

**BMFMS Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 8.45pm to 9.20am**  
**Music Hall, Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh**

**1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the President, Myles Taylor (MT) to the AGM.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Honorary Secretary, Alec McEwan (AM) said that the minutes of the meeting were available on the App. The minutes were agreed and it was noted that the actions from the meeting had been completed.

**3. President's Update**

MT said that the year had been a busy year for BMFMS, focusing on the conference. BMFMS have also been active in terms of consultation, in particular Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle has been influenced by BMFMS. BMFMS had only a small input into the first version of the Bundle but a much larger input into the second version. MT thanked all the committee, in particular Katie Morris, MT also thanked Matthew Jolly who he said did a tremendous job on the document. MT said that BMFMS continue to work closely with national bodies, such as NICE, DH, and the NHS and will continue to input into 'Better Births'.

MT reported that BMFMS continue to run courses for example, the Labour Ward course.

MT said that last year's conference in Brighton attracted record numbers and thanked the previous President, Jason Waugh. MT said that next year's conference would be a joint conference in London with BAPM and the Neonatal Society. The conference will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and will need to attract 800-900 delegates.

MT said the recent BMFMS re-branding had been carried out by Hamptons at no additional cost

MT announced that the new BMFMS website was now live and in the near future members will be able to join online.

4. a. AM said the following members were returned in elections in 2018:

- Alina Vais and Catherine Hillman appointed as DGH reps
- Louise Webster appointed as Trainee rep
- Sara Kenyon appointed as Labour & Delivery rep
- Makrina Savvidou appointed as Prize Co-ordinator

b. Change to constitution

Following the proposal to change the constitution announced at the last AGM, an online poll of members was conducted to find out if members accepted or rejected the proposal. The proposal was accepted and the constitution will be amended as follows:

*After the first three year tenure, if a committee member wishes to stay on for another three years, and is supported by two other committee members, then the post need not be advertised for re-election. The post must be advertised for re-election after the committee member has been in post for six years. This change will not apply to the President, Hon Secretary and Treasurer positions.*

c. Forthcoming elections -

- Honorary Secretary

MT noted that this position is very demanding and that AM had done very well.

d. Governance

AM reported that he was leading on a governance review of the charity to deal with GDPR etc and was getting legal advice with this that would also cover the constitution and BMFMS policies. BMFMS will spend a relatively small amount on this.

5. Finance

Treasure Tracey Johnston gave a financial update, TJ said the figures were provisional as the accounts for the financial year ending 13st January 2019 wouldn't be completed till later in the year.

Income £86 266

- Membership £28 253
- Courses £36 766
- Interest £72
- TAMBA £21 197
- Conference 2018

Expenditure £132 731

- Bursaries £69 353
- Global Health Fellowship £20 000
- CSG's £11 118
- RCOG £23 473
- Website £1674
- Committee expenses £14 113
- Accountant fees £3000

TJ noted that there were no sponsors for this year's conference as sponsors had opted to sponsor the RCOG Congress that was being held in the UK this year. TJ said the final number of delegates for the 2019 BMFMS conference would be in excess of 500. TJ also noted that the income from TAMBA was their share of the joint bursary. TJ said the figures don't include £13,500 that has been spent after the year end to develop the new website. TJ said that Melissa Whitworth had done a huge amount of work on developing the website.

#### 5a. Networked Maternal Medicine Service Specification

TJ said there was a big push to reduce maternal mortality and for services that address this to be commissioned nationally via maternal medicine networks, the plan was to have 12 networks based regionally. TJ said that she had received the service specification for this a week ago and had circulated it to BMFMS committee members. The committee had given it their unanimous support for the document although they felt it required a bit of tweaking. Matthew Jolly (MJ) said there was a window of opportunity to give feedback on the document. The funding was for obstetric physicians. The aim was that this approach would develop expertise that would spread out throughout the hospital and GPs. MJ said he wanted, as much as was possible, to make the specification a co-production with BMFMS and that he was also working with MOMs . He said that there was political momentum to drive this through.

MJ said he was happy to take questions. AM asked if the Trust that the Lead Obstetric Physician was connected to would have to in effect fund the region, and if so, asked why a Trust would agree for one of its consultants to work on this half a day a week when other Trusts would get the benefit. MJ said there would be money from commissioning to fund these positions, how this happens was complicated. A representative from MOMS said they would not want this new network to impact adversely on the networks that already exist. MJ said that relationships with other clinicians were important. Another member asked if there was a role for BMFMS to liaise with other societies on this matter, not just in England but the whole of the UK. Another member said that Maternal Medicine Scotland was working with the College of Physicians in Scotland to align with the rest of the UK. Jenny Myers said the Society should use look at working with Obstetric Physicians to attract other physicians to the conference as they will speak the same language, and going forward should look at working with the McDonald Club.

6. Prizes and awards.

It was noted that these would be given out at the end of the conference.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.