



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Royal Society of Medicine, London – Friday 22 November 2019

The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London on Friday 23 Nov 2018 were agreed as a correct record of events.

1 **President's Report**

The President welcomed everyone, ensured all those in attendance were BDIAP members and trusted they had received the Annual Report for 2019.

The President thanked Nafisa Wilkinson and Lisa Browning for a great Gynaecological Pathology Symposium. Noted main activity for the next year is Glasgow 2020 and plans are very much advanced. Applications for registration and abstracts will begin in the following weeks.

2 **General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary noted his report has been made available for viewing. Background information was provided in respect of charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) status and noted the draft version of the new Constitution had been circulated to all members to review. The Secretary provided details of a motion to move to CIO status: a) to incorporate and register BDIAP CIO and b) to take appropriate steps to dissolve and transfer assets and liabilities to BDIAP CIO following incorporation. Professor Neil Shepherd proposed the motion and Professor Dan Berney seconded motion. The motion was voted on by members. Motion confirmed as carried.

3 **International Subcommittee**

Dr Eduardo Calonje sent his apologies. The President spoke to the International Subcommittee report and noted it had been circulated. One additional item to be corrected in the report; the East African School that took place in Mombasa in September 2019 was delivered by Professor Ian Roberts from Oxford and Dr Lisa Browning, also from Oxford.

4 **Finance Subcommittee**

Professor Simon Cross sent his apologies. The President spoke to the Finance report; the report and Annual Audited Accounts had been circulated and the BDIAP is in good financial shape. Council are working to develop additional ways for members to apply for funding for activities to maintain the organisation's educational objectives. The President encouraged all members to view the website for information on bursaries available. Increased costs for the year were due to CIO activity and the new membership management system.

5 **Meetings Subcommittee**

Dr Lisa Browning sent her apologies. The President spoke to the Meetings Subcommittee report. The report itemised meetings that took place throughout the year and the President drew attention to the very successful joint meeting with the Pathological Society held in Harrogate, the two study days in March continue to be successful and will run again at RCPATH building in March 2020, Pathology Summer School was also very successful. The President highlighted the big activity for the next year is preparations for Glasgow 2020. Encouraged members to submit abstracts and come along to the meeting. Collaborations with the National Societies linked with the BDIAP was emphasised; Irish Society of Surgical Pathology which has been reinvigorated and there will be BDIAP presence at their meeting next October, the Belgian Society of Pathology is keen to work with the BDIAP and BDIAP will have involvement at their next annual meeting in October and the Dutch Pathological Society who are holding a meeting in April 2020 at which the BDIAP will hold a symposium.

6 **Education and IT Subcommittee**

Dr Nafisa Wilkinson spoke to her report. Added that 11 bursaries had been awarded for the Gynaecological Pathology meeting. This includes recipients from the BDIAP Member Countries and the three British Schools. Dr Wilkinson welcomed questions. No questions or comments arose.



7 Nominations and Membership Subcommittee

Professor Mary Leader sent her apologies. The President highlighted the current Council formation and highlighted the changes due for 2019. Dr Ann Sandison demits as Councillor and Dr Matthew Clarke as Trainees Councillor. The President thanked both for their contribution to the BDIAP. Dr Matthew Clarke is taking a sideways step and will become Deputy Meetings Secretary. Incoming Councillors are Professor Alastair Burt from Newcastle as Councillor and Dr Abhisek Ghosh from Oxford takes up the role of Trainees Councillor. It was agreed at the Council meeting in October that Professor Silvana Di Palma would be co-opted on to Council to be part of the Meetings Subcommittee.

Miss Sam Kiely provided an update on the new website and membership management system. Go live date planned for 6th January 2020. Highlighted new features of the site including fully searchable website, ability to save favourite pages within the site and have "MyLinks", events pages available in calendar format and can save to your calendar and also functionality for third parties to submit events to be listed on the BDIAP calendar of events. Grants & bursaries webpages have been redesigned to make it clear what opportunities are available to each membership class. Dedicated areas for Trainees and Foundation Members with dedicated resources available. All members will have secure log in with ability to personalise and update their own profile. Questions were welcomed. One arose asking for clarification on the submitting of third-party events. Sam Kiely highlighted the steps of this process.

8 Report from the Editor of Histopathology

Professor Dan Berney, Editor of Histopathology, spoke to his report and commented that his first year as Editor has gone well. In response to plans undertaken there will be an increased reviews and editorials in Histopathology. In response to the climate crisis members can move to an online only version of the journal for a reduced fee. Print option remains available. No other major changes planned for the journal in the year ahead. Prof Berney looks forward to the Annual Review Issue exclusively devoted to Gynaecological Pathology.

The meeting was concluded by the President and a promotional video for Glasgow 2020 was shown.