

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - Reg. Charity 1098584 & Reg. Company 4691176

Friday 28th February 2014 – 1.45pm
Lomond Auditorium, SECC, Glasgow

1. Anthony Warrens welcomed the members present to the Annual General Meeting.
2. 2 apologies had been received from Henry Brown and Keith Rigg. 38 members were in attendance.
3. The minutes from the last AGM of the charity held on Friday 15th March at 12.30pm in The Tregonwell 2 at the BIC, Bournemouth were approved and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. President's Report

The President welcomed all to the meeting. AW highlighted that the BTS has had a successful year and had worked hard to improve relationships with NHSBT by working closely with them to develop strategies for the future.

BTS have a good relationship with NHSBT ODT with representatives from the BTS holding positions on the Committee.

The HTA Chair, Baroness lady Diana Warwick's term of office is coming to an end and AW offered gratitude from the BTS for their activities pursuing changes in the law. There are significant posts available on the board as many terms are coming to an end.

UKDEC – Sir Peter Simpson stepped down and has been replaced by Professor Chris Rudge. Many posts are ending and so new appointments being made.

BTS Guidelines have been reapproved by NICE.

AW advised that new funding opportunities were highlighted in the recent e-bulletin and asked for feedback from members on the content.

AW offered personal thanks to the Executive Committee who have worked extremely hard over the past year to ensure a successful Congress. Thanks to Iain MacPhee, Richard Baker, Derek Manas and KSAM Secretariat.

No questions from members.

5. Vice President's Report

Congress 2014, Glasgow

DM thanked the COC (Conference organizing Committee), Anthony Warrens, Iain MacPhee, Richard Baker, Vassilios Papalois, Maria Hernandez-Fuentes and the KSAM team for another innovative and exciting program. Over 470 delegates attended.

This is the first year that Congress has gone virtually paperless with new technology and the Congress App, DM asked for feedback.

We have introduced Workshops again and joint sessions with ESOT and the CRG and maintained the sessions with BASL, TSC and NHSBT, BASL had the most attendees ever this time.

Positive feedback from the Nurses Chapter that they are now more integrated with the program. DM advised that the question had been asked, "why do SNODs get a reduced fee"? DM confirmed that this is to encourage more Nurses to attend.

Abstracts 2014

DM confirmed that a total of 250 abstracts had been submitted which included, 44 Orals, 8 Medawar, 3 Surgical Chapter, a total of 55 Orals. 189 Posters and only 6 abstracts rejected.

Research: Clinical Trials Steering Group

Rachel Hilton is the Chair of the Group and has had 2 successful meetings with the RCS discussing Renal and Pancreas Research with Liver in planning.

Association with NHSBT

AW and DM hold regular meetings with the NHSBT Chair and James Neuberger. BTS produced a response to the 2020 Strategy.

DM confirmed that BTS have representation on the advisory groups but the Bowel Advisory Group does not yet have a representative and asked members to contact him if they would like to put themselves forward for the position.

Past Presidents 'Club'

It was agreed some time ago it would be good for the Executive Committee to host a meeting and dinner with past BTS Presidents to get their views and discuss the BTS strategy going forward. The first meeting has yet to be organized.

Joint Congress 2015

Joint Congress with the Dutch Transplant Society for next year will be held in Bournemouth from 11th – 13th March 2015.

Guidelines

Standards Committee chaired by Peter Andrews has published the DCD Guidelines.

Transplant Surgeons Chapter

The new Chair of the Surgeons Chapter is Bimbi Fernando with a meeting planned on Retrieval and Recovery later this year.

Training (Surgery)

James Gilbert, Chair of the BTS Training Committee is in negotiation with the College and NHSBT re: Retrieval certification, Vascular access training and Laparoscopic donor nephrectomy.

New Future Venues

The COC are currently looking at new cost effective venues for future Congresses as current contracts end in 2016. A new venue will be sourced to host the 2017 Congress.

No questions from members.

6. Secretary's Report

Elections

In 2013 there were 732 eligible voters, 280 votes cast (38.3%% turnout). For 2014 there were 646 eligible voters, 294 votes cast in total, 88 by post and 206 cast online with an increased turnout on past years of 45.5%. The BTS will continue to offer members both online and postal voting options as this has proved to ensure a good turnout.

