

THE COLOUR GROUP (GREAT BRITAIN)

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Minutes of the 358th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 4th May 2005 at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Mike Pointer, Roy Osborne, Ralph Jacobson, Alison Gilchrist, Roger Bourdon, Lindsay MacDonald, Daniel Osorio, Bernard Staig-Graham

05.25 Apologies for absence

Jane Duncan, Carole-Anne Ferris, Andrew Hanson, John Mellerio

05.26 Minutes of the 357th meeting

05.20 6 Apr should read LM in place of LD.

05.21 1 Mar should read Richard Gregory in place of Robert Gregory.

With these corrections the minutes were agreed and signed.

05.27 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

05.28 Finance

The AIC membership subscription for 2003 and 2004 has been paid B RJ to contact the AIC providing evidence of payment. The ISCC membership fee has been paid. Insurance premiums have been paid.

The accounts for 2004 are ready to be presented at the AGM.

The running costs are in deficit by ,709, although the monetary surplus (including interest, depreciation etc) is £8,647.

The Palmer bequest will be moved into the COIF account to achieve a higher rate of interest.

Our large accumulated funds place us in a good position to spend money more creatively B suggestions of an annual conference or AIC interim meeting. It was agreed that travel expenses for speakers at meetings could be refunded when requested.

05.29 Membership

New members:

Michael Pickard (Sunderland University)

Phil Dimes (Associated Newspapers)

05.30 Editorial and Web Page

JM is now looking after the web pages.

MP produced April newsletter and will produce summer newsletter while AH is unwell.

AG to email secretary=s report to MP for newsletter.

Any outstanding meeting reports should go to MP.

05.31 Awards

All cheques have been sent out and receipt acknowledged by students. Thanks to Jack Moreland for all his work.

05.32 Programme 2004 - 05

Colour in Conservation at the Art Workers Guild Hall. Good meeting at a good venue. Thanks to Linda Bullock and the National Trust, who paid for the room. LM to provide meeting report.

AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address. MP to provide meeting report.

05.33 AGM 2005

Agenda, Secretary's report and Treasurer's report are in hand.

New Committee:

Chairman RO Secretary LM

Vice Chairman MP Newsletter AH

Treasurer RJ Membership AG

Ordinary members RB, JM, DO continue for second year.

BS-G to join as a full committee member.

2 vacant positions - can co-opt as required.

Resolutions: Patron member subscription to be raised to £50 p.a.

Patrick Forsyth to be elected as Honorary Member.

05.34 Programme 2005 B 06

Science meeting (5 speakers selected from Palmer awardees)

2 Nov Art meeting

7 Dec Colour vision deficiencies, organised by Robert Fletcher

Vision meeting and Palmer lecture at Inst of Ophthalmology.

1 Feb Art meeting (possibly Turner lecture)

Newton lecture. DO to make informal approach to Richard Gregory via Tom Troscianko.

Joint meeting with IoP PPP group.

AGM and invited speaker. Osvaldo da Pos, Victoria Finlay, Joyce Townsend suggested as possible speakers.

Possible joint meeting with BMVA.

Additional meeting of interest to members:

Dec 05 RPS Imaging Science Group >Good Pictures?=
MP to book lecture theatre at City University for Oct, Nov, Dec,

Feb, Mar and May meetings.

Committee meetings will be held in Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr and May.

05.35 Any Other Business

A further cheque for £532.63 has been received for

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MacDonald-Green awards & many thanks to LM and Phil Green.

The AIC statutes have been sent to AIC representative (MP) and many problems / errors have been noted. MP has responded with corrections.

The Newton and Turner medals are currently held in MP's office filing cabinet. Need to decide where they should be kept. A safe deposit box was suggested & RJ to investigate cost.

Only 2 Newton medals are left, so it will soon be necessary to get more struck. RJ to ask PF where the original die is.

LM suggested making an effort to attract more Patron members. Main benefit of Patron membership is listing on and link from the Colour Group website. RO has contacts with Federation of Small Businesses & will investigate possibility of raising profile through this.

05.36 **Next meeting**

5th Oct 2005 at 11 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London.

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Minutes of the 359th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 5th October 2005 at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne, Mike Pointer, Ralph Jacobson, Alison Gilchrist, Roger Bourdon, John Melerio, Daniel Osorio

05.37 Apologies for absence

Andrew Hanson, Lindsay MacDonald, Bernard Staig-Graham

05.38 Minutes of the 358th meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

05.39 Matters arising

Janet Wolf has agreed to continue as City University contact for the Group but is NOT to be contacted regarding room bookings – these should be made via Geraldine Chan (g.chan@city.ac.uk) or Melissa Welch (m.welch@city.ac.uk). Requests for additional presentation facilities to be made to Mr Chris Priest, AVA Technician on 020 7040 8169.

It would be valuable to have someone from City University on the committee – RO to ask John Barbur for suggestions. Janet Wolf has suggested that postgraduate research student Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona may be interested in being co-opted to the committee. DO may be able to suggest someone from Ophthalmology.

Valerie Bonnardel has expressed interest in rejoining the committee – RO to contact if no City rep can be found.

The Annual Return has been filed by MP after several attempts. The Annual Return is filed after the AGM each year – MP to send notes to LM to help with next year's return. Problems have been encountered with the registered address being at City (delays with post being passed on) – suggested to change registered address, possibly c/o LM at London College of Communication. It may be possible to get the accountants to file the return on our behalf – RJ to investigate cost.

LM to contact Chris Dainty at Imperial College regarding the Wright Colorimeter – suggest donation to the Science Museum.

It was suggested that a 15-year addition to 'The Advancement of Colour' should be produced for 2006. RO to co-ordinate this project through the Newsletter.

05.40 Minutes of the 44th AGM

The minutes were agreed and signed.

05.41 Matters arising

MP wrote to John Holmes and has received acknowledgement.

05.42 Finance

Tracing of payment to AIC is ongoing. Payment to ISCC is complete.

Transfer of monies to COIF higher interest account will be made once signatories on the bank account have been changed to reflect the new committee – suggest RJ, RO and LM as signatories.

RO requested payment of taxi fares for 2 speakers for November meeting – agreed. RJ to raise cheque once details are known.

05.43 Colour symposium at City University

John Barbur has requested Colour Group sponsorship of the forthcoming colour symposium at City University, 3 – 4 Nov 2005. Sponsorship of £300 agreed – this will entitle Colour Group members to a discounted registration fee. RO to request Vanessa Clarke of City U to submit an invoice to RJ. Flyers for the symposium are also being included in the next Newsletter mailing.

5.44 Membership

Reminders have been sent to 88 (of 157) ordinary members who had not paid subscriptions by September. A total of 109 have now paid, 6 have resigned.

3 new members:

Dr E W Palmer (ex NPL)
Miss J E Backhouse (Science educator and painter)
Mr O A C Wright (PhD student at University of Surrey)

Agreed new category of Complimentary Membership to be offered to ordinary members of over 40 years standing – AG to offer this to Prof P Kinnear (who has asked to resign from the Group).

5 of 6 Patron members have now paid. Color-dome is now ColorAcademy – AG to re-send invoice. Patron member listing is out of date on the website – AG to send details to JM.

Agreed to revert to including separate membership renewal form with January newsletter (requires 2 separate mailings – AG / AH to co-ordinate). MP suggests offering opportunity on renewal form for members to receive newsletter by email. Alternatively it could be placed on a 'members only' area of website – JM to investigate how this could be done. A 'members only' area may also allow use of the 'members interests' information collected via the renewal forms.

05.45 Editorial and Web Page

Newsletter and website are in hand.

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RO suggested publication of a list of lectures offered by members to other organisations. Request for information to be published in the Newsletter – to be passed to JM.

05.46 Awards

WDW / Palmer / MacDonald-Green awards are due in 2006, however additional Palmer awards were made for the AIC congress in 2005. It was agreed to alternate the awards such that some are offered every year, i.e. WDW and MacDonald-Green awards in 2006 Palmer awards in 2007.

05.47 Programme 2005 – 06

5 Oct Science meeting (6 speakers selected from Palmer awardees) JM requested a photograph of the speakers for the website.

16 Nov Art meeting: contributions by Tess Jaray and Georgina Hunt

7 Dec Colour vision deficiencies, organised by Robert Fletcher

12 Jan Vision meeting and Palmer lecture at Inst of Ophthalmology. RO to invite Françoise Vienot to give Palmer Lecture; DO to invite John Mollon to introduce her. MP to produce certificate.

