

THE COLOUR GROUP (GREAT BRITAIN)

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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 MacDonald, 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. **AH**

■ 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. **JM**

■ 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. **JM**

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.*) **AH**

■ 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 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.

JDM

- 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. **RJ, LM**

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.

JM

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. **JDM, LM**

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. **LM**

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

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..LM

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

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

MR-C

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

- 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. AH

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

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

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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. LM

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. AG

- 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.

LM

- 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

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V1

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at 11.30 hrs in Room 220, City University,
London

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Ralph Jacobson, John Mellerio, Jack Moreland, Mike
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7.01 Apologies for Absence

Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Stockman, Roy Osborne,
Neil Parkinson, Sophie Wueger.

7.02 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 366th meeting held on 16 May
2007 had been circulated and were signed by the
Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

7.03 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

7.04 Financial Matters

■ RJ ran through the draft Financial Statement that
he was to present to the EOGM later that day. The bottom
line was that the Statement showed a surplus of £1426 for
the year ended 31 December 2006 which RJ suggested
was satisfactory.

■ RJ was concerned that our procedures were
slack and that we did not keep to the dates specified in the
Memoranda and Articles. The Committee felt this was so
and asked JM to circulate the 'Mem and Arts' so members
could be informed. JM pointed out these were available
on the Group's web pages and every member on joining
should have received a printed copy of them.

*Secretary's Note; Articles 55 & 56 are clear on the
timing of the balance sheet procedures, viz:*

*55. Every balance sheet shall be signed on behalf
of the Committee by two Members thereof, and shall
have attached to it the independent accountant's
report and a report by the Committee with respect to
the state of the Group's affairs.*

*56. A printed copy of the income and expenditure
account and balance sheet and the Treasurers report*

*shall not less than twenty-one clear days previously
to the date of the Meeting be sent by post to the listed
address of every Member who is entitled to receive
notice of General Meetings and to the independent
accountants.*

■ It was suggested that the "accounts" might be
published in the Newsletter or on the web pages. It was
felt the former would be the more appropriate action, the
web pages being too public. It was also asked if members
could not be sent copies by post or email.

*Secretary's Note; Article 56 specifies that this should
be done.*

■ RJ queried what returns had been made to
Company's House and JM replied that the return for the
year to April 2007 had been filed on line.

■ Concerning Item 6.69(3) from the previous
meeting, JM announced there was not to be a vision
science meeting at City University this Autumn so the
offer of financial support to Prof Barbur fell.

■ RJ wished the Committee to consider
distribution of holdings in various funds, especially high
yield funds, to minimise tax liabilities and maximise
returns. This matter was to be discussed at the next
meeting. **RJ**

7.05 Membership

■ AG reported by email that there was one new
member

Miss Claire Bergin, Artist

■ AG also reported she had terminated
membership for 14 people in arrears of their subscriptions
despite reminders sent out over the Summer.

■ AG was to inform all of the successful Palmer
Award candidates that they had free membership of the
group for 2007.

7.06 Newsletter & Web Site

■ The Newsletter was currently costing less to
produce as it was now bi-monthly and many
members received it by email.

■ The web site continued operation and JM said
that it might soon not be hosted by City University but by
another host well disposed to charities.

■ JM was asked to circulate to all Committee
members contact details of the Committee. **JM**

7.07 Colour Group Awards

■ JDM ran through the two papers he had

coauthored with LM and which he tabled:

Awards Panel: Standard Operating Procedures: 21 May 2007

Terms of Reference of the Colour Group Awards Panel: 21 May 2007

After discussion of several points the Committee expressed their gratitude for the work done. The authors were to re-draft the papers in the light of suggestions and comments made.

- The suggestion of RO to provide feedback to awardees on their presentations at a Group meeting before they set out to a scientific meeting was thought to have value but would be impractical because awards were made around April and most meetings were four or five months later during which period the Group did not have many meetings and during which the awardees would not have fully prepared their presentations or settled their ideas. Instead, awardees would have to make their presentations after the scientific meeting and Group members would give feedback then. This was to be the pattern of the November meeting of the Group.

7.08 Reports of Recent Meetings

- It was reported that the final meetings of the years programme, some of which were jointly held, had been successful. In particular, the September meeting on Animal Vision held jointly with the Applied Vision Association had been a good one and the AVA were interested in holding more joint meetings.

7.09 Charity and SORP Matters

- The SORP statement had yet to be completed but RJ hoped that LM could complete this.
- RJ mentioned the new regulations from the Charity Commissioners which could be taken to mean that the Group need not retain its present Company status, but change to that of a Charitable Company which would have similar tax advantages and liability protection whilst, at the financial level at which the Group operates, not require full audits or even account examiners. It was agreed that RJ and MP should consult together outside the Committee and discuss possible changes with LM.
RJ, MP, LM

- RJ undertook to circulate by email to Committee member the Charity Commission's information on the duty of trustees: it was important that members become familiar with these. **RJ**

- RJ also undertook to circulate the risk analysis - further discussion was to be held over because of the late hour. **RJ**

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

- Consideration of AIC membership of the Group was postponed until the next meeting because of lack of time.

- Consideration of how collaboration with the Royal College of Arts might be furthered was postponed until the next meeting because of lack of time

- JDM and LM tabled a proposal (see Appendix 2) for a Colour Group Teaching Fellowship. This was to form an item of the agenda for the next meeting.

7.11 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)

- MP suggested that for 2008 it might be worthwhile combining something about Le Grand's centenary and RW Hunt's translation of his book - he would think on. **MP**

7.12 Programme for 2007-8

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perhaps Victoria Finlay. **LM**

7.13 Meeting of AIC in the UK?

No further information had been received
concerning this possibility. **LM**

7.14 Any Other Business

There were no matters discussed as time for the
meeting had expired.

7.15 Next Committee Meeting

This would be at 11.00 hrs on Wednesday 7
November 2007

7.16 Committee Meeting Schedule

Tuesday 4 December 2007 in the afternoon after the
visit to Winsor and Newton - location to be announced.

Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 11.00 hrs at City

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the AGM.

The meeting closed at 13.45 hrs.

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- Lecturer should prepare a one-hour lecture with a high demonstration content (along the lines of the Royal Institution lectures).

- Focus on secondary schools (age 12-18), link to National Curriculum objectives in Science, Art and English.

- Support by a section on the CG Web site.

- Aim to deliver approximately 20 lectures per year, throughout Great Britain.

- Advertise in January and invite applications for start in October 2008.

- Appoint for two-year term, reviewed annually.

- Stipend £5,000 per year plus travel expenses.

APPENDIX 2

Proposal

The Colour Group Teaching Fellowship

According to the Memorandum of Association, 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. In furtherance of the above object, the Group may (item E of the Memorandum) make grants or loans of money, books, apparatus, or other matters or things for the purpose of promoting invention and research and education in colour and/or in subjects connected therewith.

