

# Association of Industrial Laser Users Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting

TRUMPF UK, Luton, LU2 9NL

26 April 2018, 12:30

#### Present

President: Lin Li, University of Manchester Vice President: Jonathan Blackburn, TWI

Executive Director and Chair: Dave MacLellan, Anode Marketing

Others: Stephen Ainsworth (Ainsworth Consultancy); Mike Barrett (MJB Laser services); Paul Goodwin (TWI); Duncan Hand (Heriot-Watt University); Roy Harris (Coherent | Rofin); Gerry Jones (TRUMPF); Jonathan Lawrence (Coventry University); Vojtech Olle (OSI Optoelectronics); Mark Thompson (IPG Photonics); Richard Wiktorowicz (Air Products); Stan Wilford (IPG Photonics); Catherine Rose, (Anode Marketing, Minute Secretary)

#### **Opening remarks**

Dave MacLellan welcomed members to the AGM and thanked TRUMPF UK for hosting.

## **Apologies received**

Apologies were received from Tony Jones (Cyan Tec Systems), Neil Main (Micrometric), Mark Millar (Essex Laser).

## Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 23rd AGM (18 May 2017, Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Coventry) were approved (proposed: Jon Blackburn; seconded: Lin Li).

## Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

## **Presentation of the Annual Report**

AILU President Lin Li thanked all for attending the meeting and reported on progress made towards the goals he introduced at last year's AGM. These included: increased international collaboration; increased end-user engagement; increased student participation; the introduction of an Executive Forum; presentations at schools and the production of a new "Make it with Lasers" video.

Lin Li summarised AILU activities over the reporting period (November 2016 – October 2017). The presentation included slides of past events and exhibitions, comparing attendee numbers from the previous reporting period for context. A look forward to future activities was also presented.

#### **Adoption of the Annual Report**

Those present unanimously approved the annual report (proposed: Duncan Hand; seconded Paul Goodwin).

#### Presentation of accounts for 2016/17

Dave MacLellan presented the FY 16/17 accounts. Income and expenditure charts were presented, showing that total income was higher than in any previous accounting period (£189 K). This being an ILAS year, there was a large contribution to income from this event. With total expenditure at £181.6 K, finances at the end of the reporting period were healthy.

## **Adoption of accounts**

Those present unanimously approved the accounts (proposed: Lin Li; seconded Jonathan Lawrence).

#### **Election of Officers of the Standing Committee**

Officers had been elected at the 23rd AGM (18 May 2017) for a 2-year term of office; no formal re-election was required at this meeting. There was no objection to those named remaining in post until completion of their term of office.

## **Election of Ordinary Members of the Standing Committee**

Dave MacLellan extended his thanks to outgoing members of the committee who had completed their 3-year term (Paul Goodwin, Roger Hardacre, Adrian Norton, Stan Wilford, Tony Jones). Four nominations had been received for election as ordinary members to the committee for 3 years: Mark Thompson (IPG Photonics); Arina Mohammed (University of Hull); Krste Pangovski (University of Cambridge) and Derrick Jepson (Aerotech). Tony Jones wished to be co-opted back onto the committee for a 1-year period. The nominations were unanimously accepted (proposed: Stan Wilford; seconded Jon Blackburn).

## Any other business

Lin Li outlined the case for AILU collaborating with the Laser Institute of America (LIA) to develop and market online safety training. The LIA already provides this service based on US safety standards, but there is a need for adaptation to UK/European safety standards. The committee agreed that this was an interesting opportunity for AILU and should be considered more fully at Steering Committee meetings.

The meeting closed at 13:40.

Catherine Rose, Minute Secretary 01 May 2018

## List of documents available prior to the 24th AGM:

Notice of 24th Annual General Meeting Agenda of 24th Annual General Meeting Minutes of 23rd AGM 2017 Abbreviated accounts 2016/2017