

## BMFMS

### Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2008

At Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate

#### 1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President, Alan Cameron welcoming members to the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2007

These were available on the BMFMS website. No issues were raised.

#### 3. Presidents Report

**ACCEA:** Last year BMFMS provided support to 10 applicants who applied for ACCEA awards and are keen to support more members in the future. Forms for this year ACCEA awards will be coming out in July. Members can also seek support for the awards from the RCOG.

**Involvement with RCOG and other consultations:** BMFMS is the Obstetric voice of the College and is involved in developing new Curricula, ATSM, SST and U/S modules. AC reminded members that everyone involved in educational activities (including being educational supervisors) ensure enough time was allocated for this important work in their job plans.

**National Reproductive Health Research Networks:** Steve Thornton (Warwick) is on the Board of the NRHRN and is also chair of the Preterm Birth Clinical Study Group. A meeting will take place in July at RCOG to develop other study groups in Obstetrics.

**Courses:** BMFMS courses run jointly with RCOG and have been very successful in the past year. These support subspecialty training and the advanced training

& skills modules (ATSMs) and included a new course for Ultrasound skills, combined with the theory courses for the Fetal medicine and Advanced Antenatal Practice ATSMs. BMFMS members developed and lectured on the course. Maternal Medicine and Labour Ward courses also ran, as previously. BMFMS received a profit share from each course.

**Revalidation:** This was itemed by Gerald Mason. BMFMS were asked what obstetric outcome data should be used as measure of performance. The Obstetrician & Gynaecologist (TOG) editor has suggested that the articles and self-assessment questions in the journal are used for gaining CME credits, linked to revalidation.

**Combined meetings:** Tim Draycott suggested a joint meeting with midwives. Donald Peebles went to last year's annual Australian Perinatal Meeting and felt that this year's BMFMS meeting (Perinatal Medicine) was equally excellent benefiting from the shared research and experience with neonatologists. Philip Steer suggested that the joint meeting should take place every 2 years indicating he had enjoyed neonatal as much as obstetrics lectures. Susan Bewley endorsed a joint meeting with midwives, supporting joint sessions.

**Elections of Officers:** Stephen Robson was elected as President of BMFMS, Mark Kilby was elected as new Scientific Representative and Jason Waugh was elected as new Maternal Medicine Representative for the committee.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Tim Overton gave an overview of the society's budget. There was a healthy balance of £133,000 in the bank. 67 members have still not paid subscription for 2007 and 151 members have still not paid subscription for 2008. 60 members have still not adjusted their standing order from £30 to £50. Income for 2007 was £41,000 out of which £26,000 was received from subscriptions.

The expenditure for 2007 was £47,000. Most of the expenditure incurred were meeting and travelling expenses. BMFMS pays £100 in honoraria to all speakers at all the courses for which RCOG does not contribute. The Belfast conference had less of a financial loss than expected and at this year's conference, there are 711 paying delegates, between the contributing societies.

David Howe suggested that more courses around the country could do with BMFMS authorisation and hence would receive more profit sharing. He gave as an example the ISUOG meetings.

#### **5. Bursary Report**

Mark Denbow informed the AGM that there were 15 applications for the bursary and 6 to 7 bursaries were funded this year. Applications were welcomed only from members of BMFMS and money was available for all good projects. Gordon Smith asked if money could be available for student projects. MD informed the meeting that money would be available to students as long as they are members of BMFMS.

#### **6. 2009 Conference**

The meeting was closed with the President reminding everyone next years conference will take place in Liverpool on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

#### **7. AOB**

No AOB