BRITISH AND IRISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2025 AT THE STUDIO, BIRMINGHAM COMMENCING AT 12:39

75 members attended

Panel:
Craig Murray, Chair BIOS
Helen Haggerty, Vice Chair of BIOS
Sam Aitkenhead, General Secretary of BOSTU
Rich Huzzey, BIOS Policy & Communications Officer
Steve Doughty, TC-Kent Accountants

- **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 2024.

Apologies were received from Jennifer Skillen, Alma Saville, and Julie Cox.

- **Minutes of the 2024 AGM**

Liz Tomlin proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, and Julie Dowdney 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 transition of BIOS operational staff to being directly employed, and the ongoing delivery of the BIOS five-year strategy, highlighting particularly the work towards the NHS AHP Workforce Reform Commission.

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 surplus of £138,777 in 2024.

There were no questions on the financial report.

Helen Haggerty proposed and Veronica Greenwood seconded acceptance of the Accounts, and these were unanimously accepted.

- **Trustees**

Helen Haggerty presented the list of Trustees Council members for 2024, before welcoming those new to role for 2025.

- Chair: Craig Murray
- Vice-Chair: Helen Haggerty
- Midlands and East Region: Rebecca Pinches (2024); Vacant (2025)
- Northern Region: Deborah Podmore
- Southern Region: Liz Tomlin
- Northern Ireland: Matthew Groogan
- Republic of Ireland: Claire McEntee
- Scotland: Jennifer Skillen
- Wales: Vacant
- Chair of LOOP: Julie Dowdney

- 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

There was no other business, and the meeting ended at 13.09.