1 Feb Art meeting

1 Mar Newton lecture. DO has made informal approach to Richard Gregory – RO to make formal invitation.

5 Apr Joint meeting with IoP PPP group.

10 May AGM and invited speaker (RO suggests Chris Hawkyard).

14 June Possible joint meeting with BMVA at City University.

Committee meetings will be held in Dec, Feb, Apr and May.

Additional meeting of interest to members:

Nov 05 City University AVRC Colour Symposium

Dec 05 RPS Imaging Science Group 'Good Pictures?' Symposium

May 06 75 Years of the CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer (Ottawa, Canada)

June 06 CGIV Conference on Colour in Graphics, Imaging and Vision (University of Leeds)

05.48 Programme for 2006-07

4 Oct Science meeting at City University

1 Nov Science meeting (NB City University Colour Conference)

6 Dec Art meeting

10 Jan Vision meeting

7 Feb Science meeting

7 Mar Science meeting

4 Apr Art meeting

9 May AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address

05.49 Proposal for Chromophilia

LM has submitted a book outline for 'Chromophilia (the love of colour)' to be co-edited by LM and RO. MP suggested inclusion of David Palmer's 'Clerihues' from CG Newsletters, articles from the CG journal and CRA. Also possibility to use Palmer funds to cover expenses, for example publishing costs. Heartily encouraged by all present.

05.50 Any Other Business

John Hutchings has suggested a future 1-day meeting on 'Bridging the Gap' between art /design / science.

RJ has received details of the Newton and Turner medals from Patrick Forsyth – see attached.

05.51 Next meeting

7th Dec 2005 at 11 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London.

The Colour Group's Medals

The Newton Lecture was proposed by Robert Weale in 1962. It was to honour the memory of Newton, and be given by a speaker eminent in the field of Colour. The speaker was to be presented with a medal which shows a portrait of Newton on one side and the speaker's name on the other. Around the portrait bust are inscribed the words 'teaching those things which tend to the perfection of vision' - a quotation from Newton's *Optiks*. The British Museum supplied a medal struck privately by a Mr Croker in 1727, which was used as a basis for the design. Around the reverse side are the words The Colour Group (Great Britain). The medal has been awarded about every two years since 1963. The first recipient was W D Wright, and most of the succeeding lecturers have been eminent colour scientists.

In 1995 The Group elected an artist - Roy Osborne - as chairman. Before the end of his term of office the committee had agreed to invite an artist or art historian to give a prestige lecture in a year when the Newton Lecture was not given. Roy proposed that this be called the Turner Lecture, in memory of Britain's greatest colorist. The J M W Turner Lecture was given by Peter Sedgely in 1998, and a

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second one by Albert Irvin in 2000. A third was by Martin Kemp in 2001. By this time it was clear that the J M W Turner lecture was here to stay, and the committee felt that it, too, should be commemorated by presenting a medal to the lecturer.

I approached the medal makers who struck the Newton Medal for us, (and who, incidentally, also made the Chairman's Badge of Office in 1994), and obtained from the National Portrait Gallery permission to use two of their portraits of Turner. An Art Historian member, Anne Blessley, suggested the use of a verse which Turner had adapted and placed beside *Buttermere Lake*, his first exhibited painting of a rainbow. (See John Gage's book *Colour and Culture* pp114-115 for the full story)

Meantime, refracted from yon eastern cloud,

Bestriding earth, the grand ethereal bow

Shoots up immense, and every hue unfolds,

In fair proportion running from the red

To where the violet fades into the sky.

Here, awful Newton, the dissolving clouds

Form, fronting on the sun, thy showery prism;

And to the sage-instructed eye unfold

The various twine of light, by thee disclosed

From the white mingling blaze.

(*Spring* by James Thompson, 1728)

The medal makers' technique is to work from a sculptured plaque about 30cm diameter, and engrave the die using a pantograph. However, the cost of having a sculpture made from the NPG portraits, was, to say the least, off-putting, so I tried another tack. Turner's *Buttermere Lake* hangs in the entrance to the Clore wing of the Tate (Britain) Gallery, and in a glass case in the same room can be seen Turner's palette and an example of the Royal Academy's Turner Medal. Nick Savage, the Royal Academy's Librarian, was quite receptive to the idea of letting us use the R A's medal as a basis for ours, so with Roy Osborne's help, I made a written request to the R A's Board. In due course they agreed. However the original die had developed a crack, and, as the die was also part of their archive, they could not allow it to be used to strike more medals. The only version of the medal in their possession was in mint condition and gilded, a really beautiful object, which they could not release to the die maker. They proposed that we commission a replica, to be made by a craftsman selected and trusted by them, Leo Stevenson. Leo Stevenson does much work for museums, making replicas and is himself an artist. I hope we can get him

to speak to the Group sometime.

Armed with two replicas, I was able to obtain a firm quote from our medal-maker. The quote was rather higher than the original estimate, so before returning to the committee for approval I obtained a second quote from a firm of medal makers in Friern Barnet. They proposed a different method of making the die, and their quote was substantially lower.

I visited The Mint, Friern Barnet, and saw examples of their work, and their workshops. Charles Neal & Son is a family business, and the present chairman is the 'Son' of the title, although the family business can trace its origins back 200 years to a die sinking business in Clerkenwell. His two sons Michael and Robert now run the business - one of them showed me round and gave the quotation, which the committee accepted. I met the other in the workshop operating a numerically controlled milling machine, preparing another die. They made a silicone rubber mould from the replica, and then copper-plated it to produce a metal replica. This was then used to spark-erode a steel die. Each of these processes takes several days. After the bust had been engraved by this means the original R A wording round the medal had to be eliminated and replaced with the line of verse described above. The steel then had to be hardened. Because of the depth of the bas-relief of the original medal it was necessary to strike each medal twice, and since silver work-hardens the medal had to be passed through an annealing oven in a reducing atmosphere between strikes.

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4 January 2002

Dear Mr Lock,

I now enclose a replica of the Royal Academy's Turner medal. I have to return this eventually to the Royal Academy, and have had to pay their specialist £355 for making it, so please take great care of it!

Please can you now give me a firm quotation for making a die and striking a number of medals from this replica.

To recapitulate our requirements, the final medal should be similar to the Newton Medal that you

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struck for us in 1962. Thus it should be silver, of about 50 mm diameter, weighing about 53gms. The wording which runs round the Royal Academy's medal should be replaced by the following:

THE GRAND ETHEREAL BOW SHOOTS UP IMMENSE, AND EVERY HUE UNFOLDS.

Like the Newton Medal, the reverse should be blank, so that it can be engraved appropriately for each recipient. You mentioned the possibility of striking the medal in some other metal, and silvering it, and we would appreciate a quote for that option.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Forsyth

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Minutes of the 360th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 7th December 2005 at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne, Mike Pointer, Alison Gilchrist, Roger Bourdon, John Mellerio, Jack Moreland

05.52 Apologies for absence

Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, Lindsay MacDonald, Daniel Osorio, Bernard Staig-Graham.

05.53 Minutes of the 359th meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

05.54 Matters arising

Mariša Rodríguez-Carmona has been co-opted on to the Committee.

JM believes the Wright Colorimeter to have moved to Royal Holloway College under care of Tony Morland.

05.55 Finance

November speakers costs have been settled.

JM reported a warning from the Charities Commission that VAT is payable on display of company logos in recognition of sponsorship.

05.56 Membership

New members:

Mrs G Hunt (artist)

Mr I Kelly (artist)

Mr Stig Evans (artist & restorer)

Ms Franziska Schenk (lecturer in Fine Art,

UCE Birmingham)

Mr Katamneni N Murthy (student, Univ of Sunderland)

Mr Stephen M Shires (painter, member of IoP)

Welsh Centre for Printing and Coating (Patron member)

AG offered complimentary membership to Prof P Kinnear, which was politely declined. Patron members list on website has been updated. 30 Ordinary members have been lapsed for non-payment of subscriptions; 2 Patron members still unpaid.

05.57 Editorial and Web Page

All in hand.

05.58 Awards

WDW and MacDonald-Green awards are due in 2006. Prof Jack Moreland has been co-opted again to run the awards sub-committee. RO re-

quested to leave the sub-committee and suggested Ian Kelly as replacement. JM was requested to join the sub-committee in place of Anya Hurlbert. Information and application form to be placed on the website with submission deadline March 2006, awards announcement in May.

