



**Association of Industrial Laser Users  
Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting**

Online meeting on Zoom

29 April 2021, 10:00

**Present**

President: Jonathan Blackburn, TWI

Vice President: Adam Clare, University of Nottingham

Executive Director: Dave MacLellan, Anode Marketing

AILU Members: Prveen Bidare (University of Birmingham); Sinan Bilgin (SS Laser Solutions); Tom Chaffer (TRUMPF); Melvyn Collins (Oxford Lasers); Paola De Bono (TWI); Stefan Dimov (University of Birmingham); Clive Grafton-Reed (Rolls-Royce); Roy Harris (Coherent); Derrick Jepson (Aerotech); Tony Jones (Cyan Tec Systems); Jonathan Lawrence (Coventry University); Tian Long See (MTC); Neil Main (Micrometric); Mike Poulter (TRUMPF); Jose Ramos de Campos (LASEA); Catherine Rose (AILU, Minutes Secretary).

**Opening remarks**

Jon Blackburn warmly welcomed members to the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**Apologies received**

Apologies were received from Richard Carter (Heriot-Watt University); Gerry Jones (TRUMPF); Matthew Wasley (KTN)

**Approval of the minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM (23 April 2020) were approved (proposed: Dave MacLellan; seconded: Adam Clare).

**Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no actions arising from the minutes.

**Presentation of the Annual Report**

AILU President Jon Blackburn thanked all for attending the meeting and reflected on the past two years of his Presidency. Original ambitions had been overtaken by the COVID pandemic and altered the focus of AILU's development over the past two years. Jon summarised the events that had taken place over the past year and Dave gave a look ahead at future events. Physical events had been shifted to an online environment and had led to the rescheduling of ILAS 2020 to a virtual ILAS 2021 with financial implications for AILU's income. Jon acknowledged the success of ILAS 2021 despite its move to an online platform. Jon summed up by saying he was pleased with the way AILU had navigated the pandemic and adapted to an online world. There was a short discussion on making connections with other associations, the ease of which depends on the willingness of individual organisations.

**Adoption of the Annual Report**

Those present unanimously approved the Annual Report (proposed: Jonathan Lawrence; seconded: Adam Clare).

**Presentation of accounts for 2019/20**

Dave MacLellan presented income and expenditure charts for the FY 19/20. Total income was £127K. The largest contributor towards total income was membership followed by events income (the rescheduling of ILAS 2020 into the next financial year meant that some ILAS income was registered in 2020). Total expenditure for the year was £134K resulting in a net loss, meaning that corporation tax could be reclaimed from the previous financial year. AILU still has healthy reserves and Clive Grafton-Reed commended Dave for his financial management in retaining reserves in a very challenging economic climate.

### **Adoption of accounts**

Those present unanimously approved the accounts (proposed: Neil Main; seconded: Clive Grafton-Reed).

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

As this is a change-over year for officers, a new President and Vice President were nominated. Dave MacLellan stood again as Executive Director. The following were appointed (Proposed: Derrick Jepson; Seconded: Clive Grafton-Reed, all in favour).

ALLU President: Adam Clare  
Vice President: Mike Poulter  
Executive Director: Dave MacLellan

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

Dave MacLellan extended his thanks to outgoing members of the committee who had completed their term of office or had moved elsewhere: Ceri Brenner (STFC), Derrick Jepson (Aerotech), Mark Thompson (IPG Photonics), Jonathan Lawrence (Coventry University), Mark Millar (Essex Laser), Tony Jones (Cyan Tec Systems), Shireen Khanum (GF Machining).

Four nominations were put forward for election as Ordinary Members of the committee for 3 years: Cliff Jolliffe (PI), Tian Long See (MTC), Tara Murphy (NKP Photonics), Danijela Rostohar (HiLASE).

The following were nominated to be co-opted onto the committee for a 1-year period: Tony Jones (Cyan Tec Systems), Jonathan Lawrence (Coventry University), Mark Millar (Essex Laser), Arina Mohammed (University of Hull), Derrick Jepson (Aerotech), Sinan Bilgin (SS Laser Solutions).

Three casual vacancies were available and two were filled as follows: Clive Grafton-Reed (Rolls-Royce) for 2 years, Prveen Bidare (University of Birmingham) for 1 year.

All nominations were unanimously accepted en bloc (Proposed: Dave MacLellan; Seconded: Neil Main).

### **Any other business**

Sinan Bilgin raised the possibility of having a preferred printing company for ALLU members, this was referred to the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **Closing Comment**

The newly-elected President, Adam Clare, extended thanks to Jon Blackburn for his excellent presidency over the past 2 challenging years. He outlined some thoughts moving forward into the next 2 years.

The meeting closed at 11:10

Dave MacLellan, Executive Director  
4 May 2021

### **List of documents available prior to the 27th AGM:**

Notice of 27th Annual General Meeting  
Agenda of 27th Annual General Meeting  
Minutes of 26th AGM 2019  
Abbreviated accounts 2019/2020