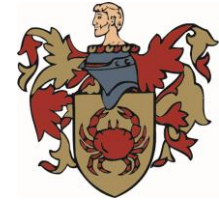


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Minutes 2019 AGM

Held on Friday 17th May at 3.40pm at the Royal College of Physicians, London

1. Apologies

Mr Martin Ashley; Mr Jonathan Bernstein.

2. Minutes of the AGM 25th May 2018

These were approved.

3. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr Cyrus Kerawala reported that because of the increase in membership fees and increased income from the Annual Meeting, finances were now in a much better shape than two years ago. He said he did not foresee the need to make any changes to the membership fee in the near future and that finances were deemed adequate for our relatively small-scale association. Our improved finances have enabled BAHNO to make more money available for grants.

4. Honorary Conference Secretary's Report

Mr Ceri Hughes thanked everyone for supporting the meeting this year – with 307 delegate registrations this is the biggest ever BAHNO meeting (249 last year). Abstract submissions were also up – from 73 last year to 105 this year – and may be viewed as a hallmark of what delegates consider A Good Meeting. Sponsorship has increased considerably - thanks to Aesculap Academia - and delegates were urged to visit the companies exhibiting in the exhibition areas.

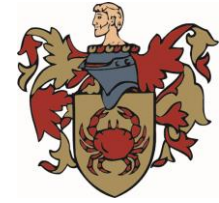
5. Honorary Administrative Secretary's report

Professor Peter Brennan started by thanking Mr Nick Roland, his predecessor for his excellent work. He then gave a short presentation with slides which showed the current number of members at 454 – amended in the last hour as numbers are rising. BAHNO is an expanding organisation.

Professor Brennan then summarised the points to be considered before the general vote on Restorative Dentist representation on Council: all specialties have equal importance on Council; Council seeks to be inclusive. The Restorative Dentists have sought a position on Council but there are currently only 8 members who are members of BAHNO. Should a seat on Council be offered to the Restorative Dentists? If so, should this be with full voting rights or as a co-opted member?

Professor Brennan reported that the administrative side of the organisation has been very busy – members were urged to make use of the new website - and new committees

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inaugurated. Members were reminded that BAHNO may support ACCEA applications. Abstracts from this BAHNO meeting will be published in the Journal of Oral Pathology and Medicine (JOPM) subject to author approval. The possibility of making available a recent paper on human factors recognition at the MDT was raised – members were keen to see this and Ms Laura Manning was asked to make this possible.

A vote was then taken on the Restorative Dentists issue and there was a clear mandate for Restorative Dentists to have a full seat on Council.

6. Grants and awards

Two research grants of £3,000 each to Paula Bradley and to Karl Payne and a travel grant of £1,000 to Jason Fleming have been awarded this year.

7. Elections to Council

Following the call for nominations and the subsequent ballot: Mr James O'Hara will succeed Mr Cyrus Kerawala as the Honorary Treasurer; Mr Michael Nugent and Mr Andrew Schache new OMFS representatives; Mr Stuart Winter new ENT representative; Mr Arun Takhar Trainee Members' representative; Dr Justin Roe and Miss Florence Cook AHP representatives.

8. Vote on Restorative Dentist representation at Council

There was a clear mandate for Restorative Dentists to have a full seat on Council.

9. President's Achievement Awards and Honorary Memberships

Professor Hisham Mehanna explained that the former is a completely new initiative; the latter has not been used for some time. Presentations were made to the recipients who were:

President's Achievement Awards – Professor Kevin Harrington and Mr John C Watkinson
Honorary Memberships – Mr Michael Fardy and Mr Nicholas J Roland.

10. Outgoing President's Address

Professor Hisham Mehanna:

Engagement of the membership has increased considerably over the last two years. Our annual meeting 2019 has 307 delegates, the highest it has ever been, with the number of attendees increasing by almost 100 (50%) over the past two years. We now also have the largest number of committees that we have ever had, increasing from two (Education and Research) to a total of six committees (with the addition of the International Committee, Public Engagement Committee, Communications and Website Committee, and the newly formed Protocol and Guidelines Committee). As part of those committees, ~10% of the membership are participating in the workings of the Association.

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BAHNO also supported Integrate, the ENT trainee research collaborative, to deliver an audit of over 5000 follow-up consultations in 83 hospitals in a period of just over 6 weeks – a remarkable achievement. The results of that audit are likely to help shape future practice.

BAHNO has also increased the size and number of our research and travel grants and initiated a new international fellowship to help bring head and neck surgeons from low and middle-income countries to the UK. In addition, we have deepened our collaborations with the African Head and Neck Society, with bilateral visits, culminating in starting a joint research programme to help improve cancer care in Africa. All this has occurred on the backdrop of improving finances of the Association – we now have the highest reserves that we have had in over a decade, allowing Council to undertake all the initiatives that I have mentioned above.

11. New President

Mr Cyrus Kerawala accepted the good-natured introduction and the badge of office. He thanked his trainers and mentors and Francesca Riva for support and noted the essential support of his family. He thanked Professor Mehanna for leaving the Association in such a good state: financially robust and academically more astute. He finished by thanking BAHNO members for their support and would do his best to fulfil their confidence in him.

12. AOB

No other business raised.

13. Date of next meeting

During the BAHNO 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting