

Minutes of the BMFMS Annual General Meeting Held on 9th May 2025, 8.30-9.00 am, ICC Belfast and online

1. Welcome

The President Dr Emma Ferriman welcomed those members attending in person.

2. Minutes of 2024 AGM

No comments and were agreed as a correct record.

3. Presidential update

- It was noted that Stella Rafferty has retired and Isabelle Robinson has joined as the new BMFMS Coordinator. The post initially offered on a 12-month contract, whilst discussions continue with RCOG to ensure continued support for specialist societies.
- The Society continues to be involved in decimalisation of abortion campaign.
- Supporting RCOG on Inequalities in Health and future of NHS campaigns
- Society supporting practice guidance and campaigns in various aspects of clinical practice including abortion care, maternal medicine networks
- Funding for maternal medicine network issues, supporting continued funding.
- Following discussions at the last exec, the Society would like to expand what is offered to its members and would welcome feedback. Initial ideas included:
 - Running webinars on new guidelines relevant to members
 - providing career advice
 - promotion of the sub-specialty to trainees (including at the RCOG Congress in June)

4. Proposed increase to membership fees

The Treasurer Dr Melissa Whitworth outlined the current fees and comparison with similar organisations.

5. Appointment of a BMFMS Manager

It was noted that this proposal is currently on hold.

6. Election results

Reps and Officers elected since the last AGM in April 2024 were noted:

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| • Dr Emma Ferriman | President |
| • Dr Surabhi Nanda | Hon Secretary |
| • Charlotte Barber & Victoria Watson | Midwifery/nurse reps |
| • Dr Jane Currie Pregnancy | Outcome rep |

- Dr Zoe Thurwell Fetal Medicine rep
- Dr Neil Shah & Dr Alina Vais DGH reps
- Dr Étienne Ciantar Maternal Medicine Rep
- Dr Abi Merriel Labour & Delivery Rep

7. Finance update

The finance update from the Treasurer was noted:

- The accounts for year ending 31 Jan 2024 had been signed off, with unrestricted funds of £322,262 being available. During the year, the total income was £206,891 and expenditure was £121,884. (Full accounts can be viewed on the [Charity Commission website](#).)
- The accounts for year ending 31 Jan 2025 would be signed off at the Autumn 2025 meeting of BMFMS Exec and submitted to the Charity Commission in due course.

8. Bursaries

Bursaries awarded since the last AGM in April 2024 were noted:

WoW-BMFMS bursaries

- Dr Benjamin Greenfield

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- Dr Leo Gurney
- Dr Julia Zöllner

9. Upcoming conference

- Date and location of the 2026 Annual Conference not yet confirmed. Noted Sheffield and Coventry being considered. Details will be shared with members once available.
- Considering a joint event in 2027 – further details to follow.

10. AOB

There was none.