

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)**

**Held at the Royal Society of Medicine**

**Friday 11 January 2013**

The President, Dr JD Wilson, was in the Chair and the meeting commenced at 5pm.

One hundred and three members were present and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. No apologies for absence had been received.
2. The minutes of the ninth AGM held on 13 January 2012 were accepted as an accurate record (proposed by Dr K Radcliffe, seconded by Dr A Tang).
3. The 2011/12 annual report, including the accounts, which had been adopted by the BASHH Trustees on 7 December 2012, was received by the membership.
4. The General Secretary, Dr E Carlin, gave a short statement about the BASHH activities over the past year, which are outlined in the 2011/12 annual report and in a separate detailed review. These are available on the BASHH website [www.bashh.org/members/bashh\\_annual\\_reports](http://www.bashh.org/members/bashh_annual_reports). She thanked all the contributors and also thanked Dr Cecilia Priestley and Hilary Loxton for their assistance with collating the annual review document.

The arrangements to enable the incorporation of BASHH have been satisfactorily completed under the guidance of the Association's solicitors Stone King LLP and the new company has subsequently been successfully re-registered as a charity. Therefore, from 1 August 2012 BASHH became a charitable company limited by guarantee.

A variety of support services are in place to support the work of the Association and its administration. Towards the end of 2012, these services were put out to tender to secure high quality services and obtain value for money. The contract was awarded to Kingston Smith Association Management (KSAM) and they will be the new support service provider from 1 February 2013.

5. The Honorary Treasurer, Professor J Ross, made a brief statement highlighting key features in the accounts. He said that opportunities to raise income for the Association to support its charitable activities had remained limited both with respect to investment income and sponsorship. The investment return has been approximately 3% over the year and in view of the volatility of such investments a cash reserve has also been maintained. However, he was pleased to report that as a result of prudent financial management a small surplus had been generated over the year.

He also outlined the financial aspects of the incorporation process and confirmed that the assets and undertakings of BASHH had been transferred to the incorporated charitable company on 1st August 2012. Therefore, these will be the last accounts for the unincorporated Association.

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Overall, he reported that BASHH was in good financial shape and had remained financially secure over the past year enabling it to deliver against its charitable objectives and expand its activities.

6. Following the Honorary Treasurer's statement, a number of members commented and asked for points of clarification which were addressed by the Treasurer. The accounts were subsequently accepted (proposed by Dr M Waugh, seconded by Dr I Ahmed).
7. Following the advice of the Honorary Treasurer, it was agreed that Farrington and Company would be re-appointed as auditors (proposed by Dr S Barton, seconded by Dr R Patel).
8. The membership rates for 2013/14 as set by the Board were presented to the membership. The Honorary Treasurer explained that these would remain at their current rate and would not increase in line with RPI. It had been possible to do this because of the small financial surplus generated.
9. The statement by the Chair of Trustees was given by Professor J Ross. He explained that following the incorporation of BASHH the Board members are now the Trustees for BASHH and that incorporation will provide better protection and indemnity for the Trustees. He said that over the past year BASHH had continued to flourish in terms of its membership, finance and charitable activities and sound governance arrangements were in place.
10. The results of the 2013 elections were presented by the General Secretary. She reported that these had been conducted by the Electoral Reform Services (ERS) using a secure online voting website. An option for proxy voting was also introduced for the one contested post.

There was one contested post - The Doctor in Training Representative to the Board. In total, 24.8% of eligible voters had voted and 91.5% of votes were valid for counting. Dr Emily Pease received the largest number of votes and the majority was such that the proxy votes were not cast. Therefore, Dr Pease had been duly elected.

The other posts were uncontested and the following candidates were elected:-

<b>Board posts</b>	<b>Elected Candidate</b>
<b>Conference and Communications Secretary</b>	Dr Daniel Richardson
<b>Fellow to the Board</b>	Dr Sris Allan
	Dr Alan McOwan
	Dr Cecilia Priestley
<b>Nurse Representative to the Board</b>	Colin Roberts
<b>Clinical Governance Committee (CGC)</b>	
East Anglia	Dr Sati Ariyanayagam
Mersey	Dr Rachael Ellks
North West	Dr Ashish Sukthankar
Northern	Dr Alison Wardropper
Oxford	Dr Alan Tang
Scotland	Dr Steve Baguley

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South West	Dr Phillip Kell
Thames North West	Dr Sara Day
Thames South West	Dr Usharani Natarajan
Trent	Dr Tana Green
Wales	Dr Nicola Lomax
Wessex	Dr Alison Blume
West Midlands	Dr Kaveh Manavi
Yorkshire	Dr Sophie Brady
Nurse Representative to the CGC	Louise Brown

### **Vacant posts**

No nominations were submitted for the Ireland, Thames South East and SAS Representative posts to the CGC. It was planned to seek co-opted appointments to these positions until the next elections.

11. The President announced that the Board had awarded an Honorary Life Fellowship to Dr Mark FitzGerald and an Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr Immy Ahmed.
12. The President then delivered a short closing statement reviewing the past year and she thanked all the members and officers for their work for the Association.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.

**Dr E Carlin**  
**11 January 2013**