

## Committee meeting of the British Liquid Crystal Society

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Present: Nigel Mottram (Chair, NM) Susanne Klein (Vice-Chair, SK), Mamatha Nagaraj (Secretary, MN), Giampaolo D'Alessandro (Treasurer, GD), Dwaipayan Chakrabarti (DC), Philip Hands (PH), Rebecca Walker (RW), Timothy Spencer (Communications, TS), Alfonso Martinez-Felipe (AMF), Damien Gardiner (DG), James Dalby (JD).

Apologies: Joseph Cousins (JC), Garry Lester (GL).

1. **Chair statement:** NM explained that the main purpose of this meeting is to go through the list of actions from the previous meeting and discuss future course. NM to set-up regular committee meetings three times a year and the next one will be in December this year.
2. **BLCS election results:** A couple of vacancies (student member, secretary, 2 ordinary members) were advertised to the BLCS community this year. JD was elected as the student member of the committee. NM welcomed JD to the committee. AMF was elected as the secretary to the society and he will start the role from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022. PH and RW were elected for the ordinary members' position.
3. Updates since the last meeting:
  - (a) NM has circulated the statement regarding Ukraine situation to the BLCS committee and is available on the BLCS webpage.
  - (b) NM is working with the next BLCS conference organizers on subsidising the conference fee for students to attend the next BLCS conference. NM will update the committee at the next meeting regarding the venue and dates of the next conference.
  - (c) GA has completed rewording of the BLCS student bursary requirements and the document is available on the BLCS website.
  - (d) BLCS annual training workshop: DC updated that the 2022 BLCS annual training workshop was a success. DC is preparing to submit an application to EPSRC for further funding in September. The logistics of the proposal were discussed.
  - (e) NM and team have finalised the advert for the BLCS distinguished visiting lecturer scheme. The advert has been circulated to the BLCS society and is available on the BLCS website.
  - (f) TS and JD will discuss the strategy for publicising the society and provide updates at the next committee meeting.
  - (g) Prize committee suggestions: As suggested by the prize giving committee the steering committee agreed to increase the prize money for the Young scientist prize. The steering committee thought that the conference organizers should take the freedom to consider fee waive and support towards travel and accommodation for prize winners.
  - (h) SK has sent the report of the 2022 BLCS meeting to LC today.