

Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Orthopaedic Society

25th May 2023 11am

Heronston Hotel, Ewenny, Bridgend

In attendance:

Affiliate Members, Executives and Council Members of the Welsh Orthopaedic Society*

Opening of the meeting:

OE welcomed all to the AGM.

Noted that it was the 1st AGM mandated by our newly adopted constitution.

Agenda

1 Minutes of previous meeting

OE confirmed that the minutes for the AGM were included within the council meeting minutes from 2022 and could be shared with members of the Society on request.

Decision made at AGM to publish AGM and council meeting minutes mirroring practice of BOA-OE to action.

2 Ratification to become “private company limited by guarantee”

OE explained the Rules of the society and Articles of association and the legal protection provided to members of WOS as well as institutional memory.

OE proposed they be formally adopted, seconded by PMA and motion carried unanimously.

3 Confirmation of Directors and Hospital Representative Members

Executive Board and Council representatives presented. Retirements and resignations noted from CTM and alternatives to be proposed.

4 Educational committee

LB presented the work of the educational committee and the intention of the committee to provide an educational event in North Wales in the Autumn.

Agreed unanimously that WOS would support financially.

Proposal by AOK to take forward bursaries awarded to trainees, medical students and allied health professionals.

Mechanism of achieving this to be considered by all and formalised by Educational committee.

5 Financial report

OE provided a financial update on behalf of RW (Treasurer) who had given his apologies.

The society remains financially healthy with sufficient funds in place to support the business of the society.

The difficulties of dealing with updated banking compliance regulations were shared.

A New bank account is in process of being setup but held up by the delay in legal framework.

6 Any other matters arising

Workforce summary: AOK and SR proposed a detailed workforce survey.

OE advised that Wales Orthopaedic Network (WON) was already undertaking this and WOS should not double up on undertaking the same process.

Action: OE to request formal update from WON to present to WOS Council once available.

Retirement planning: AOK proposed a session on retirement planning from the perspective of non financial matters e.g. behavioural psychology, life coaching bearing in mind age profile of consultants in Wales. PMA suggested running such a session alongside council meeting rather than as part of the Annual meeting. SR pointed out that some senior trainees could benefit from this.

Action: OE to make enquiries for provision alongside Winter council meeting.

Sustainability in orthopaedics: AOK raised the question regarding sustainability within trauma and orthopaedics. OE was of a view that other than having a position on sustainability the society is unlikely to be able to affect change.

No action required

Pan Celtic meetings: PMA raised the issue that there has been no meeting since Wales in 2015. Enthusiasm for the Pan Celtic meeting perhaps not shared by the other Celtic nations whose turn it is to host.

Action: OE to make contact with secretary of the Scottish Orthopaedic Society.

OE closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance.

***In attendance**

Aeneas O'Kelly (AOK)

Phillip Alderman (PMA)

Owain Ennis (OE)

Louisa Banks (LB)

Ben Hickey (BH)

David Barlow (DB)

Ian Smith (IS)

Koldo Azurza (KA)

Nitin Deshmukh (ND)

Stefan Bajada (SB)

Neil Price (NP)

Morgan Bayley (MB)

Amit Chandratreya (AC)

Laura Lougher (LL)

Awen Iorwerth (AI)

Stuart Roy (SR)

Russell Walker (RW)

Andrew Miller (AM)

Piers Page (PP)