Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Orthopaedic Society

23rd May 2024 11am

Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Wrexham

In attendance:

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

Opening of the meeting:

The President (PMA) welcomed all to the AGM.

Agenda

1 Minutes of previous meeting

OE confirmed that AGM minutes had been published on the Society website mirroring the practice of BOA. Council meeting minutes would not be published as per BOA practice. Council members could request minutes from the Secretary should they be required.

2 Confirmation of Executive officers and Hospital Representative Members

Executive officers and Council representatives presented.
Email received from Mr Koldo Azurza, HRM for Ysbyty Gwynedd Bangor requesting that he and Mr Prash Jesudason step down and proposing alternates in Mr Agustin Soler and Mr Shahbaz Ahmed. OE will discuss this directly with the alternates and confirm agreement. No other changes noted.
Noted that tenure of executive roles of Educational Secretary, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer will end at AGM due to be held in May 2026.
Updated HRM's will serve until AGM due to be held in May 2027.

3 Educational committee

Summary of work of educational committee provided.
Proposals to support further educational events agreed by WOS council.
Clara Miller confirmed as trainee representative for the following year.

Suggestion made to add a specific HB rep from BCU to the educational committee. LB to consider this and update OE so that committee membership could be corrected.

4 Financial report

OE provided a financial update on behalf of Honorary Treasurer (RW) who had given his apologies.
Current balance of account noted to be £38579.20 with £4000 awaiting payment from 2023 meeting and £4800 owed to previous Presidential prize winners.

A total of £19750 in sponsorship secured for the 2024 meeting with £7250 already received. OE highlighted the very high costs within the hospitality sector with inflation as high as 18% in the sector. Sponsorship charges will almost certainly need to increase to reflect this and prevent the society from running the meeting at a loss in the future.

OE informed the AGM that a HMRC request to provide details on the business of the society has been received and that legal and financial advice had been requested, with an initial view provided that the Society may not be liable for corporation tax as a result of its articles of incorporation and rules of the Society.

5 Proposal to create Honorary Trustee role

OE proposed the adoption of an Honorary Trustee for the society, specifically for individuals proposed at council who had no official role within the society once their tenure as HRM or Executive officer had been completed and who wished to remain active within WOS. This was seconded by PMA and agreed unanimously.

AOK proposed as an honorary trustee by OE, seconded by PMA and unanimously agreed at AGM.

6 AOB

AOK proposed that the AGM move to the end of the meeting so as to improve attendance and also more accurately reflect issues and discussion points raised during the meeting. This will be considered for the 2025 AGM.

AI proposed a change to the meeting schedule so that RGH became the host venue for 2025 and CAV became the venue for 2028. This was seconded by OE and agreed unanimously following consultation with CAV.

7 Date of next meeting

AGM will be scheduled to coincide with Annual Scientific Meeting 22nd-23rd May 2025.

PMA closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance.

***In attendance**

Aeneas O'Kelly (AOK), Immediate Past President, Welsh Orthopaedic Society

Phillip Alderman (PMA), President, Welsh Orthopaedic Society

Ian Smith (IS), Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Rep, BCU HB

Louisa Banks (LB), Education Secretary, Welsh Orthopaedic Society, Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Rep, BC HB

Ben Hickey (BH), Wrexham Maelor Hospital Rep, BC HB

David Barlow (DB), Wrexham Maelor Rep, BCU HB

Ilona Kurta, Ysbyty Gwynedd Bangor Rep, BCU HB (Deputising)

Oliver Blocker, Ysbyty Gwynedd Bangor Rep, BCU HB (Deputising)

Owain Ennis (OE), Honorary Secretary, Welsh Orthopaedic Society, Glangwili Rep, HD HB

Morgan Bayley (MB), Morriston Hospital Rep, SB HB

Amit Chandratreya (AC), Princess of Wales Hospital Rep, CTM HB

Awen Iorwerth (AI), Royal Glamorgan Hospital Rep, CTM HB

David Pemberton (DP), Royal Glamorgan Hospital Rep, CTM HB (Deputising)