

2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd AGM October held at 12 noon on Thursday 24th October 2013 in the Auditorium of Manchester Innovation Centre.

Dr Karin Denton was in the chair and ~70 members were present.

Members of the Executive present included:

K Denton, A Wilson, S Mehew, K Ellis, P Cross, A Cropper, L Smart, J Davies, T Giles, J Jamison

1) Apologies for absence: Claire Geary, Fraser Mutch and Maggie Morgan.

Minutes of the last annual general meeting were distributed in delegate bags prior to the meeting and agreed as an accurate record.

2) Matters arising

No matters other than those in the agenda

3) Chairman's Report

AW

(Please see attached report)

A Chairman's report had been issued very recently with the annual renewal letters. but in addition the Chairman expressed his pleasure that the Executive Committee have consolidated are now working well as a mature group, much has been achieved over the last year including the Non gynae QA scheme, for which PC has done a lot of work and it has now been adopted by NEQAS, the Advanced Specialist Diploma in Non-Gynaecological Cytology, for which the exact exam format is being worked out and it is envisaged that the first examination will take place in 2015. TG has been instrumental in this.

The successful scientific meeting today has been bought together largely by Alison Cropper, Kay Ellis and Dave Carter and who are now planning the 2014 Spring Tutorial this has had to be deferred until 11th July rather Spring due to the availability of International speakers but will still be held in London.

Next years main scientific meeting will be - October 9th -11th at the Crowne Plaza in Birmingham and the BAC have also accepted a request to contribute a session at the International Colposcopy meeting to be held in London in May 2014.

The BAC membership numbers have only dropped by 5 compared to this time last October and whilst there has been a drop by 70 in Medical members BMS numbers have increased by a similar number.

Meanwhile the CEC scheme is continuing and running well.

The Chairman finished his report by thanking everybody for attending.

4) Publications and Website

PC

SCAN

Two well received issues of SCAN this year, thanks to Andrew Evered and Sharon Roberts-Gant for their Editorship. If anybody has anything to be considered for publication please send it in.

CYTOPATHOLOGY

Thanks to Amanda Herbert for all her hard work as Editor of this well respected Cytology journal with a good impact factor.

Amanda also expressed her thanks to Elizabeth Whelan from publishers Wiley Blackwell and Winifred Gray who is to stand down from her long serving role of Editorial Advisor and explained her own term of office as Editor was to end Dec 2014, the post would soon be advertised but invited anybody who was interested in taking on the role of Editor of Cytopathology to contact her for information.

WEBSITE

The Executive felt that as a Cytology Association for whom microscopic images were essential the fact that the current website was not able to contain photomicrographs in its current form means it is not serving the members as well as it could do so other providers would be considered.

5) Treasurer's Report

KE

The Treasurer apologised that no written accounts were available for the AGM as the Treasurer was awaiting these to be signed off by a 2nd Accountant but these will be circulated to members by email as soon as available.

We have a surplus of £5741 and balance of £395,215

Applications for bursaries are encouraged and research projects and other educational activities will be considered

The membership fees will remain the same for another year.

6) President's closing remarks

KD

Thanks to all of the Executive Committee for their time and hard work on behalf of the association, this year has seen Mina Desai and Mel Buchan stand down from the Executive Committee and Claire Geary and Jackie Jamison join in their place and the President looks forward to working with Jackie and Claire. Due to Mel standing down the Committee are aware there is now nobody primarily employed as a "Primary Screener" on the Executive Committee so if anybody working in this role is interested in joining the Executive then they should talk to a member of the Executive.

7) Any Other Business

SWM

None

8) Date and time of next meeting – to be confirmed but will be held during the October meeting in Birmingham.