RO nominated Zandra Rhodes to receive Turner medal in 2007. The committee agreed – RO to contact.

The 3 Newton and 7 Turner medals were handed to RO for safekeeping.

05.59 Programme 2005 – 06

7 Dec Colour vision deficiencies, organised by Robert Fletcher

12 Jan Vision meeting and Palmer lecture at Inst of Ophthalmology.

RO to invite Françoise Vienot to give Palmer Lecture;

DO to invite John Mollon to introduce her.

MP to produce certificate.

1 Feb Art meeting

1 Mar Newton lecture. Richard Gregory has accepted award.

Medal will need engraving.

5 Apr Joint meeting with IoP PPP group.

10 May AGM and invited speaker (RO to invite Jules Davidoff).

14 June Full day meeting with BMVA at City University.

Additional meeting of interest to members:

May 06 75 Years of the CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer (Ottawa, Canada)

June 06 CGIV Conference on Colour in Graphics, Imaging and Vision (University of Leeds)

05.60 Programme for 2006-07

Following discussion regarding the future format of group meetings, it was agreed to move to fewer meetings, with more full-day meetings when possible. Suggested format for full-day meetings – 10 for 10.30 start, bring own lunch but tea/coffee provided, finish 4 – 4.30 (possibility for committee meeting afterwards).

Oct/Nov Science meeting at City University (full day, possibly themed with John Hutchings' 'Bridging the Gap')

10 Jan Vision meeting

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7 Feb Art meeting including Turner Lecture (full day, possibly at Art Workers Guild)

7 Mar Meeting in honour of Robert Weale's 85th birthday? (John Mollon offered to organise in Cambridge)

4 Apr Joint meeting with IoP PPP group?

16 May AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address

05.61 Any Other Business

Angela Wright has agreed to join the committee for 2006-07.

The Colour Group archives are currently inaccessible as keys to the filing cabinets have been lost. RO to investigate possibility of opening them and replacing them if necessary. Archives should contain a complete set of Newsletters, committee meeting minutes, AGM minutes including accounts, and attendance records. RO to check and report.

05.62 Next meeting

1 Feb 2006 at 11 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London.

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Minutes of the 361st Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 1st March 2006

at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, Alison Gilchrist, Roger Bourdon, John Mellerio, Lindsay MacDonald, Daniel Osorio, Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona.

06.01 Apologies for absence

Mike Pointer, Jack Moreland, Bernard Staig-Graham.

06.02 Minutes of the 360th meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

06.03 Matters arising

- Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona was welcomed to the Committee.
- The two CGGB filing cabinets are in the corridor outside the Research Department office in Room CM455, and are in the care of Catherine O'Brien. Keys to these filing cabinets need to be found, or new ones obtained from a locksmith by reference to the lock numbers.

06.04 Finance

- Payment has been made again to the AIC. A refund of the previous payment is being sought after confusion at the bank.
- Accounts for 2005 have been completed by RJ and submitted to the auditor. Present balances are £1,427 in current account, £114,704 in deposit account, and £40,282 in investment account.
- LM was added as a signatory.
- All payments are up to date.
- Payment will be required for the engraving of the Newton Medal.
- A payment will be made to subsidise members attending the dinner in honour of Professor Richard Gregory after the Newton Lecture.
- The procedure for Web filing of the Annual Return will be investigated.
- The possibility of Ordinary Members paying subscriptions by Direct Debit will be investigated and a report produced for the next meeting.

06.05 Membership

- In the January Newsletter, subscription renewal notices were sent out to 110 Ordinary Members and 13 Patron Members. Cheques have so far

been received from 41 members, 5 patrons, and 1 new life member.

- Two resignations have been received.
- New members:
 - Dr James Kraft (Lecturer at University of Manchester)
 - Ms Seran Kubisa (Artist)
- RO proposed a new category of 'Complimentary membership' for Ordinary Members of more than 40 years standing. After lengthy discussion this proposal was rejected. It was felt that there is no need for an additional category of membership beyond the existing four (Honorary, Patron, Ordinary, Life). It was noted that Section 4 of the Articles of Association gives the Committee the power to set a nominal fee (for selected Ordinary Members to become Life Members).
- It was unanimously agreed that Arthur Tarrant should be proposed for election as an Honorary Member at the AGM in May. AH will prepare a citation for the award.

06.06 Newsletter and Web Site

- All in hand. The April newsletter is in preparation.
- Members may like to have the option of receiving the newsletter in electronic form (e.g. as a PDF email attachment or downloadable from the CG Web site). To be investigated.

06.07 Awards

- WDW and MacDonald-Green awards are due in 2006. Information and application form have been placed on the website with submission deadline 3rd March, awards to be chosen by committee chaired by Jack Moreland and announced in May.
- Richard Gregory will receive the Newton Medal today.
- Zandra Rhodes has accepted the award of the Turner medal in 2007.
- Arthur Tarrant will be proposed as an Honorary Member at the AGM.

06.08 Programme 2005 – 06

1 Mar Newton lecture today by Richard Gregory. DO will write report. The event will be followed by a tour of the vision laboratories at City University, courtesy of John Barbur, and dinner at the Peasant (subsidised).

5 Apr Joint meeting on *The 1931 Standard Observer* with IoP PPP group, including an exhibition in the IOP basement. Unclear whether possible to borrow Wright colorimeter from Royal Holloway (in the care of Tony Morland).

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10 May AGM and invited speaker (LM to invite Jules Davidoff).

14 June Full day meeting with BMVA at London College of Communication. Coordination needed with Roy Davies of BMVA

Additional meetings of interest to members:

May 06 75 Years of the CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer (Ottawa)

June 06 Conference on Colour in Graphics, Imaging and Vision (CGIV) (University of Leeds)

06.09 Programme for 2006-07

2 Oct Joint meeting with SDC on colour in textiles?

7 Dec Science meeting at City University (full day, possibly themed with John Hutcings 'Bridging the Gap')

10 Jan Vision meeting at City University

7 Feb Art meeting including Turner Lecture by Zandra Rhodes (full day, possibly at the London College of Fashion)

4 Apr Meeting in honour of Robert Weale's 85th birthday? (John Mollon offered to organise in Cambridge)

9 May AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address

06.10 Incoming Committee

RO, RJ, AG and AH will remain in post. MP will leave the committee as past Chairman, and LM has agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman. Three ordinary members of the committee (DO, RB and JM) have served for two years and so need to step down or stand for re-election. JM has agreed to stand as Secretary. Angela Wright and Andrew Stockman have volunteered to stand for election.

06.11 Any Other Business

- Strictly speaking, the group making the awards should be a Working Group, not a Sub-Committee, because it contains (and indeed is currently chaired by) people who are not members of the Committee. See Article 46 of the Articles of Association.
- A policy is needed for the conditions and procedure for reimbursement of expenses for visiting speakers.

06.12 Next meeting

10 May 2006 at 11 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London.

Minutes prepared by Lindsay MacDonald

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Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Ralph Jacobson, Alison Gilchrist, Roger Bourdon, Mike Pointer, John Mellerio, Lindsay MacDonald, Daniel Osorio, Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Jack Moreland (part)

06.13 Apologies for absence

Andrew Hanson

06.14 Minutes of the 361st meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

06.15 Matters arising

- The keys have been found to the two CGGB filing cabinets in the corridor outside the Research Department office in Room CM455. Two copies will be made of each. Sets to be held by the Chairman, the Secretary, and the CU department secretary (Catherine O'Brien).

- Payment to the AIC has been resolved.

- It has been verified that the Annual Return to Companies House can be made by the Web filing procedure.

06.16 Finance

- Accounts for the year have been prepared and show a net operating surplus of £2,858. Total funds invested are approximately £156,000.

- The policy for investment of capital will be reviewed, to see whether there is any better alternative to the COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

- The possibility of Ordinary Members paying subscriptions by Direct Debit will be investigated and a report produced.

- The policy for reimbursement of expenses for visiting speakers was discussed and it was agreed that it is best to retain the present *ad hoc* basis. On request, reasonable travel and subsistence expenses will be paid by the Treasurer to speakers, especially to students and retired persons. The applicable principle is that no-one should be out of pocket for speaking at a Colour Group meeting. No honorarium can be paid to any member of the Committee.

06.17 Membership

- Four new Ordinary Members have joined:
Mr Min Hyuk Kim (Student, London College of Communication)
Dr Priscilla Heard (University of Bristol)

Dr Sophie Triantaphillidou (University of Westminster)

Ms Annaliese Firth (Artist)

- The Department of Colour and Polymer Chemistry at the University of Leeds has joined as a Patron Member.

