

# THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS LIMITED

## MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 12 noon BST

Hall 1, ICC Birmingham

The Trustees encourage members to participate in the meeting by exercising their voting rights by registering attendance and, if at all uncertain about attending, by sending in the proxy voting form in advance.

55 members were in attendance (in person) and 3 submitted proxy forms by the due date.

### 1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 13 June 2022.

Unanimously approved.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were advised.

### 3. BAUS MEDALS 2023

It was noted that medals had been awarded as follows – with the presentations taking place during the Annual Scientific Meeting in Birmingham:

St Peter's Medal – Professor James N'Dow, Academic Urology Unit, University of Aberdeen

St Paul's Medal – Professor Rajeev T P, Department of Urology, Gauhati Medical College, Assam State, India

Gold Medal – Professor Abhay Rane, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill

### 4. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The meeting noted the election of new Members was noted.

Unanimously approved.

### 5. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY 2022 & REPORT FROM THE HONORARY TREASURER

a. The Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the FY ended 31 December 2022 were received.

Unanimously approved.

b. The Honorary Treasurer (Professor Nick Watkin) gave a short presentation on BAUS finances – starting with an overview of the Association's finances between 2019-2023. The financial position remained relatively stable with income and expenditure broadly tracking each other. For FY2022 – there had been a small operating surplus (£15k). Returns on investments had been impacted by the general market downturn towards the end of 2022 (loss on investments of £283k) – although in Q1 of 2023 investments were up by £66.5k. Subscription income now accounted for nearly 60% of the Association's total income; there had been a decrease in subscription income of £15k primarily due to the category changes agreed in 2021. Income from the Annual Scientific meeting had been declining over a number of years and this was one of the challenges faced by Trustees. The Association had moved to offer virtual meetings during the pandemic – which had much lower costs attached to them compared with 'in person' events where costs (such as venue hire) were significant and were subject to current inflationary pressures. The costs of running meetings had increased by 21% since 2019. In 2023 expenditure was likely to be impacted by national inflation which was driving costs upwards. Thanks to continued good

financial stewardship the Association had reserves of £3.2m and BAUS maintained good industry support.

As part of the recently published 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan, the Trustees had agreed to use some of the reserves to invest in projects to develop the long-term resilience and sustainability of BAUS. This included provision of up to £65k to support development of progressive web app as part of the wider communications and digital strategy. Professor Watkin thanked Ms Lisa Dodgshon who was the BAUS Trustee leading this project. Trustees were also maintaining a policy of avoiding big increases in subscriptions but to make modest increases at or below inflation (2.5% increase for 2023 and 5% proposed for 2024 in some categories). Work was also continuing on promoting BAUS membership and enhancing membership benefits. Professor Watkin expressed his thanks to Mrs Judith Mitchell (Project Manager, BAUS) for her support in relation to the work around membership.

Professor Watkin also thanked Professor Iqbal Shergill (Honorary Treasurer Elect) for his support over the last two years in his role as Honorary Treasurer Elect and to Patricia Hagan (Deputy CEO) and Anne Bishop (CEO) for their institutional memory.

On behalf of members of the Association, the President thanked Professor Watkin for the enormous contribution he had made to BAUS, the Board of Trustees and to BAUS Council during his tenure which had spanned particularly challenging years. She had greatly valued his wisdom and insight over the past four years and he would be much missed.

#### **6. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024**

The Honorary Treasurer reported the Trustees had reviewed the membership subscription rates and the rates wef 1 January 2024 were outlined in the table below. As reported above, the Trustees had agreed that increases should be kept below the rate of inflation. It was important for the Association to ensure that income from subscriptions was maintained. For some membership categories there would be no change in subscription rate.

<b>Member Category</b>	<b>2023 Subscription</b>	<b>2024 Subscription</b>
Specialist Register Members	£425	£446
Urological Specialist Members	£349	£366
Trainee Members	£190	No change
Trainee Members (CTs)*	£100*	No change
Allied Professional Members	£75	No change
International Members	£205	No change
Semi-Retired Members	£155	£163
Fully Retired Members	No fee	No fee
Medical Student and Foundation Trainee Members	£20	No change
Honorary Members	No fee	No fee

*\*Subscription reduction for CTs - for a maximum of two subscription years: rate to pay per year is £100*

Unanimously approved.

#### **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Buzzacott LLP were appointed for the year.

Unanimously approved.

#### **8. APPOINTMENT OF INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

CCLA Investment Management Limited were appointed for the year.

Unanimously approved.

## **9. APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF TRUSTEES / OFFICERS OF BAUS**

### **a. Election of Officers / Trustees**

The meeting received the results of ballots for the election of Trustees to fill vacancies arising:

Mr Mo Belal (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham) elected as Honorary Secretary Elect for a period of 2 years after which Mr Belal will automatically become Honorary Secretary for a period of 2 years without a vote being necessary for this conversion).

Mr Shabi Ahmad (City Hospital, Birmingham) elected as Honorary Treasurer Elect for a period of 2 years after which Mr Ahmad will automatically become Honorary Treasurer for a period of 2 years without a vote being necessary for this conversion.

### **b. Retiring Officers / Trustees**

Professor Nick Watkin, St George's Hospital, London (demitting as Honorary Treasurer).

Note: Professor Ian Pearce (Manchester Royal Infirmary) demits as Honorary Secretary Elect; Professor Pearce was elected as Vice President in June 2022.

Unanimously approved.

## **10. ELECTION AND RETIREMENT OF REGIONAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

The meeting received and noted the election and retirement of regional representatives on BAUS Council as follows:

### **Elections:**

Northern Region – Mr Arjun Nambiar (Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne) stood unopposed and is elected for a first term (2023-2026).

KSS – Mr Steve Garnett (Eastbourne District General Hospital) completed his first term of office and stood unopposed and is elected for a second term (2023-2025).

### **Retirements:**

Northern Region – Mr Mark Johnson completed his first term of office in 2023 and did not stand for re-election.

North West Region – Mr Dan Burke has advised he will stand down as Regional Council member with effect from this AGM. A call for nominations will be circulated following the Annual Scientific Meeting.

The President thanked both Mr Johnson and Mr Burke for their contributions to the work of BAUS Council and to members in their regions during their tenure. Their work was much appreciated.

Unanimously approved.

## **11. UROLOGY PRIZES AND AWARDS FOR 2023**

To note the following awards:

Karl Storz/Harold Hopkins Golden Telescope Award – Professor Grant Stewart, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

John Anderson Award – Miss Suzanne Biers, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

John Blandy Prize – Alessandro Antonelli, Università di Verona, Italy

BSoT Silver Cystoscope Award – Mr Vishwanath Hanchanale, Royal Liverpool University Hospital

BSoT Bronze Cystoscope Award – David Thurtle, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

AUA Global Residents Leadership Retreat – Ms Nikita Bhatt, Ipswich Hospital

USANZ Conference Visitor – Miss Sophie Rintoul-Hoad, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London  
BAUS Certificate of Distinction – Charles Reynolds, CJ Medical  
BAUS FY / CT Audit Competition – Ms Azelle Egbe, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust & Dr Annabel Heybourne, Royal Hampshire County Hospital  
BAUS Medical Student Essay Competition – Winner: Grace Olatunde & Runner up: Ken Mackay

**12. BAUS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN 2024**

The meeting noted the annual scientific meeting in 2024 would be held at the ICC Birmingham, 24-26 June 2024.

Professor Ian Pearce  
Honorary Secretary