

# BASHH



## British Association for Sexual Health and HIV

### Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)

#### Held via Zoom Video Communications Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The President, Dr Claire Dewsnap, was in the Chair and the meeting commenced at 16:00.

Forty-two members attended the meeting, which was therefore quorate. Dr Cara Saxon, BASHH General Secretary (Co-opted), noted that only BASHH members are eligible to vote in the AGM.

#### **1. Apologies – Dr Alan Tang, Dr David Phillips**

#### **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 January 2022**

The minutes of the nineteenth AGM held on 7 January 2022, had been circulated to the membership and were accepted, as an accurate record. Proposed by Dr Sophie Forsyth, seconded by Dr Protap Gupta, approved by the meeting with two abstentions and no votes against. The approved minutes will be posted on the BASHH website.

#### **3. Statement by the General Secretary**

The Co-opted General Secretary, Dr Cara Saxon, opened with an introduction thanking the BASHH Secretariat, Executive Business Support (EBS), who have supported the growth of BASHH over the last two years. Dr Saxon highlighted the healthy increase in membership and the return to face to face events.

Dr Saxon gave a breakdown of the current membership numbers, stating that there has been an increase in total members to 1236 (Dec 2022) from 1122 (Dec 2021). Two new categories of membership have been created, “Pre-specialty Doctors” and “Students”. Growth has been seen in all membership categories except “SAS and other Doctors” where there had been a slight decrease.

Dr Saxon provided an overview of the activities by BASHH over the last year, highlighting the response to the Mpox outbreak and the various face to face events held in the year. The full annual review will be available on the BASHH website in due course.

Dr Saxon noted the Social, Digital and Media Development is now being professionally managed by M&F Health. Marked improvements have been seen on all the BASHH social media platforms, this has been critical in supporting the SDM elements of Mpox response

Dr Saxon advised that the new website development is ongoing with an imminent outcome to the tender process.

#### **4. Statement by the Treasurer**

The Treasurer, Professor Matt Phillips, made a statement highlighting key features in the accounts and informed members that, unlike the previous year, the audited accounts were ready and available for this AGM. Prof. Phillips thanked EBS and the auditors for their hard work.

Prof. Phillips, reported that overall there was deficit of the organisation of £12,426, with total end funds of £1,932,414.

- Expenditure increased to £647,111 (2021-£476,564)

- Income increased to £714,151 (2021-£479,510)
- Secretariat services increased: £203,920 (2021 - £166,208)
- Membership subscriptions £ 202,218 (2021-£188,814)

Prof. Phillips noted that the change to the finances for the reported year have largely been affected by the return of face to face events.

Financial achievements in 2022:

- Transition of BASHH secretariat to EBS completed
- Transition of STI Foundation secretariat to EBS completed
- Use of eportfolio for STI Foundation trainees
- Investment in Social and Digital Media Strategy
- Return to Face to face meetings and events

Financial plan for 2023:

- To improve our standard operating procedures with the new secretariat.
- To reduce the variation in the cost of delivering Educational Events
- To enhance values of BASHH membership
- To continue to spend clearly against the objects
- Review sustainability of
  - Free access to BSIG App
  - Maintaining current membership fees

Prof. Phillips explained that the activities for BASHH have produced a surplus for the year of £67,040 but the investment portfolio, held by BASHH, has caused an overall loss to the organisation of £12,246. The investments for the year have been affected by global events.

Summary of the past seven years (excluding investment income/loss):

- 2014/15: £89,156
- 2015/16: -£32,408
- 2016/17: -£62,196
- 2017/18: -£51,665
- 2018/19: -£144,802
- 2019/20: £15,301
- 2020/21: £2,946
- 2021/22: £67,040 (-£12,246 including investment income/loss)

## 5. Resolutions

It was noted that the Chair held no proxy votes.

### Resolution 1

That Sayer Vincent LLP, Invicta House, 108-114 Golden Lane, London, EC1Y 0TL be appointed auditors of the Company, to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid before the Company.

The proposer was Professor Claudia Estcourt, with Ruth Lowbury as the seconder, the resolution was approved with one abstention.

### Resolution 2

That the board of trustees of the Company be authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditors of the Company.

