



**Minutes of the BMFMS Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Main Auditorium  
Convention Centre, Dublin**

**1. Welcome**

MK welcomed members to the 2013 AGM and congratulated all today's speakers.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

These have been circulated to the membership twice and are accepted as accurate

**3. Matters arising**

All action points have been completed

**4. Elections**

MK announced the successful candidates in the recent elections as:

Labour & Delivery	Margaret Matthews
Trainee Representative	Andrew Sharp
Prize Co-ordinator	Tim Overton – re-elected

The next round of elections will take place in September 2013 for the following positions:

- Honorary Secretary (end of 3 year term)
- Treasurer (end of 3 year term)
- Scientific Representative (end of 3 year term)
- Labour & Delivery Representative (resignation)

MK informed the membership that at the end of 3 years candidates were allowed to restand and that all 3 intended to restand on this occasion.

The elections for President will take place in February 2014, handing over office at the end of Perinatal 2014

He informed the membership that voting would be via the website

**5. Treasurer's report**

MD informed the membership that the society gained charitable status in 2012. He then presented the as yet unaudited financial statements as follows:

Total Income (Investment, Membership, Meetings / Courses)	£67078
Total Expenditure (Bursaries, CSGs, WoW, Conference speaker expenses, support costs, accountancy)	£82717
Movement of Funds	£15639
Total Funds	£146099

There were no questions regarding finance

## 6. Bursaries

TO informed the membership that all the information regarding bursaries was on the website. In this round there were 17 applications and 7 were awarded (5 research – 4 academic and 1 clinical, and 2 travel) totaling £20000. He explained that this was less than last year as there had been concerns regarding how profitable the conference this year would be.

One member requested that there should be feedback if unsuccessful

**AP: Discuss at next Committee meeting to ensure feedback**

## 7. Education & Training

MK reported that the Greenaway Committee (GMC) was meeting the following day to take evidence regarding ATSM & SST (how are they delivered? Should they be devolved to the Deaneries?). Wendy Reid from RCOG and MK would be giving evidence. Also seems to be a desire from the GMC to shorten training again. The GMC will decide how all this moves forward. He also reported on the paper discussed at the RCOG Council meeting regarding the introduction of an MRCOG Part 3 exit examination.

DA then updated the members that when registering for SST trainees now must also register for an ATSM in case they do not achieve SST. As there are more trainees registered to complete MM ATSM, the default position is that unless stated otherwise it will be FM ATSM. Following the Committee meeting the previous day, DA will ask the RCOG about ALWP ATSM as well.

He then went on to say that the RCP SST in MM had been approved by RCOG, and that it was felt that this was unlikely to impact on O+G trainees as the numbers would be small. Both BMFMS and MFM reps on the RCOG SS Committee will have input into curriculum. Training will be 1 year and could be delivered as part of a network in different units including DGH's. These posts will need to be Deanery funded.

Both JW and DR expressed concerns that this will impact on O+G training and that a close eye will need to be kept on this. DR asked whether MM consultants could decline to provide this training if it was thought to compromise SST / ATSM in MM. DA stressed that RCP was committed to improving MM training at all levels of RCP training.

The GMC is reviewing all advanced / SS training across all specialties through a SS focus group which has RCOG representation.

SST assessments are now linked to the ARCP process and will take place in March, with more involvement of the Heads of School. Work is progressing on a SST matrix (bespoke individualised training plan to inform annual assessment), which is likely to be piloted before introduction. A 'Core Attributes' framework is being introduced to facilitate identifying failing trainees early during SST. Some felt this should be introduced during core training to identify issues much earlier.

**AP: DA agreed to feed this back.**

The Academic Board of RCOG have developed a curriculum for academic trainees in O+G, which the GMC have 'adopted' for other specialties.

Finally, DA informed members of a new StratOG tutorial on ultrasound

#### **8. President's report**

MK informed members that the RCOG had asked BMFMS to comment on 22 national guidelines, reports etc in the past year, from NICE, RCOG, FASP, Specialised Commissioning and CRG's.

Interaction with RCOG has improved and MK now has 1:1 with the President of RCOG, and attends the Specialist Societies meetings. He has discussed charges and overheads for support services, courses etc in an attempt to get these reduced.

BMFMS provides financial support to three of the obstetric CSG's which bring academic and clinical input together to assess research priorities in different areas (FM, MM, IPC), and there is interaction with BMFMS and the CSG's through the RCOG Academic Committee.

BMFMS has also had significant input into educational meetings through RCOG (annual CPD, ATSMs, Congress), ISUOG and meetings of the European Societies. There is also representation from other affiliated specialist societies – Bryan Gill from BAPM, Cathy Warwick from RCM and Nina Modi from NN Society

#### **9. Forum**

GT informed members that the forum was now up and running. He requested that all members ensure that KJ has a current email address for each member, and then gave a presentation on how to join and use the forum.

#### **10. Future Meetings**

The next meeting is Perinatal 2014, 9-11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Harrogate. The proportionate profit / loss share was explained to members, and they were informed that the NN Nurses were no longer stakeholders and that

RCM were in the process of deciding. A meeting is taking place the following week to discuss speakers which MK & JN are attending. There is a desire to try and mix the streams up to encourage more interaction between BMFMS and neonates.

MK then asked members to consider suggestions for venues for the Annual conferences in 2015 & 2016. After 16 years the Society has been most places. The Committee are currently scoping costs / venues in London for one of the meetings.

#### **11. AOB**

MK put forward a suggestion to extend the length of the meeting to 2.5 or 3 days, to allow more time for interaction and to enable embedding the CSG's into the conference. KH reminded members that MOMS used to link with BMFMS and this could be done again but would increase the cost of the meeting.

MK asked members to email their views.

The issue of the ethics of sponsorship (GE, Alere who had dedicated sessions) was raised, as it had been discussed by the Committee previously, and members views sought. Sue Bewley suggested a policy for openness and transparency, and this was agreed by all.

**AP: To be added to the next Committee meeting agenda**

No other issues were raised from the floor and the meeting was brought to a close prior to the Society Dinner

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