In pursuit of the above, we propose to establish the **Colour Group Teaching Fellowship**, with the following parameters:

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7.17 Apologies for Absence

Alison Gilchrist, Ralph Jacobson, Roy Osborne,
Mike Pointer, Angela Wright, Sophie Wueger.

7.18 Minutes of the last meeting

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2007 had been circulated and were signed by the
Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

7.19 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

JM apologised for not circulating contact details of
Committee members to the members but promised
to do so. It was suggested phone numbers were
included and he undertook to do this in line with
permission from each member. **JM**

7.20 Financial Matters

■ It was agreed to hold over the matters in item
7.04 because of RJ's absence due to his last official
business for the RPS

■ The Directors' Report for the year to 31 August
2007, prepared according to SORP, had been completed
and sent to the Group's accountant for completion and
submission to Companies House.

7.21 Membership

■ AG had sent notice that a student from
Wisconsin had asked to help the Group in some way
during her stay in the UK in some months time. The
Chairman thought this might be useful as she appeared
well qualified in the phenomenology of colour: he hoped
the Group could use her services and appealed for ideas.

He volunteered to send her an encouraging yet
exploratory reply. **LM**

■ LM said he would like Committee members to
see the list of defaulting members that AG had lapsed to
see if anybody could make a personal approach to the
persons listed and to persuade them to pay up and
continue membership. **AG**

■ LM requested that at the next meeting the
Committee review the list of Corporate Members and the
criteria governing their membership. **AG**

7.22 Newsletter & Web Site

■ It was pointed out that the next Newsletter
should contain the accounts and the Directors'
Annual Report (SORP). **RJ, AH**

■ The programme for the January 2008 Vision
meeting should also be in this Newsletter. **SW, AH**

■ The web site was now hosted by Oxhey: a
redirection page from the City servers was to be set up.
The Group had one email address (info@coulour.org.uk)
which was felt to be sufficient as it was redirected to AG.

JM

7.23 Colour Group Awards

■ The two papers that had been tabled for item
7.07 at Committee meeting 367, viz:

*Awards Panel: Standard Operating Procedures: 21 May
2007*

*Terms of Reference of the Colour Group Awards Panel:
21 May 2007*

were presented in more polished versions and
after discussion of several points, including the
need to insert that successful Palmer Award
applicants were entitled to a year's free
membership of the Group, the papers were
agreed. JDM was to set these out in a final form
which would define Group's policy and then
distribute them to the Committee. **JDM**

■ It was questioned whether there should be a
maximum number of awards made to any one institution,
but it was pointed out that this had been previously
discussed and agreed that there should be no such limit
and that, as the Awards Panel only made
recommendations to the Committee, the Committee made
the final decision and could, if it saw fit on any specific
occasion, limit the number of awards.

■ The Committee thanked JDM for his work on

the awards and the papers.

■ The next **Newton Medal** was due for award in March 2008. As this was for distinction in colour science, it was felt that candidates should come from a wide, international field. During discussion, three names came forward: Janos Schanda, Roy S Berns and Hubel or Weisel. The work of the last pair were felt to be too peripheral to the Group's interests and it was settled to place Roy S Berns (Munsell Color Science Laboratory, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, 14623-5604 <http://www.cis.rit.edu/people/faculty/berns/about.html>) as first choice. LM was to contact him and he felt the Group should make something of the presentation, using a prestigious location for the lecture, e.g. Royal Society, Royal Institution, Institute of Physics, and with extensive publicity. **LM**

7.24 Reports of Recent Meetings

■ It was noted that the EOG meeting on 3 October had proceeded smoothly but that no report on the subsequent activity (*Colour and Harmony in Psychology*) had been received for the Newsletter. **AW**

7.25 Charity and SORP Matters

The topics under item 7.09 were to be held over for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

7.26 Policy for the Future

■ The proposal for a **Teaching Fellow** (Appendix 2) written by JDM and LM was discussed. It was agreed that the Group should proceed with recruiting such a Fellow and that advertisements should appear in January requesting applications by 31 March 2008. A small working group was to be set up to oversee recruitment and construction of a job description: its members were to be LM (Chairman), JM, MP, NP, MR-C.

■ During discussion of the Teaching Fellow appointment, members felt that the latest range of techniques, including interactive blogs and such, should be used as the target audience was perceived to be readily open to the latest technologies. It was not to be forgotten, however, that it would be necessary for the Fellow to have an excellent lecturing style.

■ Cooperation with the **Royal College of Art**, and especially with the Colour Library there, was discussed and Neil Parkinson briefly ran through what the library

did and his work there. It was hoped the Group could promote and develop the library with, for a start, mention on the web pages and a small brochure that might be distributed with the Newsletter (NP to prepare). The Group could also encourage donations and bequests of material to the library. **AH, JM, NP**

7.27 Future Meetings: Dates and Topics for Consideration

■ The list from the agenda that had been supplied by RO was to continue to be carried forward to inform future plans. (see Appendix 1)

■ There seemed not to be much enthusiasm for a meeting in 2008 to celebrate Le Grand's centenary and RW Hunt's translation of his book, but LM suggested that a joint meeting in Paris at the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, collaborating with Francoise Vienot, might be most rewarding. He would contact Dr Vienot about this possibility. **LM**

7.28 Programme for 2007-8

■ That day's meeting for the Palmer Awardees to present their work had been set up. **MR-C**

■ 4 December 2007: visit to the Winsor and Newton pigment factory and which was now fully subscribed. **AH**

■ 9 January 2008: annual visual science meeting and Palmer Lecture. AW had reported the programme was nearly completed but that there was still no Palmer Lecturer chosen. AS, being present, suggested names of possible Palmer Lecturers and it was finally agreed that he should approach P.L Walraven (TNO Institute for Perception, Soesterberg, The Netherlands). **AW, AS**

■ 6 February 2007: Colour in Fashion. Unfortunately the Society of Dyers and Colourists had announced a meeting the week before on this topic so the topic needs to be changed. LM suggested colour in design and he was to liaise with NP to see if they could organise such a meeting. **LM, NP**

■ 5 March 2007: Newton Medal lecture; LM was to contact Roy S Berns **LM**

■ April - the exhibition in Liverpool would not take place and any ideas for a meeting would be welcome. **All Members**

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

7.29 Meeting of AIC in the UK?

The AIC had approached LM suggesting a full quadrennial meeting in the UK in 2013 and the Committee felt that the Group should reply positively to this. There would be some 600 delegates and May or June might be a good time but if a university campus was to be used, July would be better still. Suggestions for a venue would be welcome and a small working group was set up to start planning: LM (Chairman), Phil Green, Roni Luo, Mike Pointer, Steve Westland. **LM**

7.30 Any Other Business

There were no matters discussed.