- Reminders were sent to 52 Ordinary and 3 Patron Members. Still 27 Ordinary and 3 Patron subscriptions remain unpaid. Final reminders will be sent to these. Members whose subscriptions continue to remain unpaid will be considered for lapse, but not until Committee members have had the opportunity to comment.

06.18 Newsletter and Web Site

- The June newsletter is ready to be sent out, pending final revisions to programme for the June meeting.

- The Summer Newsletter will be prepared next month.

- Members may like to have the option of receiving the newsletter in electronic form (e.g. as a PDF email attachment). All members with email addresses will be contacted and asked for their preference.

06.19 Awards

- Jack Moreland reported on the WDW and MG awards made in April. Five applications were received and four awards of £500 given:

MG Min Kim (LCC), Kiran Deshpande (LCC), Wen Luo (Leeds) WDW Caterina Ripamonte (Inst. of Ophthalmology)

- The awards should be more widely advertised in future, by targeting institutes active in colour research and by email circulation to all Colour Group members.

06.20 Meeting Reports

1 Mar The Newton lecture given by Professor Richard Gregory was attended by 71 people, of whom 24 members. DO has written a report. The event was followed by an extensive tour of the vision laboratories at City University, led by John Barbur, and then dinner for 16 people at the Peasant.

5 Apr Joint meeting on *The CIE 1931 Standard Observer* with IoP PPP group was attended by 70-80 people, followed by a reception for the exhibition at IOP. AH will write a report.

06.21 AGM Preparation

- AH has prepared a citation for Arthur Tarrant to be proposed as an Honorary Member.

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- LM has prepared a draft of the Secretary's Report for year ending 31st December 2005.

- RJ has the full set of audited accounts for the Treasurer's Report.

06.22 Programme for 2006-07

10 May AGM and invited speaker (Jules Davidoff).

14 June Full-day meeting with BMVA at LCC. Coordinating with Roy Davies of BMVA. Agreed charge of £10 for members of CG or BMVA or students, and £20 for others. CG to pay for Granville tea. Net proceeds or costs to be split equally between CG and BMVA. Catering to be done in-house by LCC.

Additional meetings of interest to members:

May 06 75 Years of the CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer (Ottawa)

June 06 Conference on Colour in Graphics, Imaging and Vision (CGIV)

21 Sep Joint meeting with Applied Vision Association (AVA) on 'Animal Vision', organised by Tom Troscianko in Bristol.

4 Oct Joint meeting with SDC on colour in textiles?

1 Nov Meeting at City University with John Barbur?

6 Dec Science meeting at City University (full day, possibly themed with John Hutchings 'Bridging the Gap')

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06.23 AIC Judd Award

- Candidates for the AIC Judd Award in 2007 were discussed. It was agreed that the Committee would nominate Professor Janos Schanda (Hungary) on the basis of his sustained lifetime contributions to colour science in illumination and education.

06.24 Any Other Business

- Candidates for the next Palmer Lecture were discussed, and it was agreed to invite Professor David Foster of the University of Manchester.

- Mike Pointer will convey the greetings of the Colour Group to the CIE meeting in Ottawa on 75th Anniversary of the CIE Standard Observer.

- It was unanimously agreed that Mike Pointer should continue his role on behalf of The Colour Group as Associate Editor of *Color Research and Application*, a position which he has held since 1976.

- This was the last meeting attended by Mike Pointer (7 years service) and Daniel Osorio (2 years service), who are stepping down from the Committee. The Chairman thanked them for their outstanding contributions to the work of the Colour Group.

06.25 Next meeting

4th October 2006 at 11 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London.

Minutes prepared by Lindsay MacDonald

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Minutes of the 363rd Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Roger Bourdon, Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, Lindsay MacDonald, John Mellerio, Jack Moreland (part), Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Andrew Stockman, Angela Wright.

6.26 Apologies for Absence

Sophie Wuerger

6.27 Minutes of the 362 Committee Meeting

These had been circulated by email previously: they were agreed.

6.28 Matters Arising from those Minutes

LMCD had keys to the filing cabinets and had a duplicate cut of one of them but the other could not be cut by the locksmiths he had tried. Catherine O'Brien of the Departmental Office was to have one set of keys and the Chairman and Secretary to have a set each (when finally duplicates were cut).

Alan Robertson had been nominated for the AIC Judd Award

LMCD reported he had completed the Annual Return to Companies House for a fee of £15. He required details of the new directors, i.e. Committee members, and these were collected so the details could be changed, probably on-line.

6.29 Finance

RJ reported the accounts had been sent to the Charity Commissioners. He was to take the Directors date of birth from the details collected as described in 6.28. The registered address of the Group was to remain at City University for the time being.

At some future date RJ suggested the Committee should consider setting out the responsibilities of the Trustees, i.e. the Committee members, and also specify what training the Trustees should have. It was now a requirement of the Charity Commissioners that these topics be settled by each charity.

The Commissioners also required under SORP that charities should initiate a risk analysis to their aims and objectives and that this should be considered by the Trustees on a regular basis (annually would suffice). RJ volunteered to start work on a simple register of risks.

The Trustees should also consider a policy for investments - did the Group have one? RJ asked.

Again, it was recommended practice for a charity to set out a policy and RJ wished the Committee to consider setting out a policy that might answer such questions as: should the Group's assets be invested for income, growth, security, and so on.

Currently the group had 150k£ or so invested and this might be considered a large sum. It was suggested that bids might be encouraged for using some of this money for educational programmes: Committee members were encouraged to consider this further for discussion at a later meeting.

All Committee Members

The Committee agreed to fund the November joint meeting at City University to the total of £600 and also noted the committed expenses of £200 for the Animal Vision meeting in Bristol. The cost commitment for the BMVA joint meeting the previous June had not been agreed beforehand and was expected to be in the order of £300. The Committee agreed that in future the maximum liability for financial support for a meeting must be agreed in advance.

6.30 Membership

AG reported she had lapsed nine members but nine new members had joined - see Appendix A. There were now six patron members and 24 individual members representing institutions or organisations. Of the membership, 150 listed email addresses but 54 did not; of the latter, 32 were institutional or organisational representatives.

AG asked if the Group might find it useful to record areas of members' expertise on the membership list as this would make it easier for her (or others on the Committee) to respond to requests for assistance from the outside world. After discussion, it was felt this could represent a considerable work load for her and that it would be easier to pass on by email to the membership (or that major fraction of it that had an email address) any requests asking for help.

It was proposed and agreed that John Adams should be granted Honorary Membership.

6.31 Newsletter and Web Site

The next circulation of the Newsletter was imminent. AH said he would again ask members, via the Newsletter, whether they would prefer to receive it electronically. JM said he would also insert such a message on the Group's web pages.

6.32 Awards

JDM was to advertise via the Newsletter and the web pages applications for the next round of Palmer Awards (biennial in odd years from 2007). It

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was also agreed that the next WDW awards should be for six students of up to £600 each (biennial in even years from 2008).

There had been a query about sub-committees such as that which considered the Awards. RO reported, via his "Notes for the Meeting" that the situation was thus: From *Advancement of Colour* (p.31) 'In February 1964 the Solicitor pointed out that Sub-committees could only be drawn from the membership of the main Committee although it did have the power to co-opt members. However, the Committee could approve the establishment of Working Parties without restriction of choice of members and this was the course of action chosen by the Committee'. Hence the awards team is 'Working Party 10' (1978-present) for the purposes of the minutes.

6.33 Reports of Recent Meetings

Brief verbal reports were received of the June joint meeting with the BMVA and of the AVA meeting on animal vision in Bristol. These meetings had been judged interesting and successful.

6.34 Forthcoming Meetings - Programme for 2006/7

17-18 November 2006 jointly with City University Funding up to £600 had been agreed by the Committee and City academics were progressing with the organisation of the meeting.

6 December 2006 at City University 'Bridging the Gap' - organisation was reported as on course.

10 January 2007 Vision Science Meeting at the Institute of Ophthalmology AS reported planning was advanced but queried if it was possible to pay speakers an honorarium and expenses. A vigorous discussion ensued and it was agreed that for the Vision Science Meeting only the organiser could offer, on behalf of the Group, a sum up to £200 expenses for speakers from Europe and upto £100 to speakers from the UK with the invitation to speak. It was further agreed that similar expenses could be defrayed by meeting organisers but only if asked by speakers. It was important to liaise with the Chairman and/or RJ before agreeing to make such disbursements for all other meetings.