IMacP thanked the retiring Council members for their valuable contributions during their terms on Council. As a result of the above votes, the following Council positions have been filled:-

Councillor representing Cardiothoracic Transplantation: **John Dark**

Councillor representing Transplant Coordination and Nursing: **Martha Evans**

Councillor representing Transplant Nephrology: **Nick Torpey**

Councillor representing Transplant Surgery: **Paul Gibbs**

Councillor without portfolio: **Vassilios Papalois**

Member of Transplant Training and Education Committee: **Jacob Akoh**

Member of the Standards Committee: **Peter Andrews, Adam McLean**

Member of the Clinical Trials Committee: **Gabriel Oniscu**
Member of the Ethics Committee: **Anya Adair, Antonia Cronin, Marlene Rose, Colin Wilson**
New Ethics Committee Chair will be elected from new Committee members.

Council posts with no nominees:

Councillor representing Basic Science

Councillor representing Donor Coordination

If any members are interested in these two vacant positions please send in your nomination to the Secretary. If more than one nomination is received for each position another election can be held.

Membership

There are currently 779 BTS members, 89 new members since the AGM in 2013.

The BTS is now affiliated with the TTS and BTS members can join TTS for a reduced cost of \$50 for full membership.

Abstracts

IMacP thanked all the Abstract scorers.

Awards – Medawar

The Medawar Medals were awarded to Adam Barlow – Clinical paper and Mekhola Mallik – Science paper. IMacP thanked all the Judges including those who had stepped in to cover last minute: John Asher, Maria Hernandez-Fuentes, Rachel Hilton, John Kirby, Iain MacPhee, David Talbot, Colin Wilson and Wilson Wong.

The Roy Calne Fellowship Award was presented to Kate Milward, IMacP thanked the judges: Sian Griffin, Rachel Johnson, Vassilios Papalois and Steve White.

ESOT Education prize winner: Bynvant Sandhu – Paired Mentorship scheme-supporting tomorrow's leaders.

No questions from members.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

RB presented on income and expenditure for the year ending 31st October 2013 and highlighted that the income from 2013 Congress looked large as it was from the Joint Congress with over 1,000 delegates. 2013 total income £382,704. RB explained that although the Corporate Sponsorship had dropped over the past few years it was now improving with 3 Gold Sponsors for the 2014 Congress and 3 already secured for 2015. RB confirmed there will be no increase in delegate fees for 2015 Congress.

RB advised the largest general expense is the Secretariat cost for running the Society. The total expenditure for the BTS was £443,309 for 2013. There will be some new activities in 2014, including the Education Forum, Guideline and other meetings, Transplant Library, Transplant 2013 and developments on the website. The COC continue to try and make savings where possible and some cut backs were made on keynotes using the Cyber Sessions and development of the Congress App and only printing a small program. RB advised that the App could be developed further to make it more interactive but at a cost of approximately £10,000. Further savings could be made if the BTS do not subsidise the Social evening which was a bowling night this year. Any member who wishes to contribute or make comment, please e-mail the Treasurer.

There is currently £100,000 in restricted funds including the Hoffenberg restricted fund and the auditors have recommended that some of this money should be used. Some of this could be used to subsidise the Educational forum or sponsor people to go to ESOT Educational Events. This will be discussed further in the next Council Meeting.

RB advised that there will be no increase in the membership fees for 2014-2015 as the BTS want to remain all inclusive and encourage members to join.

No questions from members.

8. **18th Annual Congress – Joint with Dutch Transplant Society**
BIC, Bournemouth, 11th-13th March 2015

9. **AOB**

RB explained that the BTS committed to a 6 year contract and so Congress will be held in Bournemouth next year and then SECC, Glasgow in 2016. The COC have already had their first meeting with the Dutch group to start planning next year's Congress and also advised that wi-fi will be free in the BIC next year. Next COC meeting will be held in April date tbc.

10. **Next Council meeting**
June 2014 (date to be confirmed)

11. **The AGM closed at 2.45pm**