	2012 Nominations from Committee	Chairman	John Hargreaves	Nigel Bowker	Vice Chairman	Nigel Bowker, Neill Renton	John Ritchie	Secretary	Miranda Edwards	Miranda Edwards	Treasurer	Chris Curson	Alastair Woodhead	
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<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Questionnaire</b></p> <p>A questionnaire was handed out asking attendees for their input to Aberdeen IChemE activities. This included questions such as recommended technical topics, recommended speakers and their willingness to participate in upcoming events.</p>																
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>The AGM was followed by a presentation by Jim Cowie, VP Wells for BP North Sea. Jim presented the results of the BP investigation into the incident on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in 2010. The presentation and the Q&amp;A which followed were thoroughly appreciated by all who attended. Thanks to Jim for attending.</p>																
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Next AGM</b></p> <p>January 2013.</p>																