7 February 2007 Art meeting at the Fashion and Textile Museum in Bermondsey and presentation of the Turner Medal to Zandra Rhodes. RO reported the organisation was progressing but suggested that the meeting should be ticketed as space was limited.

7 March 2007 LMcD said he would try to organise a meeting with the Computer Art Society. The Committee welcomed this idea.

4 April 2007 Robert Weale Meeting in Cambridge Correspondence had been received from prof John Mollon who was organising the meeting. He proposed that accommodation be provided at the College in Cambridge for Prof Weale after the meeting and that a small dinner be organised in college for the speakers and selected persons. The Committee agreed to this and LMcD was liaising with prof Mollon.

16 May 2007 retiring Chairman's Address and AGM The date of the meeting was put back a week and the Newsletter and web pages were to reflect this. RO was happy with the detailed planning of this meeting. The relevant reports would be required from the Group's officers at the AGM

6.35 Programme for 2007/8

This was not discussed but the list provided by RO was noted and is presented in the Appendix B for information.

6.36 Any Other Business

RO thought the Group should prepare a better certificate to present to Palmer Lecturers and that a competition for students should be organized to find the best design. The Committee agreed he should go ahead with this and authorised a prize of £250. # It was agreed that RO and LMcD should visit the RCA Colour Reference Library to discuss possibilities for the future of the Library location and usage.

LMcD suggested the Group should purchase 200 "rainbow" ties from The Tie Rack and produced a quotation for this at over £11 per tie. After discussion of the principles and expense involved the Committee rejected this proposal.

RJ had received a letter from the Colour Blindness Foundation which seemed to be requesting a monetary contribution. The Committee noted the letter and the existence of the Foundation but did not resolve any further actions.

AG reported that George B Townsend MBE, a long standing member, had died. A brief obituary was to appear in the next Newsletter.

RO announced that LMcD had been awarded the Davies Medal of the RPS. The Committee congratulated Lindsay on this honour. (Details at: http://www.rps.org/awards_details.php?ID=23)

6.37 Date of the Next and Future Committee Meetings

6 December 2006, 11.00 hrs, room CM450, City University - place to be announced

16 May 2007, 11.00 hrs, room CM450, City University. Note: the AGM is this day.

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Appendices

Appendix A

Mr R J Preston, student University of Portsmouth (proposed AG)

Mr P Bowles, LCC (member of SDC)

Mr R Parks, psychology teacher (proposed RO, seconded AG)

Dr P Hanselaer, KaHo St-Lieven (proposed MP, seconded AG)

Dr P J Bailey, UCE (member of SDC)

Dr G H C Freeman, ex NPL (member of IoP)

Mr C Channing, artist (proposed RO, seconded AG)

Ms C S Scully, colour trend forecaster (proposed LM, seconded AG)

Ms M Andersson, print manager (proposed LM, seconded AG)

Appendix B

Chairman's Notes on Programme 2007-8 circulated for Meeting Number 363

As discussed last autumn, the committee might consider reducing the number of meetings per year - perhaps to 5 meetings at 2-monthly intervals (with summer break) plus 5 NEWSLETTERS (Aug 07, Oct 07, Dec 07, Feb 08, Apr 08, then Aug 08):

Wednesday 5 September 2007: (2.00pm) Art or Psychology Meeting at City University. (Possible artist-speakers: Mary Webb, Susanna Heron, William Pye, Brendan Neiland, Andrew Logan.) Plus committee meeting (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 3rd October 2007:

Wednesday 7 November 2007: (2.00pm) Science Meeting at City University; independent of (but taking into consideration) possible AVRC Meeting (perhaps 8/9 November). Plus committee meeting (11 am) in Room CM450.

Call for NEXT VICE-CHAIRMAN (2008-9, Chairman 2009-11), perhaps chemist or vision scientist: Mellerio/Mollon/Barbur/Bowmaker/Stoclnan/Davidoff/Evans/Gilchrist/Holdstocic/Kraft/Liggins/Moorhead/Osorio/RiPI ey/Scase/ShepherdilWilkins?

Wednesday 5th December 2007

Wednesday 9 January 2008: (10.00am) All-day Vision Meeting/Symposium at Institute of Ophthalmology. FOURTH (?) PALMER LECTURER to be

selected and invited.

Wednesday 6th February 2008

Wednesday 5th March. 2008: (2.00pm or EVE?) Newton Lecture at City University. Perhaps coordinate event with AVRC, as with RLG. Discuss 6th Turner Lecturer for 2009 and Newton Lecturer for 2010.) Plus committee meeting (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 3rd April 2008

Wednesday 14 May 2008: (2.30pm. Tea at 3.00pm) AGM at City University & Invited Speaker(s) (Victoria Finlay? - LM). Plus committee meeting (11am) in Room CM450. Sequence of AGM 2008 (for reference only): Invite Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007: List financial awards (given to whom) & other main payments made up to 31st December 2007. Invite Secretary's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007, including Membership numbers, Books/Papers published (CRA), List of meetings held in 2007; publish details in Late-Summer Newsletter. Chairman's thanks to all (LM). CG Cttee minutes Oct06.wpd

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Minutes of the 364th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 11.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Roger Bourdon, Ralph Jacobson, Lindsay McDonald, John Melerio, Jack Moreland, Andrew Stockman, Sophie Wuerger.

6.38 Apologies for Absence

Alison Gilchrist, Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Bernard Staig-Graham, Angela Wright

6.39 Minutes of the 363rd Committee Meeting

These had been circulated by email previously: they were agreed after correction of some minor typographical errors.

6.40 Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no matters arising.

6.41 Finance

RJ presented a spreadsheet summary of the current financial situation and pointed out the large sum of money held by the Group and that of the invested sums, around 40k£ was invested in the special charity deposit funds (COIF). He further made a case for spending some of the Groups monies on projects relevant to the groups aims - this was discussed more fully under item 9 of the agenda - see item 6.46 below.

The Accounts had now been sent to the Charity Commissioners. It was reported the Annual Return had been filed by LMCD at Companies House.

6.42 Membership

AG reported that three new members had been proposed:

Mrs Julie Perkin (proposed RO, seconded AG)
Miss Sara Moorhouse, a PhD student at University of Wales (proposed AG, seconded JM)
Miss Lesley Beatties, optometrist now in colour vision research at Glasgow Caledonian University (proposed AG, seconded JM)

The Committee agreed to admit these individuals as members.

RO suggested that it might be tax advantageous if membership fees could be converted to Gift Aid contributions - it was doubted if this would be possible but RJ undertook to investigate this.

RO presented the first entries on the list of members' expertise that could be used to refer outside enquiries to members who might be able to assist enquirers. He is to continue work on this list and it

was agreed that eventually it might go onto the web pages so those entered on the list would have to agreed for their (professional) details to be published thus.

6.43 Newsletter and Web Site

The next Newsletter was due soon and the web pages were being updated.

6.44 Awards

JDM reported that applications had been invited via the Newsletter and the web pages for the next round of Palmer awards for 2007.

The possibility was discussed of obtaining wider publicity than that provided by the Newsletter and web pages because these were seen mainly only by members. A flyer was mentioned but it was felt an email shot might be better but no final decision was reached.

It was noted that for the last Palmer awards, the great majority went to one institution: it was therefore proposed by RO and seconded by LMCD that there be a maximum number of awards to any one institution and that the Awards Working Group should apply a limit when selecting the next awards in order to achieve a more equable spread of awards.

6.45 Reports of Recent Meetings

The report of the October was to appear in a future edition of the Newsletter.

JM reported the joint meeting with the AVRC at City in November had been judged as very successful: around 35 people attended of whom a dozen were from overseas, four from the US.

6.46 Future Policy

The Chairman opened the discussion of future policy for the Group by expressing the view that funding students to attend meetings overseas and to give "potted" talks at the Group's meetings was not an effective use of the Group's resources: audiences and the students learnt very little about colour or about presentation. In the ensuing spirited discussion several members queried the Group's aims (these, taken from the Group's Memoranda, were set out in the agenda - The object of the Group is to encourage the study of colour in all its aspects and to promote the education of the public in the field of colour) and RJ specifically thought we did educate the public as the meetings were open to all although, as RO pointed out, the Group does not advertise meetings widely. Members suggested ways to help fill the aims more directly by perhaps having a travelling colour workshop to tour schools (in a ColourMobile?), by setting up an in-

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teractive web site, by running a *colour exploratorium* or public exhibitions, by running colour courses for schools (especially for sixth formers), etc. It was suggested that the group might consider an educational fellowships where the fellow would tour schools to deliver demonstrations and lectures on colour. Finally, completing the circle, the discussion returned to research students who, it was suggested, should be awarded scholarships to make presentations first to an experienced panel of members for feedback on their presentations skills as well as their science, and then to the Group as a whole. No final conclusions, other than that something should be done, was reached except that the topic would reappear on Committee agenda and that members were encouraged to work up proposals.