The proposer was Dr Kaveh Manavi, with Dr Claire Dewsnap as the seconder, the resolution was approved with no abstentions.

### Resolution 3

To receive the audited accounts for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022 together with the trustees and auditors report.

The proposer was Dr Rajul Patel, with Dr John McSorley as the seconder, the resolution was approved with no abstentions.

### 6. Retirements

Dr Saxon advised that there were no retirements for the Officers as they are part way through their two year term of office. Dr Saxon informed the members that, Sarah Edwards (BASHH Fellow) Luke Cannon (DiT Representative) and Belinda Loftus (Nurse Representative) were retiring from their positions on BASHH. Dr Saxon thanked these individuals for the amazing work and support they have provided over the past few years.

### 7. Appointment of elected trustees and Clinical Governance Group representatives

The results of the 2023 elections were presented by the General Secretary. Dr Saxon reported that these had been conducted by Mi-Voice Election Services using a secure online voting website.

Dr Saxon extended a warm welcome to the incoming appointments:

<b>Fellow</b>	Michael Rayment
<b>DiT Rep</b>	Lindsay Henderson
<b>Nurse Rep</b>	Jodie Crossman

Dr Saxon also extended a warm welcome to the incoming appointments for the Clinical Governance Committee:

<b>Clinical Governance Committee (CGC)</b>	
<b>Scotland</b>	Bridie Howe
<b>South West</b>	Elizabeth Claydon
<b>Thames North East</b>	Rita Browne
<b>Trent</b>	Hayley Wood
<b>Wales</b>	Darren Cousins
<b>Wessex</b>	Sangeetha Sundaram
<b>West Midlands</b>	Lisa Goodall
<b>Yorkshire</b>	Emma Street
<b>DiT Rep to CGC</b>	Lindsay Henderson
<b>Nurse Rep to CGC</b>	Alan Haskell
<b>Pharmacist Rep to CGC</b>	Hasan Mohammed
<b>SAS Rep to CGC</b>	Hannah Leng

These appointments will take effect from the end of the AGM, to hold office until the second succeeding AGM following this meeting.

It was agreed that the Charity Commission and Companies House will be updated to reflect the changes in Board posts.

### 8. Award of BASHH Honorary Life Fellowship

The President announced that the Board had awarded Honorary Life Fellowship to Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan, who will be presented with his medal later in the year at a BASHH Scientific Meeting. Dr Sashidharan was congratulated and this award is made for outstanding leadership and promotion of Sexual Health along BASHH as an organisation.

#### **9. Award of BASHH Outstanding Achievement award**

The President noted that this award is made every two years and is awarded to someone who has shown outstanding achievement in the field of sexual health and to the work of BASHH. It was awarded to Dr Alan McOwan for his outstanding contribution and leadership in Sexual healthcare, especially in the area of PreP.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

The President announced the next annual meeting would take place on 26-28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and would be in Llandudno.

#### **11. Closing Statement by the President**

Dr Dewsnap, thanked colleagues, officers and members for collaboration, team work and support during the Mpox issue that affected the workforce this year. Dr Dewsnap, thanked Luke and Belinda on the Mpox operations group for all their hard work.

Dr Dewsnap, thanked EBS for their support over the last year.

Dr Dewsnap gave a special thanks to the officers for the help they have given over the last 12 months and the time they have given to the specialty and BASHH. Dr Dewsnap thanked Dr Cara Saxon for stepping into Dr David Phillips role as General Secretary as Dr Phillips had to step down due to health issues. The role is now going to be split between a General Secretary and an under secretary due to the growing demands on this position.

Dr Dewsnap thanked the members for pulling together in the pursuit for better care for patients and that it is an inspiration to see.

Dr Dewsnap stated that she foresaw more work needed on MPox especially in vaccinations to prevent more outbreaks. Dr Dewsnap commented that there were workforce issues that would need to be prioritised over the next 12 months and that BASHH would be working on this including looking to influence change on a national level.

Following questions, Dr Dewsnap explained how the 2023 Spring Conference had been arranged and how the pandemic had affected the overall planning for the event. Dr Chris Ward, Conference Secretary, confirmed the plans and that the event would only be face to face and there wouldn't be a hybrid option.

The meeting closed at 16.45.