7.31 Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday 4 December 2007 would not be appropriate as the Chairman and several other members could not be present and there were difficulties in finding a venue after the W & N visit. There was a need for another meeting before March and JM was to circulate members with suggested dates for early January 2008. **JM**

7.32 Committee Meeting Schedule

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Jack Moreland, Lindsay MacDonald: October 2007

THE COLOUR GROUP (GREAT BRITAIN)

V1

Minutes of the 369th Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 29 January 2008

at 11.00 hrs in Room C335, City University,
London

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which imply action is required**

Present: Lindsay MacDonald (Chair), Ralph Jacobson,
John Mellerio, Jack D Moreland, Neil Parkinson, Marisa
Rodriguez-Carmona, Andrew Stockman.

8.01 Apologies for Absence

Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Hanson, Roy Osborne,
Mike Pointer, Angela Wright, Sophie Wueger.

8.02 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 368th meeting held on 7
November 2007 had been circulated and were
signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that
meeting.

8.03 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

None

8.04 Financial Matters

a) RJ reported that the accounts for 2007 would be
sent to the Accountant. These are required to be
circulated to all members by post 21 clear days before the
AGM by Article 56 (see
<http://www.colour.org.uk/articles.html>) of the **Articles of
Association**. A discussion followed concerning the
acceptability of circulation by email, if possible, and/or by
publication in the Newsletter. This is reported more fully
in items **8.06** a), c) below. **RJ**

b) The monthly accounts for the year to end 2007 were
circulated and revealed a satisfactory situation: the total
balance was nearly £163,000 and income for the year had
exceeded expenditure (with only a few minor calls
remaining) by around £1000. In 2008, however, expenses
would rise by the anticipated funding of education
initiatives.

c) Choice of investments for the Groups moneys was
discussed. One holding had yielded interest of about
£3000 and the other of about £2000 during the year. One
account gave a higher interest from a smaller fund than
the other, but most capital was in the lower interest
holding. It was proposed to place about 95% of our
capital into our existing CCLA COIF charity account,
and the residue to remain in the high yield bank deposit
account where it would be more readily available for
transfer to our current account. **RJ**

d) RJ confirmed in response to a question that the item
in the accounts under *Palmer Bequest* represented
expenses of the award recipients. He also mentioned a
letter from Companies House querying the non-receipt of
accounts for the year to the end of 2006. He thought there
may have been a delay at the accountants but would
follow this up. (*Secretary's note: three days after the
meeting, it was confirmed the accounts had been received
at Companies House.*)

8.05 Membership

AG could not be present at the meeting but sent a
report, its content is incorporated in the rest of this item:

a) **Members lapsed in July 2007**

Following several reminders, by email and by post,
the following members were lapsed in July 2007 for
non-payment of their subscription:

Title Initials Surname

Names and addresses of these individuals
have been removed

b) **New Members**

The following applications for new membership had
been received since the last meeting:

Mrs Lesley Davy, artist (proposed J de
Sausmarez, seconded A Gilchrist)

Miss Alison Graham, student at Cardiff
(proposed S Moorhouse, seconded P O'Reilly)

Ms Heather Knott (proposed A Gilchrist,
seconded J Mellerio)

Miss Franziska Rauscher, research assistant at
AVRC (proposed S Wueger, seconded A Gilchrist)

Miss Julie Caves, painter (member of SDC)

The Committee approved the above applications for
membership.

c) **Patron members**

The 15 current Patron members of the Group are listed below:

Company

Representative

The Tintometer Ltd, Amesbury Mr Nick Barnes

Lee Filters Ltd, Andover

Ms Alison Chetwynd

Bentham Instruments Ltd, Reading

Mr M Clark

Welsh Centre for Printing and Coating, Swansea

Dr Timothy Claypole

Cambridge Research Systems, Rochester

Mr Steve Elliott

The Society of Dyers and Colourists, Bradford

Mr Andrew Filarowski

PPG Industries (UK) Ltd, Slough

Mr P B Haskings

Kodak European Research, Cambridge

Mr Hani Muammar

Department of Colour Science, Leeds

Dr James H Nobbs

Oil and Colour Chemists Association, Wembley

Mr Chris Pacey-Day

The Royal College of Art, London

Mr Neil Parkinson

ColorAcademy, London

Mr D Pavey

Colorview UK Ltd, Castleford

Mr Colin Perrott

Philips Research Laboratories, Redhill

Dr Andrew Steer

NCS Colour Centre, Henley-on-Thames

Ms M Sturgeon

It was noted that Neil Parkinson cannot be both a Committee member and a representative individual for a Patron member. He was asked to find a replacement representative. **NP**

d) It was agreed that the logos/devices of the Patron Members should be posted on the web pages and also in the Newsletter to try to give something of value back to members who were, in effect, sponsors. **AH, JM**

e) The regulations for Patron Membership were discussed: those from the Articles were clear but those from the Patron Membership application form were bureaucratic and their origin and status were not known.

After discussion it was agreed that the application form be modified along the lines suggested by AG. She was therefore asked to propose a form of words for presentation at the next Committee meeting.

AG

f) **Membership renewals**

Subscriptions for ordinary and patron members for 2008 were now due (as of 1st January); renewal invitations were to be sent out shortly by email and post. **AG**

8.06 Newsletter & Web Site

a) The next Newsletter should contain the accounts and the Directors' Annual Report (SORP) but these totalled to many pages. JM was asked to liaise with AH as to how these might be included. RJ reported that he had asked our accountants to send an electronic version of the final 2006 accounts to the Newsletter editor. The next issue should not be long delayed to ensure adequate notice for the AGM in compliance with Article 56. **JM, RJ, AH**

b) The programme for the Newton Medal lecture should also be in this Newsletter. **AH**

c) The web might be a good way to circulate the accounts and SORP report but it was agreed that before this was done, agreement at the next AGM should be sought. **JM**

8.07 Colour Group Awards

a) **Palmer Award 2007**

JDM reported on the meeting on 7 November 2007 and how it had generally been felt by everyone to have been worthwhile. There had been a certain buzz about it, LM maintained, and useful feedback had been given to the recipients, Some messages of thanks had been received for this feedback. It was agreed that the format of the presentations and feedback might be used again in the future.

AG had queried the detail of the proposed SOP for the award concerning Group membership for successful applicants. Were all recipients to be given a year's free membership, even those already members, or only non-members to encourage commitment to the Group? It was agreed, after discussion, to leave things as they stand, viz: non-member recipients to get a free year's membership,

current members do not get free membership for a year. Also, the idea that only members of the Group could be recipients or make application for a Palmer Award was not to be followed - application was open to all.

RJ commented on lack of clarity in item 4 which said the Committee would review the Award Panel's recommendations.