6.47 Forthcoming Meetings - Programme for 2006/7

The organisation for the vision meeting in January was well advanced.

There were some doubts about the location of the February meeting but RO was organising tickets and obtaining estimates for teas, assuming the meeting would still occur at the Fashion & Textiles Museum.

LMcD was attempting to organise the March meeting as a joint meeting with the Computer Art Society (CAS) with *Art in Computing* as a working title. It would probably be at the City University.

Arrangements for the Weale meeting in April in Cambridge were proceeding well as LMcD was liaising with John Mollon. It was agreed a registration fee of about £15 should be charged and also that John Mollon would be granted up to £750 from the Group for expenses for the meeting. A registration form would be set out later for the Newsletter and the web pages.

The AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address meeting were to be as planned on **16 May** (note date change): RO had already selected a title.

6.48 Programme for 2007/8

The outline programme was examined and it was felt that there should be no meeting in September 2007 (too early) but that the proposed content might be run in October.

AW had said she would be prepared to organise the December meeting on colour in psychology.

LMcD suggested the February meeting might be at the LCF concerning colour in fashion with a cat-walk display - he was to investigate this further.

SW said an exhibition for the April meeting possibly in Liverpool in association with other events there might be possible - she was to investigate this possibility.

The above options were to be investigated and considered again at the next meeting.

6.49 Any Other Business

RJ distributed a Trustees Document that all Trustees (i.e. all Committee members) should read.

RJ also announced that he was to prepare a Risk Analysis (as suggested by the Commissioners and SORP) for the next Committee meeting.

RJ also said he would investigate the state of the insurances the Group held for public and trustee liability, etc.

LMcD and RO announced they were soon to visit the RCA colour library to discuss its future. A letter to Mr Peter Hassell of the RCA concerning the visit was tabled (copy filed with CG Cttee meeting #364 papers)

It was proposed that Bob Hunt should be nominated by the group for the Godlove Award of the Society Color Council (USA) in April 2007. LMcD agreed to prepare the proposal with help from AS and Patrick Forsyth.

Letter from Arthur Tarrant received proposing the Group organise some kind of colour symposium along the lines of a number of very successful symposia that were held many years ago. Such a meeting should be World class and result in a useful publication. He suggested the title of *Colour in the Work Place*. The suggestion was well received and it would fit with the education policy discussed in 6.46 and LMcD suggested a working party to look at this proposal. He volunteered to take this forward, perhaps with Steve Westland as Chairman. Arthur Tarrant could be asked to suggest names of possible members. (letter filed with CG Cttee meeting #364 papers)

6.50 Date of the Next and Future Committee Meetings

7 February 2007, place and time to be announced.

16 May 2007, 11.00 hrs, room CM450, City University. Note: the AGM is this day.

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The Programme for 2006/7

Wednesday 10 January 2007 10.00 hrs One-day symposium on **Colour Vision** and **Palmer Lecture**

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by Professor David Foster Institute of Ophthalmology

Wednesday 7 February 2007 14.00 hrs **Turner Lecture** and presentation of Turner Medal to Ms Zandra Rhodes Fashion and Textiles Museum, London SE1 or City University

Wednesday 7 March 2007 tba Joint meeting with Computer Art Society (CAS) **Art in Computing** (provisional title)

Wednesday 4 April 2007 tba One-day Colour Vision meeting: **A Tribute to Professor Robert** Alexander Weale Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge

Wednesday 9 May 2007 14.00 hrs **Annual General Meeting** (Members only) and at 15.00 hrs (open to all) **Retiring Chairman's Address** Fulvio Morato and Reformation Colour Symbolism Mr Roy Osborne City University

Wednesday 3 October 2007 tba First meeting of next session - to be confirmed City University

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Wednesday 3rd Oct 14.00 hrs Art Meeting City University Possible artist-speakers: Mary Webb, Susanna Heron, William Pye, Brendan Neiland, Andrew Logan

Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 7th Nov 2007 14.00 hrs Science Meeting at City University; independent of (but taking into consideration) possible AVRC Meeting (perhaps 8th/9th November).

Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 5th Dec 2007 14.00 hrs Colour in Psychology (provisional title) City University

Wednesday 9th Jan 2008 10.00 hrs All-day Vision Meeting/Symposium at Institute of Ophthalmology. 5th PALMER LECTURER to be selected and invited.

Wednesday 6th Feb 2008 14.00 hrs Colour in Fashion and Catwalk Event LCF?

Wednesday 5th March, 2008 14.00 hrs?? Newton Lecture at City University. Perhaps coordinate event with AVRC, as with RLG. Discuss 6th Turner Lecturer for 2009 and Newton Lecturer for 2010.)

Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 3rd April 2008 ?? Exhibition perhaps in Liverpool?

Wednesday 14th May 2008 14.30 hrs AGM & Invited Speaker(s) (Victoria Finlay? - LMCD). Sequence of AGM 2008 (for reference only): Invite

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007: List financial awards (given to whom) & other main payments made up to 31st December 2007. Invite Secretary's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007, including Membership numbers, Books/Papers published (CRA), Chairman's thanks to all. Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

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Minutes of the 365th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 7 February 2007 at 14.00 a.m. in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Roger Bourdon, Alison Gilchrist, Ralph Jacobson, Lindsay MacDonald, John Mellerio, Jack Moreland (visitor), Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Andrew Stockman, Angela Wright.

7.01 Apologies for Absence

Andrew Hanson, Bernard Staig-Graham, Sophie Wuerger.

7.02 Minutes of the 364th Committee Meeting

These had been previously circulated by email: they were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7.03 Matters Arising from those Minutes

RJ reminded members that he had circulated details of the current insurance policy and hoped that it was felt benefits were sufficient. Apparently members thought they were.

RO and LM had visited the RCA to discuss the fate of the Colour Reference Library with the Rector, Professor Christopher Frayling and Peter Has-sell (information Services) on 12 December 2006. There were no plans to dispose of the library and the RCA wished its profile to be raised.

Dr Hunt had been nominated for the Godlove Award of the Inter-Society Color Council (ISCC, USA).

It was agreed the stock of Newton and Turner medals should be passed to LM for safe keeping.

7.04 Finance

RJ presented a spreadsheet summary of the current financial situation and pointed out that things were "in the black".

The November 2006 meeting at City had been sponsored by the Group for £600 but it seemed that some money might actually be returned to the Group - AS and RJ were to clarify the final position.

It had cost £100 to have the Turner Medal engraved for Zandra Rhodes for that day's meeting.

A sum of £200 plus VAT had been reserved for the Granville tea at that day's meeting at the RCA.

7.05 Membership

AG reported that three new ordinary members and one patron member had been proposed:

Ordinary Membership

Mr Philip O'Reilly, artist, London (prop: RO, sec: AG)

Dr Peter Bamfield (member of RSC, SDC)
Mrs Matilda O'Neil-Biba, PhD student, City University (prop: MR-C, sec: AG)

Patron Membership

Colorview UK Ltd., Castleford
(representative, Mr Colin Perrott)

The Committee agreed to admit these individuals as members.

AG reported that membership renewal forms had missed the Newsletter but would be sent shortly first by email if possible and then by post **AG**

7.06 Newsletter and Web Site

The February Newsletter had been delayed by illness (the Committee wished AH good health).

There was nothing to report concerning the web pages which continued to attract around 1000 hits per month.

7.07 Awards

JDM reported that invitations to apply for the 2007 Palmer Awards were on several appropriate web sites and a flyer had been sent to all schools of psychology in the UK.

It was agreed the award schedule would be:
Palmer awarded in 2007, 2009, 2011, etc.
W.D. Wright awarded in 2008, 2010, 2012

LM proposed that a condition of Awards from the Group should be that all posters, slides, etc. should acknowledge the Colour Group and the Award. RB seconded; agreed *nem con*.

