

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9th May 2023

11:00 – 12:00 hrs, Room R, Portcullis House

Attendees: Carol Monaghan MP, Chair
Ronnie **Cowan** MP; Margaret **Ferrier** MP; Anthony **Mangnall** MP; Stephen **Metcalfe** MP; The Rt Hon. The Baroness **Neville-Jones**; Brendan **O’Hara** MP
John **Lincoln**, Photonics Leadership Group; Karin **Burger**, APPG Secretariat – SPIE Europe

Apologies: Ruth Jones, MP

Election of Group Officers:

Chair: Carol Monaghan, MP Glasgow North West, SNP

Officers: Margaret Ferrier, MP Rutherglen and Hamilton West, Independent

Ruth Jones MP Newport West, Labour

Anthony Mangnall MP Totnes, Conservative

Stephen Metcalfe, MP South Basildon and East Thurrock, Conservative

The Rt. Hon. Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones, Life Peer, Conservative

Annual Budget

The APPG had no income and did not spend any money on its business. Sponsorship by the Photonics Leadership Group in the amount of £3,500 directly paid for the bills arisen from the Showcase in June 2022.

Upcoming Interests

- Semiconductor Strategy (intended to focus on design, silicon fabrication, compound semiconductor, packaging, ie manufacturing of semiconductors):
The APPG will organize a meeting around the semiconductor strategy which is expected to be released imminently. This meeting is to be held on Monday, 10th July from 16:00 hrs and feature two – three speakers as well as a Q&A session for MPs and the relevant industry.
- PLG members are encouraged to feed questions to MP.
- Further meetings should focus on the Role of photonics in :
 - Space (Position-Navigation-Timing via space)
 - Quantum (Find out what the barriers are that industry encounters)
 - Healthcare
 - Defence (work with the APPG Armed Forces.

Attendees in these meetings are encouraged to have specific questions or tasks for MPs to do.

- Another showcase is to be held after Christmas.
- A formal invitation to attend the SPIE Photonex meeting from 24-26 October will be issued to the APPG closer to the time.

Dates to keep in mind:

- 6 – 8 July UK Semiconductor meeting in Sheffield
- Summer recesss from 26th July onwards.
- Science Questions can be asked in House of Commons approximately every 5 weeks, and have to be submitted one week ahead of time. The next session is expected to be held 14th June, with questions submiteed by 8th June.
There is no fixed schedule for the House of Lords.

Other notes:

- Any enquiries on CE/CA marking from APPG supporters should be directed to Margaret Ferrier who will raise it with the EU scrutiny committee.
- Re-establish the newsletter; every three months to start with.