



**BSGAR Annual General Meeting  
At 1700hrs on Thursday 2nd February 2017  
At the Mermaid Theatre, London**

**The President, Dr Ashley Roberts**, welcomed members to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** No apologies were received.
- 2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Birmingham.** The minutes of the meeting held in Birmingham on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were accepted as a true record. The draft minutes had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting via the members' forum on the BSGAR website. The approved minutes are available on the BSGAR website Society section <http://www.bsgar.org/society/agm-minutes>.
- 3. President's Introduction.** The President thanked the committee members for their contributions during the year and welcomed Dr Andrew Plumb. Dr Plumb is the current meeting president and has become the Research Officer since the last AGM.
  - 3.1 BSGAR Committee.** The committee for 2016/17 was:-
    - President – Dr Ashley Roberts
    - Secretary – Dr Delia Peppercorn
    - Treasurer – Dr Julian Elford
    - Liaison Officer – Dr Huw Roach
    - Standards Officer – Dr Sara Upponi
    - Education Officer – Dr Edmund Godfrey
    - Research Officer – Dr Andrew Plumb
    - Audit Officer – Dr Antony Higginson
    - Junior Rep – Dr Chris Ball
- 4. Secretary's Report.** The Secretary, Dr Delia Peppercorn presented her report.
  - 4.1 Membership.** The membership is in a strong position and has increased since last year. There are currently 272 BSGAR members in good standing; 4 honorary, 218 full, 49 junior and 1 associate member. There were 55 new members in the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, of this 55; 30 are Full Members and 25 Junior Members. The Secretary urged members to update their membership accounts when any relevant details change. This can be done either online or by contacting the BSGAR Administrator.

4.2 **Committee Elections.** The Secretary reported the results of elections for Committee members since the last AGM:

President Elect – Andrew Lowe (From Feb 2017)  
Secretary – Helen Bungay (From Feb 2017)  
Liaison Officer – Huw Roach (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Audit Officer – James Stephenson (From Feb 2017)

Research Officer – Andrew Plumb (July 2016)  
Junior Representative – Chris Ball (March 2016)

4.3 **Proposed Changes to the Constitution – Honorary Members.** The Secretary presented a proposal for a change to the constitution to clarify the criteria for honorary membership nomination and subsequent award. The proposed changes had already been distributed to the membership for their consideration. **The proposed change was accepted unanimously.**

5. **Treasurer’s Report.** The Treasurer, Dr Julian Elford presented his report. The income and expenditure accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 showed total income of £57,702 and expenditure of £42,999. BSGAR 2016 was a successful meeting and although it is anticipated that BSGAR 2017 will also make a profit it will be less than the last couple of meetings.

The surplus is currently £14,703 and the current total funds as at Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 is £122,354.62, this is favourable to last year’s total and was identified as a large sum of money.

From the floor, Dr David Breen, enquired about the low expenditure spent on the BSGAR website during 2016. The Treasurer explained that some maintenance, domain and hosting costs are paid in advance for a period of 2-5 years respectively. Therefore, the amount spent in 2016 on the website was not representative of the average annual costs.

5.1 **Investing BSGAR funds – discussion.** BSGAR total funds now surpass the amount required to cover the eventuality of a failed meeting (approx. £75k). Therefore, the Treasurer suggested to the meeting the possibility of investing some of the funds at low risk, with the aim of meeting inflation, preventing fiscal drag and covering the running costs of the BSGAR Committee. The President opened the debate to the floor but reiterated that, whatever the result of the debate, BSGAR will continue to invest in its members.

Dr Michele Marshall (trustee of St Mark’s Hospital Foundation) supported the idea and offered advice from her experience with the St Mark’s Foundation Charity. She offered to pass on contact details of experienced and reliable organisations that deal with both investment funds and becoming a registered Charity. Dr Elford thanked Dr Marshall and recognised the potential advantages of BSGAR becoming a registered Charity.

Dr Damian Tolan supported investing BSGAR funds. He emphasised that if BSGAR continues to grow investing in the society will provide further growth and supply additional funds for investing in its members.

The President closed the discussion and summarised that the meeting was content for the Treasurer to conduct further investigations into investing BSGAR funds. This was agreed.

