



## **BMFMS Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**6.00pm to 7.00pm**

**Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam**

### **1. Welcome**

The attendees were welcomed by the President, Tim Overton (TO) to Amsterdam and to the AGM.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

TO said that the minutes of this meeting were available on the App. The minutes were agreed.

### **3. President's Update**

#### **a. Election results**

TO announced that Jason Waugh (JW) had won the election and from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 he would take over as BMFMS President. TO said that the election had attracted the largest number of votes in any BMFMS election and that he was delighted to pass on the mantel to JW.

#### **b. Conference information**

TO said that the holding the conference in Amsterdam has put the BMFMS on the international stage. TO said that in the region of 650 delegates had registered for the conference; 200 of these are from European societies. TO said the society needs to consider how this joint working evolves.

Next year's conference will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April in Brighton and the 2019 conference will be a perinatal conference. The Society needs to consider if they want to hold a perinatal conference in the UK as part of a five year cycle that could also include three solely BMFMS UK conferences and a European conference; or perhaps include a joint event with the Obstetric Anaesthetic Organisation; or some other



model. The President will email members a brief poll on different models to decide from.

**AP**

**Email members polls on different models**

**JW**

- c. Maternity Transformation programme  
TO said a large number of members are involved in this huge piece of work and that he would like to thank them. TO said that lots of workstreams have midwife involvement but that it needs consultant rep involvement, so he issued a plea that consultants keep engaging with the programme.
- d. ACCEA  
TO reminded members, further to his emails concerning ACCEA, that the deadline for applications for BMFMS citations was the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- e. Fetal Medicine Funding  
Matt Jolly (MJ) said a decision hadn't been taken regarding if the funding will be top-sliced for specialist commissioning. It is difficult to determine what is specialist and what isn't; and that perhaps this would be decided by the involvement of a multi-disciplinary team. MJ said that tariffs that will come in in April are fixed for two years. Catherine Nelson-Piercy said there should be networked maternal medicine rather than a specialist maternal pathway to refer to multi-disciplinary services as maternal medicine is a lot more complex than fetal medicine. MJ has set up a round table at the RCOG. MJ will write a paragraph on Rapid Resolution redress that could be sent to all members.

**AP**

**MJ to write paragraph**

**SR to email out to JW**

**MJ**

**SR**

- f. Forthcoming elections  
TO announced that there will be staggered elections over the next six months for the following roles:



- Labour and Delivery Reps to replace Joanna Gilham and Margaret Matthews
- Treasurer to replace Jason Waugh
- Prize Coordinator to replace Richard Smith
- Scientific Rep to replace Mike Taggart
- Maternal Medicine Reps to replace Rhona Hughes and Catherine Williamson
- Fetal Medicine Rep to replace Myles Taylor
- Pregnancy Outcome Reps to replace Devender Roberts and David Howe
- Education and Training Rep to replace Kim Hinshaw

TO said that many of the above committee members will be eligible for re-election. TO said that he hoped junior members would step forward, as being on the committee is fun and so he would encourage them to be involved.

g. Work of the committee

TO listed the consultations that BMFMS had been involved in the past year; these included NICE, RCOG and NHS screening consultations. TO said other work included meeting with a MP about NIPT and responding to a Coroner's request regarding Prevention of Future Deaths following Amniocentesis; and raising concerns over the increase in cost of anti-D tests and the under-reporting of termination of pregnancy notifications.

#### **4. Finance**

The Treasurer, JW gave a summary of the financial position of the Society; including the main sources of income and expenditure. In the financial year ending January 2016, there was approximately £117K income and expenditure of approximately £96K giving an approximate net income of £20k. The Society remains financially healthy which has allowed the committee to offer bursaries. It is anticipated that the conference this year will break even or possibly make a small loss. JW said it is extremely difficult to judge whether a conference will be break even or not but the Society having approximate capital of £200k allows it to take risks.



## **5. Prizes and awards**

RS announced that following last year's decision to fund a global health project, BMFMS will be jointly funding a Global Health Fellowship along with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine., rather than having the usual bursaries. It is most likely that the recipient of the funding will be a trainee. Applicants have to be members of the Society. The fellowship will be advertised in autumn.

## **6. AOB**

TO said that he was very grateful to Stella Rafferty for her help and efficiency as the Society's administrator.