BRITISH AND IRISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2024 AT PENDULUM HOTEL & CONFERENCE, MANCHESTER COMMENCING AT 13:48

112 members attended

Panel:
Craig Murray, Chair BIOS
Julie Dowdney, Outgoing Vice Chair of BIOS
Helen Haggerty, Incoming Vice Chair of BIOS
Deborah Podmore, President of BOSTU
Rich Huzzey, BIOS Policy & Communications Officer

- ## Welcome and Apologies for absence

Craig Murray welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the panel. He noted that the AGM concerned the calendar year 2023.

Apologies were received from Krishan Parmar, Chair of LOOP, and Sam Aitkenhead, General Secretary of BOSTU.

- ## Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Angela Carlin proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, and Veronica Greenwood seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

- ## Chair's Report

Craig Murray presented the Chair's report, highlighting in particular the Society's continued healthy financial position, the launch and first year of the BIOS strategy, changes to the structure and management of BIOS, and the ongoing workforce programme, funded by NHSE.

There were no questions on the Chair's Report.

- ## Financial Statements

Steve Doughty, representing TC-Kent, presented the Accounts via a pre-recorded video. BIOS reported a small deficit of £64,567 in 2023.

There were no questions on the financial report.

Andrew Fox proposed and Helen Davis seconded acceptance of the Accounts, and these were unanimously accepted.

- **Trustees**

Julie Dowdney presented the list of Trustees Council members for 2023, before handing over to the incoming Vice Chair Helen Haggerty, who welcomed those new to role for 2024.

- Chair: Craig Murray
- Vice-Chair: Helen Haggerty – new to role
- Midlands and East Region: Rebecca Pinches
- Northern Region: Deborah Podmore
- Southern Region: Liz Tomlin – new to role
- Northern Ireland: Matthew Groogan – new to role
- Republic of Ireland: Claire McEntee
- Scotland: Jennifer Skillen – new to role
- Wales: Vacant
- Chair of LOOP: Julie Dowdney – new to role

- Chair of EPDC – Craig Murray & Julie Dowdney (interim)
- IOA Representative – Jignasa Mehta
- OCE Representative – Nadia Northway
- Research Director – Kerry Hanna
- Public Health Lead – Fiona Bush
- BIOJ Editor – Gemma Arblaster
- EDI Lead - Marian Owoniyi
- New Graduate Representative – Madeleine Ellis – new to role

There was no other business, and the meeting ended at 14.18.