



Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Knebworth House, Stevenage
on 16 April 2008

1. Minutes of last AGM

Due to an oversight, the minutes of the AGM held on 25 April 2007 were not presented at the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes would be posted on the website and members would be given 7 days to lodge any objections. If there were no objections it would be taken that the minutes were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman identified the current members of the Chapter Committee:

Richard Harding (Chair)
Ian Sage (Director)
Graham Weaver (Secretary)
Pat Crofts (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)
John Mansell (Newsletter Editor & Meetings Registration)
Alan Mosley
Ian Sexton
John Raines
Neville Milward
Sally Day
Robert Hill
Ken Vassie
Lesley Parry-Jones
Chris Gracie
Alasdair Campbell
Ian Hendy
Masahiko Ando (new member)
Tim Wilkinson (new member)

Richard reported that the UK & Ireland Chapter had instituted a number of initiatives:

Targeting academic institutes to advertise the benefits of SID membership and offering free membership for students.

Sharp-SID Student Award - A £500 prize, funded by Sharp, is being awarded annually to a graduate student who has made significant contribution to the field of information displays.

Ben Sturgeon Award - This is awarded annually to young scientists or engineers, who have made significant contributions to the displays field over the past 10 years.

Displays: An executive overview - A workshop organised jointly with UKDL and DisplayMasters on 1-3 April 2008 at Nottingham Trent University.

Greater access to presentations and reports from UK&I past meetings (go to <http://www.sid.org> and log-on using SID membership details, and select "UKI past meeting minutes"

The technical programme for 2007/8 has included "Organic Electronics for Displays" on 17/18 September 2007 at Imperial College, "Successful Displays by Design" on 17 October 2007 at Bletchley Park and today's meeting "Interactive & Mobile Displays". Forthcoming meetings for 2008 include "Display Drivers and Interfacing Techniques", tomorrow at Knebworth House, "Bistable Displays & Applications" at HP Labs, Bristol on 25 June and the second "Organic Electronics for Displays" at Imperial College on 16/17 September

Richard expressed his thanks to those who have contributed to the organisation of meetings in the last year and also to the host organisations and above all, to all of the speakers.

Richard ended by offering his personal thanks to the whole committee for their support and hard work done over the past year for the Chapter.

3. Treasurer's Report

The financial accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007 were presented and showed a net deficit after tax of £2352.38 compared to a deficit of £2869.22 in 2006. Income from local membership fees was down but the technical meetings made a profit. The Chapter's net assets amount to £3652.19, compared to £6004.57 in 2006.

32 members have renewed through SID/UK this year, 4 being new members. 31 students took advantage of the free membership, largely due to the Organic Electronics for Displays meeting at Imperial College in September. Membership of the UK&I Chapter was reported to be 256 last May, but had declined to 247 in November, a fall which is also reflected in SID worldwide membership.

4. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr Richard Harding

Vice-Chair: Dr Sally Day

Secretary: Mr Graham Weaver

Treasurer: Mrs Pat Crofts

Membership Secretary: Mrs Pat Crofts

Meetings Registrar & Newsletter Editor: Dr John Mansell