

SoBRA AGM Chair	Simon Cole
Date	7 December 2021

Simon Cole delivered a presentation on behalf of the Executive Committee, acting as current chair during 2021.

See supporting:

- Chairs Report as PowerPoint slides
- Auditors Report

on the SoBRA website at <https://sobra.org.uk/about-us/annual-reporting/>.

The AGM and conference was held virtually by live-streaming and in-person (Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London).

Total conference attendance = 162:

In-person attendance: 41

Online attendance: 121

Unknown total member attendance during AGM from 13:40 – 14:00.

General:

The presentation covered the seven core objectives of SoBRA.

No change to charitable status and trustees. No progress with HMRC about charitable status for tax purposes.

Executive Committee: Hannah White rotates off at the end of 2021, Eleanor Walker left during her term due to other commitments. Nominations for two new members took place in September 2021 (to replace those rotating off the Executive Committee). Those appointed are: Lawrence Bowden, Fiona Towney. No members vote was required due to only two nominations.

SoBRA membership – this has remained fairly consistent over the last 12 months at 550 members, increase of approximately 100 since 2017. There are 83 accredited risk assessors.

Accreditation:

January – 6 applicants, August – 9 applicants.

Subgroups – specific updates in later part of the conference:

Ongoing –Asbestos, VI, NAPL, Permanent Gases, Early Careers (new in 2021) and Controlled Waters and Climate Change (new in 2021).

Asbestos group will be closing end of 2021. Others are ongoing.

Proposed (but not enacted):

- Statistics and CSM

Terms of Reference for all are on the SoBRA website.

Activities / Publications

Summer conference (138 attendees), early careers webinar series, presentations at other conferences by subgroup members, publication of asbestos subgroup work.

Social Media:

LinkedIn and twitter accounts remain active.

Finances:

Accounts have been audited by Simon Firth (Firth Consultants) for previous financial year. Call for a volunteer auditor for next year (2022) was made - Simon Firth (Firth Consultants) volunteered again during the AGM.

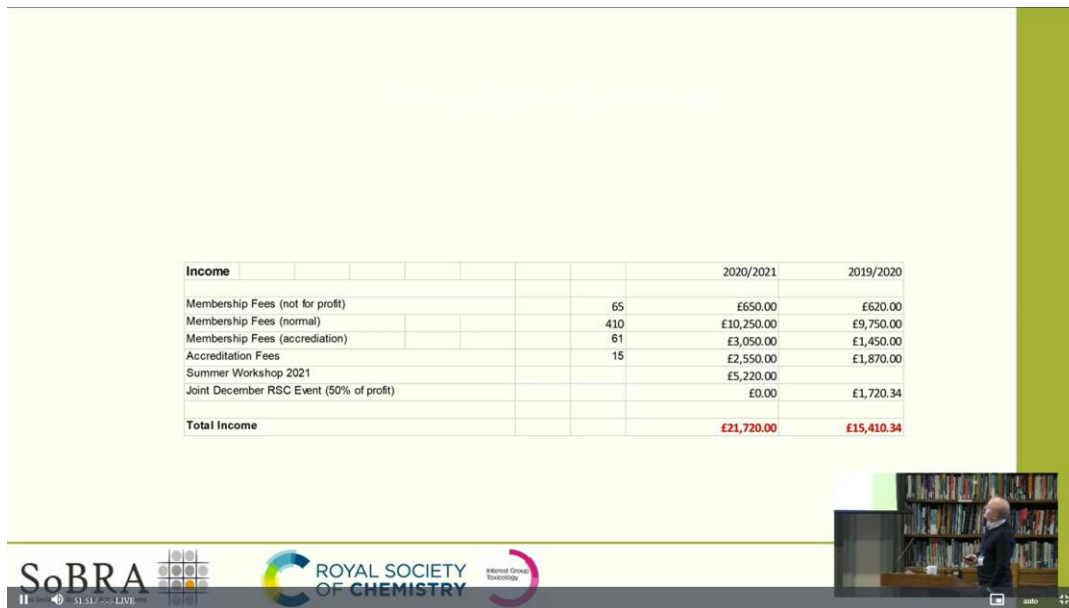
Bursary / Scholarship requests – none awarded in 2021

Research support requests – none awarded in 2021

Accounts:

2020/2021 total income £21,720.00 at time of reporting. Sources of income and expenditure were explained, including increases/ decreases to previous financial reporting year. End of Year balance £46,634.51.

Income		2020/2021	2019/2020
Membership Fees (not for profit)	65	£650.00	£620.00
Membership Fees (normal)	410	£10,250.00	£9,750.00
Membership Fees (accreditation)	61	£3,050.00	£1,450.00
Accreditation Fees	15	£2,550.00	£1,870.00
Summer Workshop 2021		£5,220.00	
Joint December RSC Event (50% of profit)		£0.00	£1,720.34
Total Income		£21,720.00	£15,410.34



Expenditure	2020/2021	2019/2020
Refunds		£227.50
Paypal Fees	£835.79	£545.24
Eventbrite Fees	£421.56	
Website	£5,454.00	£3,575.00
Summer Workshop 2021	£2,232.00	
Insurance	£692.46	£632.75
Miscellaneous (Christmas Conference Cake and Decorations)		£324.71
Scrutineering Expenses	£1,350.00	£3,199.53
Committee Expenses (marketing, travel to meetings)		£230.64
Total Expenditure	£10,985.81	£8,735.37



	2020/2021	2019/2020
EoY Balance	£46,634.51	£35,900.32
Opening / End of 2020-2021 Year Balance (at bank)	£30,295.38	£24,037.67
Paypal	£5,604.94	£5,187.68
Cash in bank at end 30/9/20	£33,236.92	£30,295.38
Balance on paypal at end 30/9/20	£13,397.59	£5,604.94
Change	£10,734.19	£6,674.97
Liabilities		
None currently, although planning for Xmas Conference		



Next year – what do we wish to do as a Society?

- Subgroup publications to be released and promoted
- Early career activities to remain ongoing
- Ongoing collaboration with other related organisations
- Summer and Winter conferences – call out for themes and presentations

Closing remarks:

Simon thanked the outgoing Committee members, particularly Hannah White as Outgoing Chair, and Chris and Marlene Taylor for running the Accreditation Scheme.