7.08 Reports of Recent Meetings

AS reported the Vision Meeting in January at the Institute of Ophthalmology had been successful and well attended. There was likely to be a surplus returned to the Group in the order of £300. Future arrangements for this meeting were discussed including the possibility of expanding attendance but it was agreed use the same if small theatre as before and to limit the meeting as it was currently encouragingly informal. It was suggested that the Group should cover the registration fee leaving attendees to pay only for refreshments but this was not enthusiastically received. No decision was made to change current arrangements.

7.09 Charity and SORP Matters

RJ presented a draft Risk Table (previously circulated by email) and the various entries and principles involved were discussed at length. It was appreciated that SORP required attention to such matters as risk, but it was hoped that for the Group that such things could be managed with a light touch. RJ requested all Committee members to take the table away and amend or enter their own

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estimates of the various categories so that at the next meeting a final version of the table could be made.

JM pointed out that the Government Committee on Standards in Public Life maintained trustees (i.e. the Committee) as holders of public office should follow the **Seven Principles of Public Life** (These are shown in Appendix A.)

7.10 Future Policy

There was an animated discussion on the aims of the Group and how these might be achieved. Several members thought the rather "amateur" informality of the Group's meetings was welcome. Generally it was felt more should be done under the heading of education and thus a two pronged programme might be developed, the upshot of which was:

1 LM agreed to set out a proposal to be considered at the next meeting for the establishment, as a trial, of a one-year fellowship to provide a number (20?) of lecture/demonstrations suitable for senior classes in schools for a cost of around £5000.

2 JDM agreed to formulate details of a possible scheme to provide tutorial workshops for award applicants that might be used either to simply help those already selected or to help select the best. Such workshops would operate in a positive way to help presentation skills and scientific interpretation of results.

It was also suggested that it might be more efficient to join with other organisations that shared common aims of education. AG reported that the SDC ran school and college education programmes. She undertook to contact the SDC to explore possibilities for collaborative or complementary work.

7.11 Future Meetings

Because of the hour, this item was held over until the next meeting

7.12 Programme for 2006/7

It had proved impossible to set up a programme for the March meeting: the meeting scheduled for 7 March was therefore cancelled and postponed possibly to June 2007.

Arrangements for the Weale meeting in April in Cambridge were proceeding well as LM was liaising with John Mollon. The registration fee was to be £16 for members: it was suggested that non-members should pay £25.

The AGM and Retiring Chairman's Address meeting were to be as planned on **16 May** (note date change):

The timetable was:
14.30 - 15.00 hrs AGM

1500 - 15.30 hrs Granville tea

15.30 - 16.30 hrs Retiring Chairman's Address **RO**

Remaining meetings are shown in Appendix B.

7.13 Programme for 2007/8

Some changes to the draft programme that was attached to the minutes were described and are set out in Appendix C. Main points were:

Saturday 8 September 2007 Joint meeting with National Museum of Media, Bradford, to celebrate the invention of the autochrome colour process. The CG link is LM

Wednesday 3 October 2007 AW volunteered to organise a meeting on colour and harmony in psychology.

November 2007 It was proposed the Group supports the City University AVRC meeting.

Wednesday 5 December 2007 The suggested art or psychology meeting was to be abandoned: it was suggested a visit to the Winsor & Newton madder works would make a good winter trip out. Tentatively, it was suggested AH might be interested in setting up this visit.

7.14 Any Other Business

Membership of the Committee was considered in advance of the AGM: two new Ordinary Members were necessary to replace RB and BS-G (Note: this is variation of Article 32 by Article 34) and possible nominations were discussed. Mike Pointer was felt to be a very suitable person for nomination as an Ordinary Member (proposed by LM and RO would approach him concerning nomination). At least one more name was required and it was suggested it might be useful to have a representative from the RCA library. (Note: requests for nominations should be sent to all Group members by 14 March 2007 - by Newsletter? - who should submit nominations to JM by 28 March - Arts 37 & 38).

An annual report for the AIC Newsletter was required: JM was to produce one.

LM suggested approaching the AIC to offer the UK as a host for a meeting in the near future.

RO had produced a list of expert members who could be consulted by the public and the names so far included had been published in the Newsletter. He was to continue seeking names. Eventually, the list should appear on the web site but not until it had been worked on further.

7.15 Date of the Next and Future Committee Meetings

16 May 2007, 11.30 hrs, room CM450, City University. Note: the AGM is this day.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

The **Seven Principles of Public Life** as specified by the Government Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Selflessness Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

Integrity Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

Openness Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

APPENDIX B

The Programme for 2006/7

Wednesday 7 March 2007 tba Cancelled

Wednesday 4 April 2007 11.00 hrs One-day Colour Vision meeting: *A Tribute to Professor Robert Alexander Weale* Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge

Wednesday 16 May 2007 14.00 hrs **Annual General Meeting** (Members only) and at 15.00 hrs (open to all) **Retiring Chairman's Address** Fulvio Morato and Reformation Colour Symbolism Mr Roy Osborne City University

Wednesday 13 June 2007 PM Possibly a joint meeting with the Computer Art Society.

Wednesday 12 July 2007 10.30 hrs Joint one-day meeting with Institute of Physics Retired Members Section at IoP, Portland Place, WC1 entitled *The Eye and How We See Colour*

APPENDIX C

The Programme for 2007/8

Saturday 8 September 2007 tba Joint meeting with National Museum of Media, Bradford, to celebrate the invention of the autochrome colour process. The CG link is LM.

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Wednesday 5th Dec 2007 14.00 hrs Possible winter visit to the madder works at Windsor and Newton.

Wednesday 9th Jan 2008 10.00 hrs All-day Vision Meeting/Symposium at Institute of Ophthalmology. 5th PALMER LECTURER to be selected and invited.

Wednesday 6th Feb 2008 14.00 hrs Colour in Fashion and Catwalk Event LCF?

Wednesday 5th March, 2008 14.00 hrs?? Newton Lecture at City University. Perhaps coordinate event with AVRC Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

Wednesday 3rd April 2008 ?? Exhibition perhaps in Liverpool? SW

Wednesday 14th May 2008 14.30 hrs AGM & Invited Speaker(s) (Victoria Finlay? - LM). Sequence of AGM 2008 (for reference only): Invite Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007: List financial awards (given to whom) & other main payments made up to 31st December 2007. Invite Secretary's Report for the year ending 31st December 2007, including Membership numbers, Books/Papers published (CRA), Chairman's thanks to all (LM). Plus **committee meeting** (11am) in Room CM450.

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Minutes of the 366th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 16 May 2007 at 11.30 hrs in Room CM450, City University, London

Present: Roy Osborne (Chair), Roger Bourdon, Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Hanson, Lindsay MacDonal, John Mellerio, Jack Moreland (visitor), Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Sophie Wueger.

6.66 Apologies for Absence

Ralph Jacobson, Bernard Staig-Graham, Andrew Stockman, Angela Wright.

6.67 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 365th meeting held on 7 February 2007 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

6.68 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

It was reported that the nomination of Dr Hunt for the Inter-Society Color Council Godlove award had been successful. Also that Dr Alan Robertson had won the 2007 AIC Judd Award and that Dr Peter Vukusic had been selected as the Institute of Physics 2007 Schools Lecturer. The Committee offered congratulations to all three on their successes.

6.69 Financial Matters

The Treasurer sent his apologies as he was in the Ukraine as President of the Royal Photographic Society so could not in person explain the delays that had been incurred by obtaining the External Examiner of Accounts approval of the draft accounts. Approval had been obtained and the draft circulated to the Committee but it could not be considered at the AGM that afternoon as it had been approved too late to circulate to the membership in compliance with the timetable required by the Articles of the Group. It was therefore proposed that at the AGM a resolution to call an Extraordinary General Meeting on 3rd October 2007 to examine and approve the accounts be presented. Notice would be given in the next issue of the Newsletter.

It was queried whether, as suggested at the last meeting (Minute 7.04), there had been any balance left from the CG's sponsorship of up to £600 for the City University Applied Vision Research Centre meeting in November 2006. There was no information on this: JM was asked to chase this up.

It was confirmed that the Group would sponsor the next AVRC meeting in November, if there was one, with a sum not exceeding £600: JM was asked to inform Prof Barbur of this offer.

6.70 Membership

AG reported four new applications had been received:

Mrs Monika Hedrich, University of Bradford (member of AVA)

Dr Ken MacLennon-Brown (member of RPS, BMVA)

Mr Neil Parkinson, Royal College of Art (proposed LM, seconded AG)

Dr David Tolhurst, University of Cambridge (member of AVA).

