



BMFMS Annual General Meeting
Friday, 20th April 2018, 9.00 to 9.30am
Oxford Room
Hilton Brighton Metropole

1. Welcome

The attendees were welcomed by the President, Jason Waugh (JW) to the AGM.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. President's Update

JW said that the year had been a busy year for BMFMS but it was not typical in terms of consultation; there had been some contact from the Department of Health and lots from other charities but it wasn't the heaviest year in terms of consultation. BMFMS gave its opinion either directly or by members being co-opted. BMFMS was heavily involved in the twice yearly APD meeting which was lots of work for Education and Training Lead, Kim Hinshaw (KH). BMFMS has received a number of clinical enquiries from patients and clinicians which had largely been handled by sign-posting to appropriate places; this isn't a service that BMFMS advertise as providing.

a. Election results

JW welcomed MT as the new President, the election for President had been uncontested. JW said MT would take over as BMFMS President following the conference. The following roles have been filled uncontested:

- Catherine Williamson as Maternal Medicine rep
- Rita Arya as Labour & Delivery rep
- Tara Selman as Pregnancy Outcome rep
- Kim Hinshaw as Education and Training Lead



The Fetal Medicine rep election is currently underway and will close today. Nominations are currently open for two DGH reps and the Prize Co-ordinator. JW said other posts would become available later in the year and that the committee were keen to encourage new members.

b. Conference information

JW said the conference held in Amsterdam last year was very popular and that many members wanted to go back to Europe so BMFMS may need to develop a five year plan.

JW reported that this year BMFMS ran a single one-off meeting to coincide with the launch of the Woman Trial and that the memberships' views were needed on whether this was a good use of the Society's resources. If so, those organisations that were launching trials could be approached to see if they would like to run a themed day. It is anticipated that a nine month run in time would be required and an appropriate venue.

JW announced that next year's conference will be held in Edinburgh and that the venue will be announced in the next week or two. The 2020 conference will be a Perinatal conference and the plan is to hold this in London. It is anticipated that the 2021 conference will be held in Europe and planning for this will need to start well in advance.

JW reported that BMFMS had negotiated a one-year rolling renewable contract with Hamptons, which is more transparent and lets BMFMS know how vulnerable it is on a per delegate basis.

c. Change to constitution

JW announced a proposal to change the constitution, so that in future After the first three year tenure, if a committee member wishes to stay on for another three years, and is supported by two other committee members, then the post need not be advertised for re-election. The post must be advertised for re-election after the committee member has



been in post for six years (this would not apply to the President, Hon Secretary and Treasurer). JW said this proposal would go on the BMFMS website and there would be an online vote on this issue in three months' time.

AP

Proposal to go on website

Online vote

SR/MW

MW

d. Forthcoming elections -

- Labour and Delivery Reps to replace Margaret Matthews
- Prize Coordinator to replace Richard Smith
- District General Hospital rep to replace Rita Arya and Louise Page

e. *Education*

BMFMS has been very involved in education this year, some of this work has been in conjunction with the RCOG. JW said that some changes that will happen in the next two years, such as the ATSM and restructuring of the MFM sub-speciality training have been heavily influenced by BMFMS; other such as the core curriculum have not been influenced by BMFMS. There will be a survey of trainers and trainees shortly on proposed changes to materno-fetal medicine subspecialty training. The questionnaire will be open for three weeks; and it is hoped that changes will go to the GMC in 2019.

4. Finance

The Treasurer, TJ gave a summary of the financial position of the Society; including the main sources of income and expenditure. TJ pointed out the figures were provisional and had not yet been sent to the accountant.

In the financial year ending January 2018, there was approximately £198403 income, from the following sources:

- Subs £28212
- Courses £41776
- TAMBA £27047
- Hamptons £73087
- Interest £69



TJ noted that the income from TAMBA was to part-fund the joint bursaries was spent in the same financial year. The income from Hamptons was the return of funds transferred to Hamptons for them to organise the Amsterdam conference and not profit, the Amsterdam conference made a small loss in the region of £2500. The courses income included a course held in Dubai.

Expenditure over the previous financial year was £100886; funds were spent on the following:

- Bursaries £50778
- CSG's £509
- RCOG £23084
- Website £6090
- Expenses £14530
- Acc/Ins £3323
- Conference £2572

TJ said the committee need to decide how funds should be spent at the June committee meeting but invited ideas from members present at the meeting. Ideas included investing the charities funds for better returns and possibly increasing membership fees as these were low compared to other societies; TJ said the fees would only be raised if it was to fund bursaries etc.

5. Prizes and awards

It was announced that Mary McCauley had been the successful recipient of the Global Health Fellowship that BMFMS will be jointly funding a along with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. Mary will give a presentation at next year's conference.

6. AOB

None.