In the light of the above points, JDM undertook to make some very minor changes to the Award SOP's before circulation to the Committee and for inclusion in the archive. **JDM**

b) **MacDonald/Green Award**

JDM reported two queries to date for this and the WDW award which both had an application closing date of 29 February 2008. This was to be the last time the MacDonald/Green award was to be made, any further royalties would pass to the Group's general monies.

c) **Newton Medal**

LM reported that Roy S Berns had agreed to deliver the lecture and accept the medal. Detailed arrangements for his travel, accommodation etc., were being made. The lecture needed publicity not least because the Oliver Thompson Theatre at City held 300 or so and a good audience was necessary. Members were asked to publicise the meeting. JM was asked to circulate a poster. **JM**

8.08 Reports of Recent Meetings

a) It was noted that the visit to Winsor and Newton had been cancelled at the last although some members who missed this information went to W & N and were given a tour. AH had reported two possible alternative dates in early 2008 but contact with W & N had gone cold. The Committee hoped a visit might yet be arranged in the near future.

b) The January Vision meeting had, as usual, run smoothly and been a success. The Committee thanked SW and AS for their work on behalf of the Group.

8.09 Charity and SORP Matters

After a brief description of how the status of the Group might be changed to that of the new CIO

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation - see pages 5 & 6 Charity Commission New No. 26, Spring 2007 at

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Library/tcc/pdfs/ccnews26.pdf) which would save one set of accounts and reports procedures annually, RJ was asked to prepare a summary paper/proposition for the next Committee meeting in March so that the Committee could make a recommendation on change, if agreed, to the AGM in May. **RJ**

8.10 Policy for the Future

a) **Appointment of a Teaching Fellow**

LM reported there had been no progress with this item. Appendix 2 shows the proposal for this post.

b) **Collaboration with the RCA Colour Reference Library**

NP briefly described developments with the library at RCA including the formation of a new library committee and how the European Colour Reference Library is housed there. Work had become greatly expanded: the appointment of the RCA as a *Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Through Design* meant student placements there and NP hoped to capture one to work on developing library publicity and identity. A new catalogue system was being introduced and the RCA was set to raise the profile of the library. NP hope soon to have some material for distribution and firmer proposals for liaison with the Group.

8.11 Future Meetings: Dates and Topics for Consideration

LM reported that he was negotiating for an Autumn meeting at the V & A with Elza Tantcheva on restoration and conservation of colours in the collections there. **LM**

LM also reported that the initial stages of negotiating a meeting in Paris to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Yves le Grand were proceeding well with Françoise Vienot. RW Hunt had agreed to participate. The meeting would be in the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, probably on Monday 3 November 2008. **LM**

NP said he would try to organise a meeting concerning the books and materials in the Colour

8.12 Programme for 2007-8

■ 6 February 2007: Colour in Fashion. This meeting had been cancelled because of a clash of subject content with the SDC who had a meeting a few days prior. The topic might be included in next year's plans.

■ 5 March 2007: Newton Medal lecture; the arrangements for this meeting are described in item **8.07c)** above.

■ The April exhibition in Liverpool would not take place - it might be included in next year's plans.

■ 14 May 2007: AGM and Victoria Finlay had agreed to talk on *Travels Through the Palette*. This meeting needed publicity and is in the large Oliver Thompson Theatre at City University. LM

8.13 Meeting of AIC in the UK

LM reported the AIC full quadrennial meeting would very probably be in the UK in 2013 and Bristol might be a venue. The small working group of LM (Chairman), Phil Green, Ronnier Luo, Mike Pointer, Steve Westland was yet to start planning. LM suggested adding Hilary Dalke to the working group. LM

8.14 Any Other Business

LM asked the Committee to think of Group members who could be nominated for Committee membership.

8.15 Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 5 March 2008 at 11.00 hrs in room C337at City (on the floor above the usual room).

8.16 Committee Meeting Schedule

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 11.00 hrs in room C244 (the usual room) at City before the AGM.

APPENDIX 1

Future meetings: dates and topics for consideration for future events

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.

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Lindsay MacDonald: October 2007

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London

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Present: Lindsay MacDonald (Chair), Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, John Mellerio, Jack D Moreland, Neil Parkinson, Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Andrew Stockman, Angela Wright, Sophie Wueger.

8.17 Apologies for Absence

Roy Osborne, Mike Pointer.

8.18 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 370th meeting held on 29 January 2008 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting after amending a few minor errors.

8.19 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

Arising from Item 8.05c) NP reported that Peter Hassell (Head of Information and Learning Services at the RCA) had been appointed as the RCA liaison person so that he, NP, could be a Committee member of the Group.

8.20 Financial Matters

a) RJ reported that the accounts for 2007 had been sent to the Accountant who was asked to complete and return them by the end of March so they could be distributed to members. **RJ**

b) The monthly accounts for January and part of February had been circulated and revealed a satisfactory situation. The Vision meeting had covered its costs but the Accountants had cost £881.

c) The paperwork for the transfer of investments had fallen foul of changes in money laundering regulations but should soon be completed - well before the AGM, it was hoped. **RJ**

d) The method for distribution of the completed accounts was discussed as the Articles (number 56) specified "by post". It was eventually agreed that the **full** SORP accounts should be included in the Newsletter so that members who received printed Newsletters would receive the accounts by post, and those who preferred email would receive them electronically. The Committee held that, in the modern world, the term email equated to post. This arrangement (sending **full** accounts) should be continued until such times as changes in the Group's status might come about in 18 months or so in accordance with Charity Commission proposals for Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO's - Item 8.25a) below), even if it meant that the relevant issue of the Newsletter would be a "fat one". **AH, RJ**

8.21 Membership

a) Membership renewals

Subscription renewal invitations had been sent out to 132 ordinary members (106 by email and 16 by post) on 8th February and to 15 patron members (by email) on 12th February. Sixty one ordinary members had renewed as had six patron members. One renewal invitation had been returned 'addressee unknown': Ms Maria Andersson. There were two resignations: Dr Pat Trezona and Mr Andrew Trend. There had been one new life member: Prof Bruce Evans

b) New Members

The following application for new membership had been received and was approved:
Dr Gordon Henning, Institute of Ophthalmology
(prop A Stockman, sec C Ripamonti)

c) Patron Membership

AG introduced a discussion on the regulations for Patron Membership. Agreement was soon reached on the necessary simplification of the conditions set out on the application form. She was to draw up a new application form and a copy would be passed to JM for inclusion on the web pages which would be modified appropriately.

The agreed wording for the footnote was:

1. Annual memberships become renewable on 1st January each year.

2. A Patron Member may be a Corporation, Company or other incorporated organisation or body interested in furthering the work of the Colour Group (Great Britain).

