

**Minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV
(BASHH)**

Held at 5.00pm, Friday 13th January 2006
Royal Society of Medicine, London

The President, Dr A J Robinson, was in the Chair. 114 members were present and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Dr N Lazaro.
2. The minutes of the 2nd AGM held 14 January 2005, and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28 October 2005, were accepted as an accurate record.
3. The 2004/05 Annual Report, adopted by the BASHH Trustees in December 2005, was received by the membership.
4. Dr J Clarke, Honorary Treasurer, presented her report. The total funds available to the Association had increased in the course of the 2004/05 BASHH financial year from £579,670 to 659,314. Dr Clarke pointed out that although this seemed a considerable amount of money, it was in line with the recommendation of the Charity Commission that a charity maintain reserves equivalent to two years' annual expenditure. In the course of the year the Trustees had decided to transfer £200,000 into a savings account bearing a high rate of interest. The Treasurer gave thanks to Mr Vipin Shah for advising the Association about VAT during the year in question.

The accounts were accepted by the members present (proposed by Dr M A Waugh and seconded by Dr I Ahmed-Jushuf).

The members agreed to appoint Mr Jailash Patel of Farrington & Co as auditors for the Association for the current financial year (proposed by Dr S Barton and seconded by Dr R Melville).

Subscriptions for membership for 2005/06 were announced to the membership (see appendix 1).

5. The General Secretary, Dr K W Radcliffe, then proposed five amendments to the constitution (see appendix 2), which were voted on by the membership. All were accepted *nem con*.
6. Dr B Evans, Returning Officer, then announced the results of the 2005 elections: President – Simon Barton; Vice-President – Imtyaz Ahmed-Jushuf; Clinical Governance Committee Chairman – Mike Abbott; Representative of NCCG on the Board – Neil Lazaro; Representative on the Board of Doctors-In-Training – Katherine Coyne; Representative of Nurses and Health Advisors on the Board – Pauline Handy; Fellows elected to the Board – Jonathan Ross, Christine Bowman and Helen Ward; Independent Trustee – Rachel Challenor.
7. Dr M FitzGerald, retiring Chairman of Trustees, then made a brief statement in which he paid tribute to all the active members of BASHH, including Officers and Trustees, during the period in question. He pointed out the incredible range of activities that BASHH was now involved in, much more than when he had first joined its predecessor organisation, the MSSVD. He paid a particular tribute to the enormous contribution made by the outgoing President, Dr A J Robinson.
8. The outgoing President, Dr A J Robinson, then made a brief statement in which she thanked all Officers, Trustees and other active members of BASHH during her period in office as the first President of the Association. She also paid tribute to Dr C O'Mahony in his role as Past President,

and Dr E Curless who had been the Interim Chairman when BASHH was set up. She said that she felt the Association had achieved a lot during its first two years, and was now widely recognised as a major stakeholder nationally in the field of sexual health e.g. by media organisations, policymakers, the Department of Health and the Royal College of Physicians. She then presented a new chain of office to the incoming President, Dr S Barton.

The meeting was declared closed at 5:30pm.

Keith Radcliffe
General Secretary

Appendix 1

1) MEDICAL STAFF

Fellows (medical and nurse consultants, associate specialists) <i>Includes subscription to both journals</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	£250.00
Career and Training Grade membership (SHO, SpR, Staff Grades). Overseas members. <i>Includes subscription to both journals</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	£190.00
Clinical Assistant Grade membership with subscription to one journal:	<i>STI</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£110.00
	<i>Int J STD AIDS</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£110.00
Clinical Assistant Grade membership with subscription to both journals		<input type="checkbox"/>	£185.00
GP (with special interest) membership with subscription to one journal:	<i>STI</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£110.00
	<i>Int J STD AIDS</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£110.00
GP (with special interest) membership with subscription to both journals		<input type="checkbox"/>	£185.00

2) NON-MEDICAL STAFF / RETIRED MEDICAL STAFF

Nurses, Health advisers, non-medical scientists with subscription to one journal:	<i>STI</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£60.00
	<i>Int J STD AIDS</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£60.00
Nurses, Health advisers, non-medical scientists with subscription to both journals		<input type="checkbox"/>	£135.00
Retired Members with subscription to neither journal		<input type="checkbox"/>	£15.00
Retired Members with subscription to one journal:	<i>STI</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£40.00
	<i>Int J STD AIDS</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£40.00
Retired Members with subscription to both journals		<input type="checkbox"/>	£115.00
Affiliate Membership with subscription to neither journal		<input type="checkbox"/>	£30.00

Approved by the Board of BASHH on 23 September 2005

Appendix 2

3rd BASHH Annual General Meeting , 13th January 2006

Proposed Changes to the Current Constitution and Rules (28th October 2005)

The following proposals should be read with reference to our current Constitution which can be found on the Associations website (www.bashh.org). Any member who does not have internet access can contact the BASHH Secretariat and request to be sent a printed copy.

1. Amendment to clause 30.1

New clause to read: “Fellow – open to medical consultants, associate specialists, nurse consultants and nurses employed in positions graded at Band 8 or above under Agenda for Change, and other persons who, in the view of the Board have made and are continuing to make a significant contribution to the speciality”.

2. Amendment to clause 30.4

New clause to read: “There shall be a category of **Affiliate Membership** open to nurses and health advisers working at Grade F or below (or Agenda for Change band 6 or below). Affiliate Members will enjoy the same benefits as other ordinary Members, with the exceptions that they will not be entitled to stand for national office within BASHH, or to vote in elections to such positions, nor will they have a vote at General Meetings”.

3. Amendment to clause 36

New clause 36 to read: “Each Member shall have a single vote on each motion presented at a General Meeting, with the exception of Affiliate Members who shall not be entitled to vote.”

4. Amendment to clause 49

New clause 49 to read: “There is a quorum at a General Meeting if at least 30 Members (excluding Affiliate Members) are present”.

5. Amendment to clause 52

New clause 52 to read: “Except for the Chair of the meeting, who has a second or a casting vote, every Member present is entitled to one vote on every issue with the exception of Affiliate Members who are not entitled to vote”.

Keith Radcliffe
General Secretary
4th November 2005