The meeting approved these applicants for membership.

The membership list stood at 133 at the end of last year and 84 members had renewed by April. Forty nine reminders were sent by email or post and 15 renewals had been made by 15 May bringing the paid-up membership to 99. AG undertook to send out final reminders pointing out that failure to renew would mean membership would be terminated. **AG**

6.71 Newsletter & Web Site

AH had now recovered and was working on the next Newsletter. He requested that any material for the next issue should be passed to him ASAP. This issue should contain notice of the EGM in October 2007 (if agreed by the AGM). (Secretary's note: this was agreed and notice is required.)

The web site continued operation and JM had nothing to report.

6.72 Colour Group Awards

JDM set out his and the Award Panel's position as he saw it. There might have been problems in operation but the Panel had never been given a clear mandate or operating criteria either verbally or in writing. This had led to some confusions. It was the duty of the Committee to agree the operating criteria and over the years it had not done this effectively.

RO withdrew the second part of his first resolution and the Committee agreed with the first part that thanked the Panel's "supervisor" and members for their work.

Various aspects of possible terms of reference for an awards panel, and what they might be, were discussed, e.g. whether the date of the awards should always be at the same time of the year; whether receipts should be required from awardees before payment, after payment, or not at all; whether awards should be paid through their academic departments; whether the awards should be limited to the top scoring three applicants or be more widely distributed, etc. There were no firm agreements as members were to await the action

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mentioned in the point below before further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

JDM agreed to set out terms of reference for an awards panel (or subcommittee) which he would circulate for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

RO withdrew proposal 2 concerning the awards covering only registration fees as most members held contrary views and this point would be considered after receipt of JDM's paper.

JDM reported the grades that the panel had awarded for the **Palmer Awards**. It was eventually agreed that the cut-off grade should be set at 2.9 out of 5 for this cycle which meant that nine awards would be made, two applicants being unsuccessful. It was agreed that the maximum value of the award was to be £500. It was proposed (RO, seconded by LM) that the successful applicants should be made ordinary members for the year 2007. It was further proposed (LM, seconded by RB and agreed) that in the future, part of the Palmer Award should be one year's free ordinary membership of the Group. The new Chairman (LM) would eventually write to the successful applicants with details of the award, enclosing their cheque. It was queried whether those successful Palmer Award applicants who had applied to the Applied Vision Association for funding had been successful with that bid. If they had been, what should the Group do - pay the full Palmer Award or limit funding in some way? In the first instance, LM would approach his contacts in the AVA to find out about their awards.

6.73 Reports of Recent Meetings

The Zandra Rhodes meeting had been a success with 140 or so people attending. The venue was considered a good one and it was agreed that it should be considered for more meetings in the future.

The Weale meeting in Cambridge had been greatly enjoyed by those who attended: the organization and catering was exemplary. The Committee wished the Secretary to write formally to Prof Mollon thanking him for his work in conceiving and setting up the meeting.

6.74 Charity and SORP Matters

Because RJ could not attend, these matters, including evaluation of the Risk Register, were to be held over until the next Committee meeting.

6.75 Policy for the Future: Does the Group Fulfil Its Aims?

Consideration of proposals for an educational fellowship and for presentation workshops for successful award applicants were postponed until the

next meeting as time was running short. It was hoped that LM and JDM could circulate papers before that meeting.

6.76 Future Meetings: Dates and Topics for Consideration

The list from the agenda that had been supplied by RO was to be carried forward to inform future plans. (see Appendix)

It was suggested that Peter Vukusic (IoP's Schools Lecturer) might be approached for a contribution to a meeting.

RO was keen to recruit contributors to meetings who had higher national and international profiles, e.g. Nobel prize winners: he felt the Group was now able to fund this and that this would improve the Group's profile, reputation and standing.

6.77 Programme for 2006-7

Organisation for the joint meeting with the Computer Arts Society on 20 June 2007 was on track.

Plans for the joint meeting with the REM section of the IoP on 12 July were in place.

6.78 Programme for 2007-8

15 September 2007: there was to be a meeting at the National Museum of the Media (Bradford) to coincide with the exhibition there celebrating the invention of the autochrome process for colour photography. The meeting was being jointly organized by the NMM, the Colour Group of the IoP and the Colour Group (GB). Our link was LM..

3 October 2007: AW was organizing a meeting on colour and harmony in psychology.

7 ?? November 2007: possible date for a meeting for the Palmer Awardees to present their work.

?? November 2007: Possible meeting of the City University AVRC to be sponsored up to £600 by CG.

4 December 2007: Note, this is a Tuesday - visit to the Windsor and Newton pigment factory; the numbers are strictly limited but there may be an option for a double-house arrangement.

9 January 2008: annual visual science meeting and Palmer Lecture. AW and AS are organising and will also suggest names of possible Palmer Lecturers.

6 February 2007: Colour in Fashion and Catwalk event. At the LCF?

5 March 2007: Newton Medal lecture; LM is to make a list of potential medalists and circulate the Committee for consideration.

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April - the exhibition in Liverpool probably to be delayed until June - SW to inform Committee.

14 May 2007: AGM and an invited speaker - perhaps Victoria Finlay.

6.79 Arrangements for the AGM

Arrangements for the business of the AGM were in place but there had been difficulties in serving notice in due time for the financial report and for nomination to the three ordinary membership vacancies in the Committee.

The financial matters could be handled at an EGM on 3 October 2007. At the AGM the three vacancies caused by the departure of ordinary members RB, BS-G and MR-C could not be filled because the nominations were technically invalid due to lack of sufficient notice. There had been three nominations (MP, JDM and Neil Parkinson from the RCA) and the candidates had agreed to being put forward either verbally or in writing (but with insufficient notice) so the Chairman proposed he should appoint two of these, as he is allowed to do (Article 22), and the Committee should to appoint the third after six weeks, as it is empowered to do (Article 38); thus well before the next season began a full Committee would be in place. At a subsequent EGM (the one on 3 October perhaps) the Committee membership could be confirmed by electing three ordinary members from any nominees that had been received by that time, it being essential that proper notice had been given. The next issue of the Newsletter would have to carry the notice of the EGM, its agenda and a call for Committee ordinary membership nominations. It was also proposed that MR-C should be co-opted to the Committee as she was a valuable contact with the City University. It was agreed this set of proposals should be placed before the AGM.

6.80 Meeting of AIC in the UK?

No further information had been received concerning this possibility.

6.81 Any Other Business

The possibility of running a meeting to celebrate John Holmes work in colour in 2009 was discussed and AG agreed to consider how this might be done.

Arthur Tarrant had written to the Committee making a case for a subcommittee concerned with problems of colour and ergonometry. LM agreed to contact AT to discuss possibilities for furthering the idea.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the retiring members of the Committee for their interest in and work for the Group.

6.82 Next Meeting

This would be in the morning of 3 October 2007, before the EGM and AW's meeting on the psychology of colour.

The list of Committee meeting dates would be considered by the new Chairman: in recent years there seemed to be a gap in January/February especially when compared with earlier practice of preceding all CG meetings with a Committee meeting. It was felt there was sufficient business to justify more meetings.

The meeting closed at 13.30 hrs.

APPENDIX

Future meetings: dates and topics for consideration for future events

2008: Centenary of the birth of Yves Le Grand (1908-86), the French scientist (Legion d'Honneur and AIC President 1970-73). RWG Hunt translated Le Grand's 'Light, Color and Vision' (Wiley 1957). Suggest tribute to Yves Le Grand (1908-86) chaired by RWG Hunt in 2008.

2009: 200th anniversary of the publication of *A New Elucidation of Colours* by the English botanist James Sowerby (1757-1822), one of the finest of all artists' colour manuals. Possibly connect with the centenary of the publication of *Concealing-coloration in the Animal Kingdom* by the North American painter Gerald Thayer (1883-1939), a pioneering book on the subject that could inspire a meeting on animal camouflage or colour in botany/zoology.

2009: John Holmes centenary. CG's only surviving founder-member.

2010: 200th anniversary of the *Farbenlehre* by Goethe (1749-1832) and of the *Farbenkugel* by Philipp Otto Runge (1777-1810). John Gage might be invited to talk to CG. Robert Weale has interests in Goethe.

2010: 1000th anniversary of the writing of *Manazir*, the highly influential book on vision by Alhazen (965-1039) published in Latin by Friedrich Risner in 1572 as *Opticae Thesaurus*.