



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at RIBA, London – Friday 23 November 2018

The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London on Friday 24 Nov 2017 were agreed as a correct record of events.

1 **President's Report**

The President welcomed everyone and trusted they had received the Annual Report for 2018. The President reported it had been a good year and thanked all for their ongoing support and commitment.

2 **General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that there are no changes to the Constitution/By Laws. Congratulations were given to the Trainee Councillors for achieving a Foundation Membership of 40+ members, with two Foundation Members transferring from Foundation to Trainee Membership. The Secretary thanked the Trainee Councillors for their commendable work. The Secretary reported that this is his last AGM as Secretary and thanked all members and Councillors for the last 9 years.

3 **International Subcommittee**

Professor Berney sent his apologies. The International Secretary's Report had been circulated in the Annual Report, with an outline of International activities highlighted. The President reported that there were no major changes to the activities this year. Questions were welcomed with regards to the report. No questions or comments arose.

4 **Finance Subcommittee**

The Annual Accounts had been circulated in advance. The Treasurer noted that assets are up, largely due to the success of the journal. Costs are steady and work continues to keep meeting costs under control. He stressed the importance of promoting activities within the four Member Countries. Support for activities within the BDIAP Schools continues. The BDIAP is a registered Charity and the Treasurer confirmed that we continue to fulfil the associated responsibilities. The Treasurer reported this was his last AGM in the role after 12 years and gave a special thanks to everyone, in particular to Carol Harris and Sam Kiely for their support. Questions were welcomed. No questions or comments arose. The Treasurer encourage all members to continue to promote bursary/grant opportunities and if members have any ideas for studentships or electives, to let us know.

5 **Meetings Subcommittee**

The Meetings Secretary reported that the joint meeting with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in Maastricht this summer was highly successful and broke previous attendance records. The educational grant was lower than expected for the meeting. Thanks were given to Dr Newton Wong and Prof Kieran Sheahan for organisation of the Lower GI Pathology Symposium, noting the lecture theatre was full which was great to see. The Meetings Secretary confirmed it was his last day in the role after 8 years and that Dr Lisa Browning will succeed him in the role. Dr Browning confirmed the Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut Up meetings will take place in March 2019 with bursaries available. The next joint meeting with the Pathological Society, will take place in Leeds on 2-4 July and the programme is well underway. A Gynaecological meeting will take place 22-23 November 2019 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Members were asked to save the date for Glasgow Pathology 2020, taking place 29 August – 2 September 2020, and to encourage trainees to get projects in motion in early 2019. Bursaries will be made available.

6 **Education and IT Subcommittee**

All divisional activities had been circulated in the Annual Report. The Divisional Editor highlighted that four trainee bursaries are available for USCAP 2019 and asked members to encourage trainees to apply. Six bursaries will be available for Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut Up in March 2019, open to trainees from Member Countries. It was noted that there has been a huge decline in BSc applications over the last three years. A decision has been taken to divert funds and to make available more educational fellowships. Four will be available at £5000 each.



7 **Nominations and Membership Subcommittee**

The Chair of the subcommittee confirmed 2018 was his last in the role. He thanked the committee and Sam Kiely for all support given. He reported membership is stable and that conversion of trainee-full membership is something the subcommittee are working on. The BDIAP Medals were announced: Cunningham Medal awarded to Professor Andrew Nicholson and the President's Medal to Professor Christopher Fletcher. 3 Councillors demit from Council in 2018. Incoming Councillors are Professor Roger Feakins, Dr Paul Craig and Dr Stefan Dojcinov. Professor Neil Shepherd is co-opted on to Council as part of the team to deliver Glasgow Pathology 2020. The Chair thanked Dr Michael den Bakker for six years as Dutch Representative and confirmed Dr Jan von der Thusen will take up this role. Professor Andrew Nicholson becomes President Elect and Dr Mike Osborn takes up the role of General Secretary.

The handover of Chain of Office for the BDIAP President took place. Professor Leader thanked all for what has been a real privilege in her role as President. She thanked all outgoing Officers and Councillors and welcomed new Councillors. Incoming President, Professor McMahon, gave thanks to all and thanked Prof Leader for her efficient leadership and stewardship of the BDIAP. The President reiterated that Glasgow Pathology 2020 is fast approaching and encouraged all members to get involved, particularly trainees.

8 **Report from the Editor of Histopathology**

A report was given on behalf of the Editor. The journal continues to do well. Professor Dan Berney succeeds Professor Alastair Burt as role of Editor and a handover is well underway. There have been staff changes at Wiley and a new publishing manager has recently been recruited.

The meeting was concluded by the President.