

**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)**

**Held at the Royal Society of Medicine**

**Friday 13 January 2012**

The President, Dr KW Radcliffe, was in the Chair.

The meeting commenced at 5.20pm. 74 members were present and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Professor Geoff Ridgway.
2. The minutes of the eighth AGM held on 14 January 2011 were accepted as an accurate record (proposed by Dr E Morgan, seconded by Dr I Ahmed).
3. The 2010/11 annual report, including the accounts, which had been adopted by the BASHH Trustees in December 2011, was received by the membership.
4. The President reminded members that the trustees' annual report and accounts, with both a short précis of our activity and the full details of each group's activities were now available on the website at [www.bashh.org/members/bahh\\_annual\\_reports](http://www.bashh.org/members/bahh_annual_reports). He thanks the General Secretary for her work in re-designing the Annual report. Dr J Clarke, General Secretary, in turn thanked all the contributors to the annual reports, and was grateful to Dr Cecilia Priestley and her secretary for their work on re-formatting the detailed reports into a single document for submission to the Charity Commission.
5. The Honorary Treasurer, Dr R Patel, made a brief statement highlighting some of the main features in the accounts. A small year-end deficit was declared, based on additional costs linked to incorporation and lower income from courses and conferences. He stressed that the finances remained in good health, allowing for increased activity of the organisation and maintaining significant reserves. Investment income fluctuated rapidly in the past year and deposits made limited growth in the face of low interest rates, and we faced little scope for increased sponsorship and static membership subscription income. Significant efforts at chasing aged debts and critically appraising all expenses had left the impression that financial inefficiencies had been minimised.
6. The membership rates for 2012/3 as set by the Board were presented to the membership. These will rise in line with the RPI as agreed last year.
7. Following the Honorary Treasurer's statement, a number of members commented and asked for points of clarification which were addressed by the Treasurer and the Chair of Trustees. The accounts were accepted (proposed by Dr J Bingham, seconded by Dr L David).

8. Following the advice of the Honorary Treasurer, it was agreed that Farrington and Company would be re-engaged as auditors (proposed by Dr S Barton , seconded by Dr R Basuroy)
9. The BASHH expenses policy as set by the Trustees on December 2011 was presented to the membership.

10. Dr R Basuroy, Returning Officer, then announced the results of the following elections  
President - Dr Janet Wilson; Vice president - Dr Raj Patel; General Secretary - Dr Elizabeth Carlin; Treasurer - Prof. Jonathan Ross; SAS rep to board - Dr John Lee; HA rep to board - Ceri Evans; Education committee chair - Dr John White; Clinical governance group chair - Dr Celia Skinner; NE Thames rep to CGC - Dr Liat Sarnar  
Fellow to the board-Dr Jyoti Dhar, Dr Rak Nandwani and Dr Ann Sullivan; Health Advisor rep to the CGC-Heather Wilson; Doctors in Training rep to the CGC-Emma Hathorn.

Dr Basuroy commented that the election participation was 21% of all members, similar to last year. He thanked Dr J Clarke, General Secretary and Charlene Hannon and her team at ERS for their efficient handling of the process.

The President announced that the terms of office for the two Returning Officers, Drs James Bingham and Ratish Basuroy were now completed. They were thanked for their contribution to the work of the Association and presented with a bottle of champagne each as a token of appreciation.

The Board had decided that the posts would now lapse since supervision of the election has been transferred to ERS.

11. The President then announced that the Board had awarded an Honorary Life Fellowship to Dr Beng Goh, Consultant at Barts and the London NHS Trust.
12. The Chair of Trustees, Prof Jonathan Ross, then made a brief statement describing the roles and responsibilities of the Trustees and pointing out that BASHH was a flourishing organisation in terms of its membership, finances and charitable activities. He thanked Mr Michael Bell, retiring Lay trustee, and welcomed Mr David Roberts-Jones who joins as Lay trustee.
13. The President then delivered a short speech reviewing the changes during his term of office. The establishment of the Public Panel to increase patient advocacy had been essential to many developments such as improving the Website and accreditation of guidelines. Dr Rachel Challenor was thanked for all her work in setting this up. Two new special interest groups, for medicine related to MSM and for Public Health, had been established. The clinical standards unit had been established as a monitoring group for clinical guideline implementation, and BASHH guidelines had achieved the NICE seal approval with NHS Evidence Accreditation. Significant progress had been

made towards achieving national competency standards in nursing practice in GUM and sexual health.

He thanked all those active in BASHH, especially members of the Board and Trustees. He gave individual thanks to the Officers and pointed out that much work goes on behind the scenes to run the Association, with the General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer taking the brunt of the routine work. He described his term as a personal privilege and a fascinating experience and hoped his successor had similar experiences.

14. The outgoing President Dr Keith Radcliffe then introduced the incoming President Dr Janet Wilson. Dr Wilson then presented a vote of thanks to Dr Radcliffe for the superb job he had done over the preceding two years as President, and for the magnificent example of leadership he had provided. Dr Radcliffe was then presented with a pair of BASHH cufflinks and a BASHH past-President medal as a token of appreciation for his contribution.

The meeting was closed at 6.25pm.

**Dr J Clarke**  
**17th January 2012**

**Approved at the BASHH AGM on 11 January 2013**