

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE  
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY DIVISION**

**MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING, 4 APRIL 2000**

Meeting commenced at 11:00 am, 4 April 2000.

<b>Online</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Prof Brynn Hibbert (Chair) Prof Paul Haddad (Past Chair) Assoc Prof Philip Marriott (Chair Elect) Dr Danny Wong (Secretary) Dr Peter Carpenter (Treasurer) Dr David Davey (SA) Dr Roland De Marco (WA) Assoc Prof Bill Maher (ACT) Dr Clarence Ng (NSW)	Assoc Prof David Parry (NT) [on study leave] Mr Stewart Carswell (QLD) Dr Greg Dicoski (TAS) Dr Nicholas Porter (VIC)

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Attachment I)

Under Item 5, it should read “André Lawrence – Canadian Customs Lab.” Other than that, the minutes were accepted.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Item 5 – B.Hibbert reported that talks delivered by the Visiting Lecturer, Dr André Lawrence, were well received in Sydney and Brisbane. However, as a result of the limited timing and funds provided by the Division, the speaker was only able to visit groups in these two cities this year. Incidentally, B.Maher reported that Perkin Elmer is sponsoring a visit by two international speakers (Dr Conrad Gregoir and Dr Oliver Donard) specialising in ICP-MS in late November this year. There may be an opportunity for them to deliver talks as a second Visiting Lecture in the Division later this year.

Action: B.Maher is to explore the possibility of inviting these speakers to deliver talks in states that have missed out A.Lawrence’s lecture.

Item 6.3 – P.Haddad suggested that the Division might like to make an early start for the various award nominations in 2001 after missing the due date this year.

**3. FINANCES**

Analytical Chemistry Division

After tabulating the various expenses incurred in the past few months, P.Carpenter reported an amount of approximately \$47,801 in the current Division account. The budget was then accepted by the Division.

P.Marriott anticipated that finance matters associated with 15AC would be finalised at the end of May this year.

Owing to the present low level of fund in the Division account, P.Haddad moved that there would be no further investment on Visiting Lecture at this stage, which was later endorsed by the Division.

#### RACI Funds (Attachment II) and Centralisation (Attachment III)

B.Hibbert spoke about the proposals tabled in Attachment II and Attachment III. The matter was then open to discussion so that concerted views from the Division could be formalised and forwarded to the May Full Council Meeting. Following an extensive discussion on various aspects outlined in both attachments, the Division generally supports centralisation of the large number of accounts in RACI. However, the Division expressed a need for the National Secretariat to make more transparent the actual use of the membership fees and the (50%) interest accumulated from each Division/Branch/Group, with a possibility to negotiate the proportion of interest contribution to fund central activities. In deciding on the level of funding, the proposed Management Board and the National Secretariat Office should be carefully and clearly budgeted for. An amount should also be worked out to set aside for strategic activities.

#### **4. CONFERENCES**

##### 16AC

Both B.Hibbert and Dr Simon Apte (from the Division of Environmental Chemistry) have agreed to be the joint Chairmen for the conference to be held in Sydney in July 2002. Apart from the Division of Environmental Chemistry, 16AC has hitherto attracted interest from several other groups including the Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, the International Chemometrics Society and the Australian Toxicology. A few other groups would also be approached soon. An Organising Committee will be drawn from the New South Wales Analytical Chemistry Group soon to enable further planning for the conference.

P.Haddad suggested publication of the proceedings of the conference in an international journal such as *Analytica Chimica Acta*, which covers a wide range of areas in analytical chemistry. B.Hibbert commented that plenary and keynote lectures should be included in such a publication.

##### IUPAC 2001

P.Haddad reported that the Division is represented in the conference, which will be held in Brisbane in July 2001.

P.Marriott also mentioned that the 9th Asian Chemical Congress, organised by Dr Barry Noller, is part of IUPAC 2001. There will be an analytical chemistry component in this Congress.

## Standards Australia (Attachment IV)

D.Wong spoke briefly about Dr Ian Southwell's request for support for a Standards Australia Meeting to be held in December this year. Owing to a lack of analytical chemistry flavour in the Meeting, the Division has declined to support the meeting.

Action: D.Wong is to prepare a letter addressed to Dr I.Southwell for the Division.

### **5. Nomination of Emeritus Professor Lloyd Earle Smythe for an award within the Order of Australia**

After a brief introduction on Emeritus Professor Lloyd Earle Smythe by P.Haddad, the Division was in favour of the nomination.

Action: B.Hibbert is to prepare a letter on behalf of the Division in support of the nomination.

### **6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **7. Next Meeting**

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting in second week of June.