3. A Patron Member is entitled to nominate one individual to act as its representative and to exercise the rights of membership (including voting rights) on its behalf. **AG, JM**

It was also agreed that JM should produce a flyer outlining the benefits of Patron Membership which might be used in a recruiting drive. He was to liaise with AG and AH. **JM**

d) **Honorary Membership**

LM suggested that the Group should consider awarding more Honorary Memberships. The Committee eventually agreed that Prof John Mollon of Cambridge should be awarded Honorary Membership: JM was asked to write to him with this news, requesting his presence at the AGM to receive a certificate of Honorary Membership that LM was to design and produce. **JM, LM**

8.22 Newsletter & Web Site

- a) AH reported that production of the Newsletter continued but lacked reports for many of the meetings held in the last twelve months. He agreed to produce a *pro forma* that could be sent to meeting organizers to encourage them to report their meetings for the Newsletter and the Group's records. **AH**
- b) The homepage on the internet now carried names and logos of Patron Members.

8.23 Colour Group Awards

a) **Award Panel - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) - 2008**

The Committee agreed the slight modification to the SOP's. The final version was to be archived and circulated to the Committee. **JM**

b) **MacDonald/Green & WDW Awards**

JDM reported 17 applications had been received and had been circulated to the Panel members for evaluation before the end of March. He hoped the Committee could approve the Panel's recommendations in time to announce the awards at

the AGM in May.

JDM also reported that 11 applications had come from one institution and this provoked the old arguments about limiting the number of awards to one place. It was agreed that the applications should be judged solely on their merits as the guidelines for applications had not mentioned any limits of the number of applications from one institution. In future the guidelines might need revising: this would be an item for the April meeting. It was further agreed that only two allocations should be made to the MacDonald/Green awards as funds were now depleted. These two would be the last ever for the MacDonald/green Awards. **Awards Panel**

8.24 Reports of Recent Meetings

There had been no meetings since the last Committee meeting.

8.25 Charity and SORP Matters

a) RJ introduced his previously circulated paper about the possible changes in the Group's status that might follow changes by the Charity Commissioners. At present the Group, and especially its Trustees, enjoyed limited liability because it is a limited company but it meant that officers had to make two sets of annual returns (to the Commissioners and to Companies House) and spend money on getting accounts prepared. A new status, to be called a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation**, would allow charities to enjoy the benefits of liability limitations and charitable status all under one, simplified umbrella. This would be an attractive route for the Group but legislation was delayed and it might be a year or more before any changes could be made. It was therefore agreed to watch developments and only to mention at the AGM that the Committee was considering the possibility of change in due course when it was possible to weigh the fine detail of the legislation. **RJ**

b) RJ reported that the accounts and SORP report for the year to the end of 2007 was nearly completed and should be available for circulation well before the AGM.

8.26 Policy for the Future

a) **Appointment of a Teaching Fellow**

LM had prepared a job description and a person

specification for the Fellowship as well as an advert. It was suggested that it would be felicitous to get someone appointed in time to participate in British Science Week in September. A number of concerns about the post were discussed and it was agreed that the Fellow should report initially to the Chairman, that the Group take professional advice on what might be construed as terms of employment and on insurance for the Fellow's activities. It was not agreed who should seek this advice, etc. Possible places to advertise were mentioned and it was agreed the advert should be issued very promptly.

An interview panel was drafted: LM (chairman), AH, RJ, AS.

b) Collaboration with the RCA Colour Reference Library

NP described progress at the Colour Reference Library in such things as upgrading the computer system, the acquisitions programme and preparing promotional material. He hoped to seek advice from Group members on what material might be appropriate for the CRL, especially for filling any gaps in coverage. It was important, he held, to establish a sound brand image for the Library.

8.27 Future Meetings: Dates and Topics for Consideration

This topic was to be held over until the April meeting of the Committee.

8.28 Programme for 2008-9

This topic was also to be held over until the April meeting of the Committee except for one item. SW proposed that the exhibition, which had been postponed from earlier in 2007, should take place in the newly redeveloped Victoria Gallery and Museum at Liverpool University when it opens in late summer 2008. As part of the European Capital of Culture event, the Victoria Building was currently undergoing a £7.5m conversion to house the University of Liverpool Art & Heritage collections and would make an ideal site for the exhibition and meeting. If this could be synchronized with the British Science Week, so much the better. The Committee warmed to the

proposal and agreed SW could have a speakers' budget for "reasonable expenses" up to £500.

8.29 Congress of AIC in the UK in 2013

LM briefly reported progress concerning this: he had set up an organizing group to begin work on finding a venue and to begin planning in detail.

LM

8.30 Any Other Business

Nominations for Officers

It was appreciated that the call for nominations should be issued within a few days (as required by the Articles) and it was agreed that AH should draft the necessary announcement for the next Newsletter and that this might be echoed on the Group's web pages. It was proposed to examine nominations received at the next Committee meeting in April and to produce a final list well in advance of the AGM.

AH, JM

Society for Imaging Science and Technology

LM reported an approach from the IS&T, the sponsoring organization of CGIV 2008/MCS'08, which invited the Colour Group to be a cooperating society for the 2008 meeting. All the Group was asked to do was to promote the meeting to members via e-mail broadcasts, newsletters, Web site listings, and other means of communication. In the past the Group had acted in this way. The conference was to be held in Terrassa, Spain, June 9-13, 2008. This was agreed. **AG, AH, JM**

8.15 Next Committee Meeting

As no Committee meeting was scheduled before the AGM it was agreed to call another meeting - 11.00 hrs on Tuesday 8 April 2008 at City University - which would consider the awards (and other business not completed at this meeting).
Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 11.00 hrs at City.

8.16 Committee Meeting Schedule

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 11.00 hrs in room C244 (the usual room) at City before the AGM.

THE COLOUR GROUP (GREAT BRITAIN)

V1

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Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, John Mellerio, Jack D
Moreland, Andrew Stockman, Angela Wright.

8.32 Apologies for Absence

Roy Osborne, Neil Parkinson, Mike Pointer, Marisa
Rodriguez-Carmona,

8.33 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 370th meeting held on 5 March
2008 had been circulated: the Chairman signed them
as a correct record after some minor errors were
corrected.

8.34 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

None.

8.35 Programme for 2008-9

This item had been moved to an earlier agenda slot
to ensure full consideration.

a) To help ensure that a full programme of events takes
place in future, LM suggested that for each meeting a
Meeting Coordinator be appointed and minuted. This was
agreed.

b) The tradition of "summer visits" had lapsed in recent
years and it was felt that these should be revived. It might
be too late to organize a visit for June 2008, but JM said
he would try to contact a member or two who might be in
a position to help. Various possibilities were suggested
and included: the V & A, the Tate, National Gallery,
British Museum, National Media Museum at Bradford,
etc. **meeting coordinator: JM**

LM suggested the centre for fine printing research at
Bristol - he undertook to contact personnel there.

