

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)

Held at the Royal Society of Medicine

Friday 9th January 2009

The President, Dr I Ahmed-Jusuf, was in the Chair.

The meeting commenced at 5.35pm. 113 members were present and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Dr Michael Waugh and Professor George Kinghorn.
2. The minutes of the fifth AGM held on 11 January 2008 were accepted as an accurate record (proposed by Dr S Allen, seconded by Dr R Basu Roy).
3. The 2007/08 annual report, including the accounts, which had been adopted by the BASHH Trustees in December 2008, was received by the membership.
4. The Honorary Treasurer, Dr R Patel, made a brief statement highlighting some of the main features in the accounts. Following his statement, a number of members asked for points of clarification which were addressed by the Treasurer. The accounts were accepted (proposed by Dr D Hawkins, seconded by Dr S Barton).
5. Following the advice of the Honorary Treasurer, it was agreed that Farrington and Company would be re-engaged as auditors (proposed by Dr KW Radcliffe, seconded by Dr E Morgan).
6. The membership subscriptions for 2009/09, as set by the Board, were presented to the membership. Rates for members and retired fellows are to increase to support the costs of supplying the journals. Rates for Nurses were unchanged and agreement had been reached with the journals to supply nurses at a discounted rate to allow for this. Full details are attached at appendix 1.
7. Amendments to the constitution to allow subscription fees to be levied from new members from initial acceptance rather than from the next financial year were presented by Dr Clarke. She commented that this removes the potential subsidy of several months journal costs from new members. An amendment to the scheme of delegation was also presented to reflect the practical process of authorisation of Officer's expenses. Details of these amendments in appendix 2 and 3. The constitutional changes (that clause 44 be deleted and to the scheme of delegation) were proposed by Dr M Fitzgerald and seconded by Dr A Robinson. A vote was taken and the motion was carried with 113 votes for, *nem con* with no abstentions.

8. Dr JS Bingham, Returning Officer, then announced the results of the following elections –

To the Board: Conference and Communications secretary- Dr E Foley; Nursing representative – Mrs. J Bickford; Fellows – Dr R Lau, Dr A Joseph and Dr S Allan. Elections to the Clinical Governance Committee – Dr C White(Northern); Dr A. De Burgh-Thomas (South West);Dr C Emerson (Ireland); Dr J Pritchard (SW Thames);Dr O Williams (Wales); Dr D Loay (West Midlands); Dr K Schroeder (Wessex); Dr D Mandal(Merseyside); Dr U Kuchimanchi (Yorkshire); Dr N O' Farrell (NW Thames);Dr BS Peters (SE Thames);Dr G Mc Kenna (Scotland); Dr D Kellock (Trent);Dr W Wasef (North West);Dr P William (Oxford);Dr S Forster (East Anglia) and Dr C Skinner(NE Thames).

9. The President then announced that the Board had awarded an Outstanding achievement award to Professor George Kinghorn and Honorary Life Fellowships to Dr JW Harris and Professor Peter Piot. Professor Kinghorn's extraordinary contribution was well recognised by all in the specialty. Professor Piot was retiring Director of UN AIDS and had been a great friend to MSSVD, hosting the Antwerp meeting in 1987. Willie Harris was a former chairman of AGUM and President of MSSVD and served the specialty with great distinction.
10. The Chair of Trustees, Dr R Challenor, then made a brief statement pointing out that BASHH was a flourishing organisation in terms of its membership and charitable activities, and that the finances of the charity had been stabilised in the recent general financial crisis by re-distribution of investments.

The meeting was closed at 6.05pm.



Appendix 1 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES FORM

The two journals are Sexually Transmitted Infections[STI] and International Journal of STD and AIDS [Int J STD AIDS]. The reduced rates apply in the first year of membership depending on the quarter in which membership submission was approved.

1] MEDICAL STAFF

		Aug - Oct Yearly subs	Nov- Jan	Feb- Apr	May- July	GRADE
Fellows [medical & nurse consultants, associate specialists] Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£250	£189	£125	£63	BCON
Career & Training Grade [SHO, SpR, Staff Grades]; Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£190	£144	£95	£48	BDOC
Clinical Assistant Grade; Subscriptions to ONE journal	STI	£110	£83	£55	£28	BCA1
	Int J STD AIDS	£110	£83	£55	£28	BCA2
Clinical Assistant Grade; Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£185	£139	£93	£47	BCA3
GP membership; Subscriptions to ONE journal	STI	£110	£83	£55	£28	BPR1
	Int J STD AIDS	£110	£83	£55	£28	BPR2
GP membership; Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£185	£139	£93	£47	BPR3

2) NON-MEDICAL STAFF/RETIRED STAFF

		Aug-Oct Yearly subs	Nov- Jan	Feb- Apr	May- July	Grade
Nurses, Health Advisors, non-medical scientists Subscriptions to ONE journal	STI	£60	£45	£30	£15	BNM1
	Int J STD AIDS	£60	£45	£30	£15	BNM2
Nurses, Health Advisors, non-medical scientists; Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£135	£102	£68	£34	BNM3
Retired members: Subscriptions to NEITHER journal		£15	£12	£8	£4	BRT1
Retired members: Subscriptions to ONE journal	STI	£40	£30	£20	£10	BRT2
	Int J STD AIDS	£40	£30	£20	£10	BRT3
Retired members; Subscriptions to BOTH journals		£115	£87	£58	£29	BRT4
Affiliate membership : Subscriptions to NEITHER journal		£30	£23	£15	£8	BAFF

Appendix 2

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Amendment to the constitution

Clause to be deleted:

44. "Annual subscriptions paid by Members joining the BASHH after 30th April shall be regarded as being in respect of the year ending 31st July the following year. A liability will exist for any increase in subscription proposed by the Board for the year commencing the 1st August following their admission to membership."

Proposal is to DELETE the clause

All clauses following this to be re-numbered to reflect the deletion.

Appendix 3

Scheme of delegation

Amendments approved by the Trustees 26/9/08

Delegation of powers

Section 12.1.iii

From: "The Chair of Trustees shall approve the expenses of the other Trustees, the President, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer".

To: "The Chair of Trustees shall approve the expenses of the Treasurer."

Section 12.4.vii

From: "S/he shall approve the expenses of the Board, excluding those of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer."

To: "The General Secretary shall approve the Chair of Trustees' expenses."

Section 12.5.vi

Added :

"The Treasurer shall approve the expenses of all Officers, Board members and Trustees except for their own expenses and those of the Chair of Trustees".

