

BMFMS Annual General Meeting
Friday, 18th November 2022, 8.45am
Millennium Point, Birmingham and virtually

1. Welcome
BMFMS President, Katie Morris, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes of last meeting
No comments on the minutes were received. The minutes were agreed.
3. Presidential update
 - *Consultations*
KM reported there had been an explosion in the amount of consultations that BMFMS had been invited to take part in from NICE and others, KM felt there was a need to reinvigorate the sub-committees in order to respond to these. KM said there will be a call for sub-committee members.
 - *Constitution*
KM announced there will a consultation in the coming year on amending the BMFMS constitution to increase midwifery membership and to have two committee places for midwives with voting rights. KM said she was particularly interested in having midwifery committee members representation from Fetal and Maternal Medicine midwives. The proposal will be that the midwives on the committee have full voting rights. KM said that having two midwives on the committee would increase an already large committee so a further proposal is that some committee roles will be amalgamated when current incumbent's terms end.
4. Election results (since October 2021)
EF welcomed:

- Trainee rep - Dr Zoe Thurwell
- Abstract Co-ordinator - Fionnuala Mone

EF also welcome Janice Gibson who was recently elected as Fetal Medicine representative (term begins December 2022).

5. Finance update

TJ gave a summary of the Societies financial position.

Accounts – for the year ending 31st January 2022 have been submitted to the Charity Commission

Data for financial year ending 31 January 2022

Total income: £105,124

Total expenditure: £46,342

TJ said the figures for income and expenditure were unusual and resulted from research being suspended during the pandemic and so bursary payments not being claimed in the period.

- New current account- BMFMS were required to close its current account which membership fee standing orders were paid into and open a different type of account in order to comply with changes in banking regulations.
- In future membership fees will be paid by direct debits. Work will shortly begin on the introduction of payments via direct debits.

Funds in bank:

New Lloyds account: £ 149,863.97 as of 7th November 2022

Cooperative: £85,651.00 as of 30th August 2022

Expected income from 1st February 2022 is expected to include:

- Membership fees: approx £25K
- BMFMS/RCOG courses approx. £98K

Expenditure the 12 months from 1st February 2022 is expected to include:

- Outstanding for bursaries: £67K (the period to claim bursaries has been extended so these outgoings may be over a 18 month period) plus WoW bursary
- Staff and desk costs: approx. £22K
- Professional fees: approx. £3.3k

TJ said until the last two weeks the committee had been concerned that the conference would make a considerable loss and so had been very careful with BMFMS funds.

6. Bursaries

KM said that a new joint bursary with WoW would be awarded in the next two weeks. BMFMS had just heard that the Twins Trust will not be funding any joint bursaries with BMFMS in the coming year so BMFMS will talk to WoW about increasing the number of joint bursaries with them including a post-graduate bursary. There is also a plan to relaunch BMFMS research bursaries in the new financial year and increase the amounts offered for each bursary.

7. Upcoming conferences

KM said the BMFMS committee had discussed the timing of the next BMFMS conference and felt, as many conferences were held in the September to December period it would be best to return to the usual timing of the BMFMS conference ie in March/April. KM proposed that the next BMFMS conference take place in March/April 2024, no objections were received so the proposal was agreed. KM said if anyone was keen to host the conference in their city to let her know. KM said that the plan was to continue holding the conference as a hybrid event, with places for approximately 300 delegates to attend in person. This means that smaller venues than in previous years could be considered.

8. AOB

There was no other business.