

# Minutes for the proceedings of the EGM of the Dramatic Society of the Imperial College Union in the 2015/2016 session

November 2015

## **Committee Members Present**

Zoë Edwards, Gautam Kambhampati, Steven Kingaby, Andrew Finn, Kieran Gilmour, Robert Schüssler, Ellie Rose, Ben Williams, Sam Gardiner and Oscar Gill.

## **DramSoc Members Present**

Alexander Lown, Peter Bridgman, Daniel Price, Chris Love, Elena Stronach, Olivia Gatliff, George Ainscough, Paul Cosma, Jack Steadman, Cem Hurrell and James Targett.

## **Committee Members Apologies**

Agnes Donnelly and John Oliver.

## **Agenda**

- Approval of minutes from the last general meeting
- Elections for
  - Technical Director
  - Lighting Director
- Proposed constitutional changes
  - Individual points.
  - Movement of the officers' section into bye-laws
  - General readability issues

## Approval of minutes from the last general meeting

- **Paul Cosma** deleted the folder containing the minutes on his Google Drive. Those minutes are now in the ether, never knowing if they were up to the committee's approval.

## Election

### Technical Director

- Standing is **Chris Love**.
- In the vote that followed, there was 1 abstention and everyone else voted for **Chris Love**.

### Lighting Director

- Standing is **Elena Stronach**.
- “I will make lights happen. It'll be good.” - **Elena Stronach**.
- In the vote that followed, there were no abstention and everyone voted for **Elena Stronach**.

**Gautam Kambhampati** arrives at the EGM.

## Proposed constitutional changes

### Individual points

#### Holding more than one role on the committee

- Clause 25: “Officers may hold more than one office, subject to the following restrictions...”
- This hasn't been possible in the past. To summarise the restrictions, they are:
  - \* No member holding one or more technical role on the committee may hold a non-technical role.
  - \* No member may hold more than one of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.
  - \* The Ordinary Committee Member may not hold any other roles in the committee.

- **Oscar Gill**, our current Ordinary Committee Member, registers his despair.
- In the vote that followed, everyone was in favour of the proposed changes.

#### **Committee meeting to only take place in term**

- Clause 64: “General meetings may only be called during undergraduate term time, and must take place on, or in close vicinity of, the South Kensington campus.”
- In the vote that followed, everyone was in favour of the proposed change.

#### **Circulation of a written notice of planned general meetings**

- Clause 33: “At least five College days’ written notice of planned meetings of the Committee shall be provided by the Secretary to members of the Committee.”
- Everyone voted in favour of this.

#### **Minimum number of committee members present at a general meeting**

- Clause 77: “Quorum shall be 50% + 1 of the full Members of the Society, who must be present in person or by appointed proxy.”
- Absolutely no debate was made. Everyone voted in favour of this clause.

#### **Circulation of minutes by the Honorary Secretary**

- There are two new changes with regards to the circulation of committee meeting minutes.
- Clause 43: “The Secretary must circulate to the Committee a draft of the meeting’s minutes within four college days of the meeting. ”
- Clause 44 (a): Upon a member’s request to view draft non-reserved minutes, the Honorary Secretary must meet the request so long as “Two College days have passed since the circulation of the draft minutes to the Committee and Guests”
- There was debate over the mentioned time period in clause 43. Originally it was three college days but **Steven Kingaby** argued that it should be four. As committee meetings are held on a Tuesday and weekends do not count as college days, the incumbent Honorary Secretary will have the weekend as well to complete the draft minutes.

- Essentially these two clauses mean that there is now a shorter commenting period (by the committee) for the distributed draft minutes but a longer writing period for these minutes.
- Everyone voted in favour of these changes.

### **Calling General meetings**

- Clause 65: “A General Meeting may not be called to start after 2100 or before 1000.”
- Originally the figure ”1000” was ”1200”.
- In the vote that followed, there were 3 votes against this change. Everyone else was for the change.

### **Movement of the officers’ section into bye-laws**

- The description of Officer positions and their responsibilities have been moved into bye-laws.
- This makes the descriptions more readable, as they’re separate from the clauses present in constitution. Furthermore it’ll be easier to update these descriptions while in bye-laws than if were present in the constitution.
- In the vote that followed, everyone was in favour of this change.

### **General readability issues**

- Everyone voted that they were happy with some rewording of several small changes .
- Also it was suggested by **Zoë Edwards** that section numbers should be added to the constitution. In the vote that followed for this suggestion, there were no abstentions and everyone was in favour

### **Adjournment:**

At 6:51 PM **Zoë Edwards** made motion to adjourn the meeting and **Steven Kingaby** seconded it.