

**Notes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the BAC held on 2nd October 2020 over the Zoom on-line meeting platform**

There were 87 participants at the AGM

Hosted by Christian Burt, BAC officer

Chaired by Dr Paul Cross, BAC President

1. **Apologies and welcome**

Apologies had been received in advance from Dr Yurina Miki.

Dr Cross welcomed all to the AGM and gave an update on planned future events for the BAC.

1. **Adoption of the minutes of the AGM 2019 held 23rd September 2019**

The non-quorate AGM notes from 23rd September 2019 were accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

1. **Matters Arising**

None received.

1. **Executive changes**

The following changes were noted:

**Stood for re-election and were re-elected unopposed were:**

Dr Louise Smart

Dr Ash Chandra

Ms Helen Burrell

Mrs Sue Mehew

Mr Allan Wilson

Ms Alison Malkin

Dr Kay Ellis

Dr Paul Cross

**Stood down:**

Dr Yurina Miki

**New Exec member from AGM 2020**

Ms Leonie Glinski

**Executive Office Changes from AGM 2020**

New President of the BAC: Mrs Alison Cropper

New Chair of the BAC: Dr Tony Maddox

1. **Treasurers Report**

Dr Kay Ellis reported that the finalised financial report will soon be available, and the accounts will be posted in the members section of the BAC website.

Due to the continued healthy financial situation of the BAC accounts the Treasurer proposed that membership structure and fees would stay the same for 2020-21 (1st October to 30th September subscription year). Fee rates: Proposer Hedley Glencross and seconded by Mrs Sue Mehew.

The BAC now had on-line banking set up..

The Treasurer highlighted the availability of the BAC Bursary for education events.

1. **Membership Report**

Membership statistics

Dr Louise Smart updated as follows.

BAC membership currently stands at 369 members, only 5% down on this time last year. It is inevitable that we have lost some members due largely to changes in job roles but that has been counterbalanced by a steady stream of new members including from overseas.

It is encouraging to see that the rise in the number of trainee pathologist members that we saw last year is being maintained.

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| **Grade** | **Total** |
| Honorary | 9 |
| Trainee pathologist | 25 |
| Member (APBMS) | 31 |
| Member (BMS) | 185 |
| Member (Consultant) | 109 |
| Member (Screener) | 10 |
|  | **369** |

Renewal notices for next year have been sent in the post and the notice includes the opportunity to let the BAC know of any changes to your details.

The BAC is being promoted through webinars and events and the BAC officer can provide a slide for any cytology events.

1. **Honorary Members**

The Executive had proposed two members for Honorary Membership. The Chair noted that Honorary Membership is “the highest honour the Association can confer and shall be restricted to those of eminence in the field of cytology or allied subjects”.

The first proposal for Honorary Membership is Professor Mina Desai for Mina’s contribution to BAC as Editor in Chief of Cytopathology and for her outstanding contribution to global cytology and women’s cancer screening across the globe.

The second proposal is for Mrs Sharon Roberts-Gant for her longstanding service to the BAC as Editor of SCAN.

The nominations were proposed by Ms Alison Malkin and seconded by Dr Paul Cross.

It was noted that official Honorary Membership certificates would be presented at the 10th anniversary meeting in April 2021.

1. **Publications and Social Media Update**

At the BAC AGM 2019 on 23rd September, it was reported the **@BritishCytology** Twitter account had 831 followers. As of today, the account has 1452 followers. Mr Burt requested that BAC members follow the account, retweet, and tag the BAC into any important and topical tweets.

The Editor of Cytopathology Professor Michael Sheaff presented a verbal update. It was pleasing to note the Impact Factor of the journal has increased to 1.493. Michael was pleased to report numerous good quality articles had been submitted including the recent AI and digital pathology articles and that a new Editor in Chief had been appointed - Professor Philippe Viehl. Professor Viehl was well published and well-known throughout the global cytology community.

Professor Sheaff concluded that he very much welcomed an increase in UK submissions for Cytopathology.

Dr Cross thanked Professor Sheaff for his term of office as the Editor of Cytopathology.

Mrs Roberts-Gant gave an update on SCAN, which had was now on-line only rather than hard copy print. Members were encouraged to submit articles.

1. **Chair Report**

The Chair updated participants that a full Chair report had been enclosed with the membership renewals that were sent out in the last few days. The report was also available on the BAC website.

Alison continued that the BAC was seen as the “go-to” Association for all matters relating to cytopathology. The Executive were thanked for their work throughout the last 12 months and Dr Miki for her Twitter input as Yurina was stepping down this AGM after her three-year term of office had concluded.

Mr Burt was thanked for the set-up of a YouTube channel for the recorded BAC webinars. Alison also thanked Ms Malkin and Dr Chandra for progressing so well with the cytopathology webinars over the Zoom platform for which, we had received lots of positive feedback.

The Chair thanked Dr Paul Cross, not just for being a fantastic President but also for offering to stay on the executive committee for another year so we are not an executive member down for the next year.

The Chair concluded by welcoming Dr Anthony Maddox as the new Chair of the BAC and asked members to consider standing for the Executive next year as an opportunity to be the voice of our membership and to shape the future of BAC and cytology in the UK and beyond.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

A date TBC in October 2021.

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