LM

c) **Wednesday 10 September 2008** (provisional date):

SW had copied an email to JM concerning the exhibition
event in Liverpool. The Committee were very keen to
learn more of this exciting possible meeting.

meeting coordinator: SW

d) **Wednesday 8 October 2008:** meeting at the V & A -
details to be arranged.

meeting coordinator: Elza Tantcheva

e) **Wednesday 5 November 2008:** Award Winners
Presentation Meeting. This would be of the same format
as the successful meeting held in 2007. **meeting**

coordinator: JDM

f) **Monday 15 December 2008:** a joint meeting in
Paris at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (*The
main building is by the Jardin des Plantes, rue Cuvier, 5th
Arrondissement*) to celebrate the centenary of Yves Le
Grand's birth. Françoise Viénot is the coordinator. It was
suggested that members of the Committee who might be
attending the meeting might assemble for dinner on the
Sunday evening before the meeting. For the Colour
Group, LM was acting as liaison link. **meeting**

coordinator: Françoise Viénot, LM

g) **Wednesday 7 January 2009:** the annual Vision
Meeting at the Institute of Ophthalmology, Bath Street,
and including the Palmer Lecture for 2008. AS is
organising the meeting and was to prepare for the next
Committee meeting (in May) a list of possible Palmer
lecturers for the Committee's decision. **AS**

meeting coordinator: AS

h) **Wednesday 4 February 2009:** Presentation of the
Turner Medal. It was hoped this might be at the RCA.

LM

It was suggested that Bridget Riley might be
approached but first JM was asked to circulate
members for nominations for the medal. **JM**

To complete the programme it was suggested that
there might be a lecture/demonstration of various
aspects of the RCA's work. JM was asked to liaise
with the RCA about this. **JM**

No clear appointment of a meeting coordinator was
made. (*Secretary's Note: This should be corrected
at the next Committee meeting in May.*)

i) **March 2009:** AG volunteered to investigate setting
up a meeting on Applied Colour Science. It was felt this
topic should be an important aspect of the Group's work
and such a meeting might become an annual event.

meeting coordinator: AG

j) **April 2009:** the topic of camouflage and display in nature was suggested. JM undertook to make some initial inquiries about possible meeting content. **meeting**

coordinator: JM

k) **May 2009:** AGM - no further thought was given to this meeting. (*Secretary's Note: there was a tradition that the retiring Chairman delivered a lecture after the business of the AGM.*)

8.36 Finances

a) Monthly income/expenditure accounts were examined and revealed a satisfactory picture of activity.

b) The transfer of a large tranche from a monthly account to a safe COIF investment was still being hampered by the requirements of money laundering legislation: currently it seemed that the Company Certificate could not be produced and further searches were to be made for it or a replacement obtained. **RJ**

8.37 Membership

a) **Membership renewals**

Fifty four subscription renewal reminders had been sent out at the end of March and current membership was 91 out of a total for last year of 132. Twelve out of 15 patron members had renewed their subscription and there was one new life member: Mr Ray Knight.

b) **New Members**

The following three applications for membership had been received since the last meeting; these were approved:

Miss Lorraine Daley, Marketing Communication Specialist (prop AG, sec JM)

Dr Galina Paramei, Dept of Psychology, Liverpool Hope Uni (member of AVA)

Dr Kaida Xiao, School of Psychology, Uni of Liverpool (prop SW, sec AG)

c) **Honorary Membership**

Prof John Mollon of Cambridge had accepted Honorary Membership and hoped to be at the AGM to receive it.

d) **Patron Membership**

It was agreed that JM should produce a flyer to circulate to potential patron members explaining what such membership meant and how it has a valuable status. It was hope this would increase the number of such members. **JM**

e) **Participating Societies**

AG reported the membership list contained the names of 25 "Participating Societies" but nowhere was there any explanation of what these were or why or how they were on the list. This matter was to be reviewed. **AG, AH**

f) **Membership Drive**

LM suggested the Group needed to start a membership drive - this was to be discussed at a future meeting. **LM**

8.38 Newsletter & Web Site

AH reported that the next Newsletter was about to be sent out and JM reported that the Web pages were being kept up to date.

8.39 Colour Group Awards

a) **MacDonald/Green & WDW Awards**

JDM had circulated a sheet based on the Panel members scores and comments for the seventeen applications. An innovation was the use of a bar chart which helped the Committee to fix a threshold which was set at 2.9 out of 5.0 where there was a clear discontinuity. This meant eight awards would be made as shown below.

A number of points were discussed and agreement reached as shown:

— Some candidates had applied for funding from the AVA but it was agreed to pay each £500 whether they were successful or not in their AVA application as the £500 should be regarded more as a *scholarship* than payment of expenses.

— It was agreed that in future years registration fees should **not** be paid from Colour Group awards (the applicant's institution should pay this) but that for this round, as no such constraints were mentioned in the advertisements, the inclusion of this fee in the expenses claim would be ignored.

— Three of the successful applicants had received Palmer awards the previous year: they could not be excluded as the terms of the current awards did not exclude past award holders. It was agreed that, for reporting the same work, applicants could not receive any award in the year following an award success, i.e. awards would only be available in alternate years for the

same or essentially the same work.

- The terms of future awards would need to be modified in the light of the above points (*Secretary's Note: there seems some inconsistency between the first two points above that needs resolution.*)
- The eligibility of Elza Tantcheva for an award was queried as she had been nominated for Committee membership but as she was not yet a Committee member there was no conflict of interest.
- For the next set of awards it was agreed to revise Award Panel Membership so as to include better representation from the arts side of the Group's membership.
- LM would write to each applicant telling them of their success or lack of success. **LM**

The membership of the panel was:

Andrew Stockman
Bernard Staig-Graham
Ian Kelly
Jack Moreland (chairman)
John Mellerio
Lindsay MacDonald
Mike Pointer
Ralph Jacobson

The successful applicants, their affiliation and reward are listed below (as agreed above, each award was for £500)

Mr Luis Garcia-Suarez	Bradford
University	WD Wright Award
Mrs Monica Hedrich	Bradford
University	WD Wright Award
Mr Philip Henry	Leeds
University	WD Wright Award
Miss Saori Kitaguchi	Leeds
University	WD Wright Award
Ms Wen Luo	Leeds
University	MacDonald/Green Award
Mr Iván Marín-Franch	Manchester
University	MacDonald/Green Award
Ms Elza Tantcheva	Sussex
University	WD Wright Award
Miss Milena Vurro	Newcastle
University	WD Wright Award

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to JDM for the work he had done in setting up the awards

process and for running the process so efficiently.

- b) Three proposals from RO were considered:
 - i) That each AGM is asked to approve that the distribution of monies for travel of post-grad and post-doc awardees to meetings is an appropriate way to use the Group's funds.
Not agreed: the original proposal to use Group monies was agreed at AGM and there was no need to seek re-approval each year.
 - ii) That the Newsletter publishes the names and expenses of each awardee and the composition of the Awards Panel that recommends the awards
Agreed
 - iii) That no awards be made to applicants associated with Patron Members (Sec's Note: association with Officers is already a bar)

Not agreed: the award was for the work of the student who would not be a Patron member (a category only available to institutions, associations and commercial concerns) and conflicts of interest must be reported by Panel members.

