

3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd AGM was held at 12 noon on Saturday 11th October 2014 in the Vista Suite of the Crowne Plaza hotel, Birmingham.

Dr Karin Denton was in the chair and ~75 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, C Geary, F Mutch, H Burrell.

1) Apologies for absence: A Chandra, and J Jamison

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

3) Matters arising

No matters other than those on the agenda.

4) Treasurer's Report

KE

Copies of the Treasurer's report were issued to all attending the AGM. Due the healthy financial situation of the BAC accounts the Treasurer proposed that membership fees would stay the same for the next year; this was agreed unanimously by those attending.

The Treasurer reminded members about the availability of bursary monies and encouraged members to apply.

The President extended their gratitude to KE for all her hard work in the Treasurers role.

5) Membership Report

LS

The current BAC membership stands at 585. We continue to receive a steady number of applications for membership but the number of Cytoscreener members has reduced as Cytology laboratories have closed and/or merged and some laboratory staff have been redeployed in other disciplines or taken retirement. LS encouraged members to invite their colleagues to join the BAC. Renewal letters have just been issued to members.

6) Publications and Website

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WEBSITE

A survey asking what members wanted from the BAC website was conducted during the summer and thanks to all those who responded. In general members would like a more educational and interactive website. Therefore the BAC would look to improve the website which would mean changing the website provider before developments could be made during the next 12 months.

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. (Next publication deadline is Feb 2015)

6.1) CYTOPATHOLOGY

AH

Thanks were extended to Amanda Herbert for all her hard work as her term as Editor of this well respected Cytology journal comes to an end in Dec 2014. Amanda was invited to share recent developments of Cytopathology with the membership.

It was noted that Dr Hussain who was a pioneer of cytology in the UK and a founding member of the BSCC had recently died, as had Russel Smith and Alison Baker, key figures within the NAC. The BAC are pleased to announce Dr Mina Desai has been appointed as the new editor of Cytopathology and has been shadowing Amanda over the last few months. Mina shared her vision for the future development of the journal with the Executive at the recent Executive meeting and the Executive committee believe the editorship of the journal will be in good hands.

7) Chairman's Report

AW

A Chairman's report had been issued very recently with the annual renewal letters. In addition the Chairman expressed his thanks to the Executive Committee for their work over the last year.

Changes to the Executive committee include: Fraser Mutch and Karin Denton are to stand down from the Executive Committee whilst Ashish Chandra and Helen Burrell join after recent unopposed nominations. Alan Wilson will take up the role of President, Paul Cross becomes Chairman, Claire Geary will take on the role of Honorary Secretary. Meanwhile, Louise Smart will take on publications and website and Tom Giles education.

The BAC are excited to be hosting the EFCS in Liverpool in 2016. The venue and PCO have been selected and now work has started in earnest on the scientific programme. Any suggestions for topics or speakers are welcome. We hope to see as many of our members there along with many colleagues from across Europe. We are also now planning the usual 2015 Spring Tutorial in London and next years main scientific meeting will be October 16th in Liverpool.

LS has been hard at work leading the update of the Code of Practice which should be launched soon.

The administration contract with IBMS has been reviewed and additional roles identified for CB.

In memory of two cytologists from Brighton, Russell Smith – a member of the first NAC Executive committee and Alison Baker who was a recent President of the NAC and was well respected for her work on establishing rapid screening as a QA method in the UK. A new award – The Brighton award will be presented to the winner of the best proffered paper or poster at the BAC scientific meeting.

The BAC are committed to modernising the website and hope to see it being used for CPD and to assist trainee members during training.

The new Non Gynae Advanced Specialist Diploma that the BAC initiated is now to be administered by the IBMS, the first examination will take place in June 2015 and 3 people have already expressed an interest in taking the examination.

The Chairman finished his report by thanking everybody for attending a successful meeting.

8) President's closing remarks

KD

The President added her thanks to all of the Executive Committee for their time and hard work on behalf of the association and wished the BAC well as she stands down from the Executive committee.

7) Any Other Business

SWM

None

8) Date and time of next meeting – will be held on 16th October during the scientific meeting in Liverpool.