

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
JESUS OLD MEMBERS' GROUP  
held at Jesus College on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**PRESENT**

M Mclvor, G Reah, R Cosier, K A Shore and P Seward.

**MINUTES OF AND ACTIONS FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER MEETING**

The attendees were happy with the content and format of the minutes of the previous meeting.

In respect of the actions from that meeting:

- The correct wording for the rule change at the 2013 AGM was established, the minutes for the 2013 AGM finalised and then published on the website.
- P Seward talked to H Cotterill and M Mclvor talked to P Roberts about the future of College-alumni relations.
- The role of Events Co-ordinator was defined.
- The group's interim name was updated on the College website and a permanent name was selected.

**RESIGNATION OF P SILVERMAN**

M Mclvor confirmed that he had been unable to change P Silverman's decision to take no further part in the Committee and that a new Webmaster would be needed. Unfortunately Peter has felt unable to go forward with the Committee on its current strategy. We are really grateful for his work on the website and sorry that he will no longer be part of the team.

**RELATIONSHIPS AND CONTACTS**

P Seward provided a summary of his conversation with H Cotterill but attempts by her to get the role of alumni groups in the future discussed at the Development Committee had been unsuccessful as their meeting had been cancelled. M Mclvor had nothing to report. There is a Development Committee meeting in May from which there may be feedback.

The Group is left wondering what the Development Strategy is for the College and what part alumni groups might play in that. We can only continue to talk to H Cotterill, S Walker, P Roberts and anyone else who may have knowledge of what the College is seeking to achieve.

**Post Meeting Note:** It is understood that the Development Office has been given a target of raising £45 million in time for the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College. This size of target will inevitably impact on the focus of the Development Office and makes it unlikely that the DO will look to alumni groups to meet the target.

**FINANCE**

G Reah has now transferred the last of the subscriptions to the College Awards fund and has closed all but the current account. This holds £526.45 at present which will be available for website costs and as seed money for events. We will need to generate about £100pa to offset our expenses. The bank account will be used by the Old Members' Day event and it was agreed that it could be used to hold funds being accumulated to fund the First Principal's plaque.

**COMMITTEE AND WEBSITE**

The Society Dinner and the AGM would be used as opportunities to find volunteers for the Webmaster and the Events Co-ordinator.

**Post Meeting Note:** Norman Wright has volunteered for the role of Webmaster and Chris Hicks for the role of Events Co-ordinator.

R Cosier has acquired the web addresses jomg.org and jomg.org.uk and we will move the website to one of these addresses at a convenient time, ensuring that links are retained and that both old and new addresses work for a period of time. It is likely that we will need to change the website host.

**Action:** **M Mclvor** to arrange the handover of the website from P Silverman.  
**N Wright** to work with R Cosier over the transition of the name and the site.

## MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY

There is now a dialogue in place between Sam Hall and R Cosier on changes to members' details. This should resolve the issues that we have been having over the currency of information., providing one of the two parties is told of the change.

S Hall is happy to send out a new invitation to join to alumni from 1970 to 1974.

It is probably time for those pre-1970 who are not members to be reminded of the benefits of joining the group.

**Post Meeting Note:** The suggestion that the note for pre-1970 alumni should be linked with an invitation to Old Members' Day was not practical as the deadline for publishing anything in the next edition of the College Newsletter was 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Action:** **A Shore** to ask people in the Newsletter to let us or College know quickly should their circumstances change or should they know of a change of circumstance of another member (e.g. a death).  
**P Seward and M Mclvor** to agree an invitation letter.  
**P Seward and M Mclvor** to agree and execute a strategy for pre-1970 alumni.

## PROGRAMME

The events that are already scheduled are:

- A visit to the Gordon Russell Museum in Broadway on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014
- Old Members' Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014, containing talks by Lord John Krebs, Paul Riley, who works in the field of Regenerative medicine, and Tim Palmer, who works in the field of climate change.
- A visit to the Royal Society Exhibition on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 – free with no booking required and no limit to numbers.
- A visit to Tyntesfield (National Trust) in the Autumn (September?)– organiser George Reah.
- JCS Dinner and the Group AGM on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Events that are proposed are:

- Being present at the start of the Tour de France – organiser Geoff Henshall
- A visit to the Forest of Dean to see the railway workshop and heritage railway – organiser Bill Parker.
- A visit to Parham House – organiser Christopher Allen.
- A visit to Hendon RAF Museum – initial organiser Malcolm Mclvor.
- Attendance at New College Evensong – organiser Peter Dean.
- A tour around the new Oxford Chemistry Laboratories – organiser Peter Dean.
- A visit to the British Postal Museum – organiser Paul Seward; on hold until the facilities are in place.
- A visit to the National Media Museum at Bradford – organiser Geoff Henshall.
- A visit to the Royal Armoury at Leeds – organiser Geoff Henshall.
- A visit to the National Coal Mining Museum at Wakefield – organiser Geoff Henshall.
- A visit to the Hepworth Gallery – organiser Geoff Henshall.

**Action:** **G Reah** to finalise the Tyntesfield itinerary and date.  
**M Mclvor** to talk to P Dean re the New College Evensong.  
**P Seward** to look at the ideas put forward by Geoff Henshall.  
**P Seward** to take C Hicks through the Events Co-ordinator role.  
**P Seward and C Hicks** to propose events for 2015.