- c) It was agreed that as the Awards were such an important activity of the Group, an Awards Coordinator should be established as an officer of the Group on a par with the Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor, i.e. a post that could be held for up to five years with extension. A resolution was to be presented to the next AGM to create such a post and modify the Articles to allow this.

8.40 Reports of Recent Meetings

The Newton Medal lecture by Roy S Berns had been well received.

8.41 Charity and SORP Matters

- a) The accounts and trustees reports had been circulated to the Committee and been sent to the accountant. The Committee approved these for presentation at the AGM.
- b) The latest version of the Risk Table had been circulated. Dwindling membership was identified as a potential problem (see item 8.37 f)) and it was felt that this was linked to providing a good and interesting programme of meetings. There would be advantages of linking certain risks to individual Committee members to consider and suggest actions, but no individuals were

named or allocated. It was seen that each Committee member, who is a Trustee, should review the table and actively suggest remedial action if required.

8.42 Policy for the Future

a) Appointment of a Teaching Fellow

LM reported that the advert should appear later that month.

8.43 Future Meetings: Dates and Topics for Consideration

2009 was John Holmes (a founding member) 80th birthday and a meeting celebrating this would be welcome. **LM**

In 2010 there would be the 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 and Robert Weale was known to have interests in Goethe. **AH**

The rolling list of anniversaries originally provided by RO was an innovative and useful feature and JM was asked to encourage members to maintain and extend the list. **JM**

8.44 Congress of AIC in the UK in 2013

LM briefly reported that a formal statement of intent was required and which could be sent to AIC. **LM**

8.45 Nomination for Officers and Committee

No nominations had been received by the Secretary as specified in Article 38 so, as specified by this same Article, the Committee set out the following nominations:

Chairman: Prof Lindsay MacDonald continues

Vice-Chairman Andrew Hanson

Treasurer Prof Ralph Jacobson 5 yrs served: none

Secretary Prof John Mellerio 2 yrs served:

Membership Secretary Dr Alison Gilchrist 3 yrs served:

Newsletter Editor Mr Andrew Hanson 5 yrs served: for 1 more year

Ordinary members

Mr Neil Parkinson continues

Dr Michael Pointer continues

Prof Jack Moreland continues

Dr Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona

Elza Tantcheva

Hilary Dalke

The position of Newsletter Editor had been occupied by the current officer for five years but the Articles allow him to hold the post for up to a further five years although he expressed an interest in quitting the office within a year should he be re-elected.

8.46 Any Other Business

There was none.

8.47 Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 11.00 hrs in room C244 (the usual room) at City before the AGM.

8.48 Committee Meeting Schedule

This would be decided at the next Committee meeting.

APPENDIX 1

Future meetings: dates and topics for consideration for future events

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*.

THE COLOUR GROUP (GREAT BRITAIN)

V1

Minutes of the 372nd Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 14 May 2008

at 11.00 hrs in Room C244, City University,
London

Watch for BOLD initials which imply action is required

Present: Lindsay MacDonald (Chair), Alison Gilchrist, Andrew Hanson, Ralph Jacobson, John Mellerio, Jack D Moreland, Neil Parkinson, Mike Pointer, Angela Wright, Sophie Wuerger

8.49 Apologies for Absence

Roy Osborne, Marisa Rodriguez-Carmona, Andrew Stockman.

8.50 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 371st meeting held on 8 April 2008 had been circulated: the Chairman signed them as a correct record after the age of John Holmes was corrected to 100 years for possible 2009 celebrations (Item 8.43). JM was asked to collect as many past minutes of Committee meetings as possible in some kind of book for deposition in the archives. **JM**

8.51 Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the agenda

None.

8.52 Programme for 2008-9

a) **Summer Visits:** JM said he had contacted a member or two who might be in a position to help. Various possibilities were suggested but he felt unable to offer a visit this June or July this year.

meeting coordinator: JM

b) **Thursday 11 September 2008**

(provisional date): the all day meeting at the refurbished Victoria building in Liverpool University would probably be called *Where Vision Explores Art* and it would be part of the Festival of Science in the European Capital of Culture, 2008, i.e. Liverpool. The CG had agreed to make up to £500 available to help defray costs of the meeting

meeting coordinator: SW

c) **Wednesday 8 October 2008:**

Conservation at the V & A would be a half day meeting in the lecture theatre with tea served near by: a provisional timetable and a budget were currently being prepared.

meeting coordinator: ET

d) **Wednesday 5 November 2008: Award Winners Presentation Meeting.** This would be of the same format as the successful meeting held in 2007 and might be held in Bradford - LM was to contact Prof Bloj to see if this was possible.

meeting coordinator: JDM

e) **Monday 15 December 2008:** there was little further news about this joint meeting in Paris at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle for a *Celebration the Centenary of the Birth of Yves Le Grand*. The possibility of Committee members meeting the day before in Paris remained. For the Colour Group, LM was acting as liaison link.

meeting coordinator: Françoise Viénot, LM

f) **Wednesday 7 January 2009:** the *Annual Vision Meeting* at the Institute of Ophthalmology, Bath Street, and including the *Palmer Lecture* for 2008. AS was organising the meeting and had distributed a list of possible Palmer lecturers for the Committee's decision. *(Secretary's Note: a name was due to be decided as a later item on the agenda but the abrupt termination of the meeting meant that it was not - a decision was to be reached by email consultation within the Committee)*

meeting coordinator: AS

g) **February 2009:** a possible date would be Wednesday 4 February for the presentation of the *Turner Medal*. It was hoped this might be at the RCA but a name needed to be selected. *(Secretary's Note: as above, this was not discussed in the meeting but was considered later by email: previously the medal had been offered to John Gage who could not then accept it so it was agreed to offer it to him again.)* LM was to help NP by approaching the likely candidate and finding suitable dates. NP said it would be possible to include some activity besides the lecture, for example, displays or information about the Colour Reference library.

meeting coordinator: NP

h) **March 2009: Applied Colour Science.** It was suggested that this meeting might be in Leeds or similar: AG was investigating possible content and location. **meeting coordinator: AG**

i) **April 2009:** the topic of *camouflage and display* was being investigated by JM who hoped to soon have a provisional programme. This meeting

would be in London.

meeting coordinator: JM

j) **May 2009: AGM** - this would be the usual business meeting and LM would present his *Retiring Chairman's Address* afterwards.

meeting coordinator: LM

k) **Summer Visit** It was hoped to have a visit in June or July 2009.

meeting

coordinator: JM

8.53 Finances

- a) Monthly income/expenditure accounts were examined and revealed a satisfactory picture of activity with some £1000 being paid out for MacDonald/Green Awards and about £2700 for the WDW Awards.
- b) The transfer of a tranche from a monthly account to a safe COIF investment was still hampered by the apparent loss of the Company Certificate: RJ was trying to obtain a replacement so that the business could be completed. **RJ**

