BRITISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY TRADE UNION MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2024 AT PENDULUM HOTEL & CONFERENCE, MANCHESTER COMMENCING AT 14:19

112 Attendees

Craig Murray welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the panel.

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

- ## Apologies for Absence

Krishan Parmar, Chair of LOOP, and Sam Aitkenhead, General Secretary of BOSTU.

- ## Minutes

The Minutes of the BOSTU AGM held on 21 June 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Claudine Wallace, seconded by Julie Dowdney and approved unanimously.

- ## Chair's Report

Deborah Podmore presented the General Secretary's report, noting the continuing support BOSTU provide to members, including 16 formal cases in 2023, and national representation across four countries.

There were no questions on the General Secretary's report.

- ## Accounts

Steve Doughty, representing TC-Kent, presented the Accounts via a pre-recorded video. BOS TU reported a surplus of £84,350 in 2023.

A question was asked relating to the relationship between the BOSTU accounts and those of BIOS, in particular what happens to a surplus on the BOSTU accounts. It was confirmed that the BOSTU budget was included within the BIOS accounts and therefore any surplus would be reflected in these.

There were no further questions on the Accounts.

Helen Haggerty proposed acceptance of the Accounts, Matthew Groogan seconded, and the Accounts were unanimously accepted.

- **Executive Board**

Craig Murray presented the list of BOSTU Executive Board Members.

- General Secretary: Sam Aitkenhead
- President: Deborah Podmore
- Executive Board Member: John McBride
- Executive Board Member: Joe Smith

- Regional Officer – South England: Samantha Green
- Regional Officer – Midlands and East: Rebecca Ellis
- Regional Officer – North of England: John McBride

There are currently 7 vacant seats.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 14.49.