8.54 Membership

AG reported the following:

- a) **Membership renewals**
Second subscription renewal reminders had been sent out to 26 members and the current figures were that two members had resigned and 103 out of 127 Ordinary Members had renewed. Thirteen out of 15 Patron Members had also paid. **AG**
- b) **New Members**
There had been no applications for membership since the last meeting though there had been two applicants for Life Membership: Prof David Foster (University of Manchester) and Prof Ronnier Luo (University of Leeds).
- c) **Honorary Membership**
Prof John Mollon of Cambridge was due that afternoon at the AGM to be made an Honorary Member.
- d) **Patron Membership**
JM said he was still considering a flyer to circulate to potential patron members explaining what such membership meant and how it has a valuable status. **JM**
- e) **Participating Societies**
AG reported she had written to all 25 of these societies and six had replied saying they wished to continue to receive the

Newsletter and this could be done via email. Some correspondence had been returned as "not known at this address" and there was probably a "black hole" that had swallowed up the rest. With MP's help, the nature and content of these Societies was to be further investigated.

AG, AH, MP

f) Patron Membership of the SDC

LM had arranged exchange of this Membership with Patron Membership of the CG, an arrangement much to the advantage of the Group. However, the SDC limited access to their web pages to five names from each of their Patron Members and AG was to liaise about who might be named from the CG with Carmel McNamara at the SDC: the initial list was AG, AH, LM, MP & AW but this would require annual review. **AG**

8.55 Newsletter & Web Site

AH reported that the last issue of the Newsletter was a bumper one, full of reports and such, and JM reported that there were no issues concerning the Web pages.

8.56 Colour Group Awards

- a) **MacDonald/Green & WDW Awards**
Cheques had been sent to the successful awardees and those who were unsuccessful had been told.
- b) The granting of complimentary membership to successful awardees had never been fully resolved and was again discussed. It was finally agreed that awardees who were not already paid up members would be sent the Newsletter for the rest of the membership year. They would also be sent a letter pointing out the benefits of membership and which would include an invitation to join the Group.
- c) It was agreed that membership of the Group by either the applicant or their supervisor was not a precondition for application for an award of the Colour Group.
- d) At the AGM approval of the intention to appoint an Awards Coordinator as an officer of the Group would be sought. Members would be told the Committee felt the post would not be formally set out in the Articles

until these were revised when Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) status was sought in a few months when legislation was passed. Until that time, the Awards Coordinator would remain an informal title.

8.57 Management of Group Awards

The Chairman moved the meeting to Item 11b) of the agenda: To receive a paper from Roy Osborne concerning the administration of the Palmer Awards and other points. This paper provoked a vigorous reaction amongst Committee members who felt variously that it might be deemed libellous in places and that it contained many errors of fact and that it was based on a serious misinterpretation of the way in which the Awards process had developed. LM's analysis was that RO had made four major assumptions, all of them false:

i) the Awards did not conform to the objectives of the Colour Group

Paragraph 3 of the Memorandum of Association of the Colour Group states:

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. In furtherance of the above object, but not further or otherwise, the Group may:

(C) Foster and undertake research into any aspect of the objects of the Group and its work and to disseminate the results of any such research.

(E) Make grants or loans of money, books, apparatus, or other matters or things for the purpose of promoting invention and research and education in colour and/or in subjects connected therewith.

The Awards conform perfectly, in both spirit and practice, to the above two objectives. They are also consistent in their procedures and focus on benefiting postgraduate research students with award schemes offered by other professional societies, for example the Applied Vision Association (AVA).

ii) the administration of the Awards was not correctly carried out

The development of the Awards process from 2003 to the present was led by Professor Jack Moreland and Professor Mike Pointer, both men of unimpeachable integrity and with the highest research credentials. At all times they have acted in the best interests of the Group. The Awards Panel is in effect a sub-Committee, as defined in the Articles of Association:

46. The Committee may appoint sub-Committees with such terms of reference and such powers as the Committee may prescribe and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit to any such sub-Committee. Such sub-Committees shall be constituted in accordance with and shall conform with the provisions imposed by these Articles and shall be responsible to and make regular reports to the Committee and all decisions taken by such sub-Committees shall be subject to review by the Committee.

It is perfectly normal practice to set up a peer review panel to assess the academic quality of conference papers, journal articles or funding proposals, and such panels frequently comprise subject experts who are not otherwise associated with the organisation. In any case, the review panel for the Colour Group awards has always included the Chairman. The panel, moreover, does not give the awards directly but makes recommendations to the full Committee which has the final decision in how many awards are given, the choice of recipients, and the maximum amount of each award.

iii) the Palmer bequest was being squandered

Analysis by RJ of the Palmer and WDW Awards since their inception in 2003 (excluding the MacDonald-Green Awards) showed that the total expenditure has been approximately £9,000 and that during the same period the interest accrued on the Palmer bequest has been almost exactly the same figure. Therefore the awards have all been financed out of the interest earned and the capital has not been reduced. Moreover it is the belief of members of the Committee who knew David Palmer that he would have been delighted with this use of his bequest to

encourage students of colour and vision.

iv) the decisions of the Committee should all be approved by members at each AGM

In electing the Committee, the membership delegates responsibility for the administration of the Colour Group's affairs to members of the Committee, who take on the twin roles of Directors of the Limited Company and Trustees of the Charity. The relevant sections in the Articles of Association are:

24. The Chairman shall be responsible to the Members for ensuring that the actions of the Committee are in accordance with the Group's constitution and regulations.

42. The Committee shall direct and manage the property and affairs of the Group and may exercise all powers of the Group (including borrowing powers) subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles and to such regulations (not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Act and these Articles) as may be prescribed by the Group in General Meeting.

Nowhere in the Articles of Association is there an obligation for every decision of the Committee to be approved by members at a General Meeting.

Thus the paper from RO was felt to be very negative and carping, and its tone suggested that he did not like the governance of the CG even though he had been an integral part of it, and had been present when the relevant decisions were made. He had subsequently dissociated himself from these decisions but had not presented his concerns in person. In effect RO had resigned by not attending either Committee or General meetings for the whole year of 2007-08 and had made no contribution whatever during the year in his role as Vice President. The paper was particularly offensive because it implied incompetence and corruption, whereas committee members involved in the Awards process had endeavoured to be scrupulously fair and had worked according to the Articles in the selection and reporting of the Awards. Moreover there was no constructive element

in RO's criticism and it was not clear what changes he expected in the future.

The discussion was long and heated and finally had to be curtailed because the room was booked for another meeting. However, it was agreed that the paper could not be allowed to pass without rebuttal and LM undertook to draft a reply which he would circulate to the Committee before sending to RO. LM

8.58 Any Other Business

There was none.

8.59 Committee Meeting Schedule

This could not be considered as the meeting had to be concluded but was to be arranged via email.

The meeting closed at 13.05 hrs.