**ACTION: BSGAR Treasurer**

**5.2 Education Bursary.** The Treasurer highlighted the availability of the BSGAR £3k Educational Bursary for research, education or a teaching project in GI Radiology. The details are available on the BSGAR website. The Research Officer added that no-one to date had applied for the bursary and that it would be re-launched with a longer timeframe for application paperwork to be submitted. The Research Officer also requested that members promote the bursary to colleagues so more members become aware of its existence.

**6. Education Officer's Report.** The Education Officer, Dr Ed Godfrey reviewed the work conducted over the year. After the success of last year, six 'Conference Challenge Cases' were available to view via the website a month prior to the meeting. Top performers will have their names announced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the meeting.

Dr Godfrey's proposal to run a Pancreatic Imaging workshop for the RCR 2017 Annual meeting has been accepted. The cases from the Gallbladder workshop successfully presented by Dr Godfrey at RCR 2016 will be available on the BSGAR website shortly.

Dr Godfrey continues to improve and develop the educational resources on the BSGAR website.

**7. Standards and Liaison Officer's Report.** The Standards Officer, Dr Sara Upponi reviewed the work conducted over the year, including involvement in NICE guidelines, NICE interventional procedures programme, BSG and iRefer. Dr Upponi thanked all those who had been involved in guidelines and programme development and recognised the time involved.

The Liaison Officer, Dr Huw Roach explained that the HCC-UK (cross-speciality group to study Hepatocellular carcinoma) was under-represented by radiologists and had offered free membership to BSGAR members via BASL. Additionally, Dr Roach has been informed (at BSGAR 2017) that Guidelines for management of cystic pancreatic lesions are currently being written. Therefore, these guidelines will be awaited before embarking on a collaboration, if required, with the Pancreatic Society. Finally, Dr Roach explained that communication had been received from BSIR who were keen to improve links with BSGAR, together with other societies, who have interests in non-vascular interventions.

**8. Junior Rep Report.** The Junior Rep, Dr Chris Ball briefed the meeting on the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BSGAR Registrar Study Day held at UCHL in October. Delegate fees were £50 and with a total of x68 paid delegates a profit of £450 was made. The aspiration is to continue running the annual study day in London and support for guest speakers was requested from the membership.

**9. President's Report.** The President followed up with a few further points.

9.1 The President informed the meeting that BSGAR had been approached by BSUR to consider a joint meeting between the two organisations. The President established that there were no BSUR members at the AGM. The timing of the BSUR annual meeting is now more aligned to the BSGAR meeting as it has moved from November to March. It is thought that the BSUR meetings are attended by approx. 50-60 personnel and that if a joint meeting went ahead the organisation and sharing of loss/profits would be challenging. The President suggested a compromise option of offering a cross-over session hosted by the BSUR at the BSGAR annual meeting. The President opened up the debate to the floor. A discussion ensued with arguments for and against (the discussion was recorded and this will be tabled at the next committee meeting after a dialogue has been opened with BSUR). A common theme was that there would need to be a significant benefit to BSGAR to offset the work involved in ensuring financial fairness for both organisations when accounting for loss/profit. The President agreed to consider this more carefully with the Committee but ultimately it would be the President Elect, Dr Andrew Lowe who would need to make the final decision.

**ACTION: President, President-Elect**

9.2 **NICE and recruitment of Radiologists.** The President has discussed with the Vice President, Clinical Radiology at the RCR, the difficulty of recruiting BSGAR members to be involved in NICE guidelines and programmes due to the arduous time commitment. There is an aspiration to reach a compromise where radiologists can have input without committing so much time. It has been agreed that the issue will be discussed with RCR, SIGs and NICE and an update given to the President in March.

**10. BSGAR 2018 Annual Meeting.** The BSGAR 2018 Annual meeting will be held 7-9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre and the meeting President will be Dr Ian Zealley. The President sought the membership's support and asked them to offer their ideas for the programme on their meeting evaluation forms.

**11. BSGAR 2019 Annual Meeting.** Dr Ashley Roberts asked for volunteers to be the Meeting President for BSGAR 2019 and welcomed ideas for venues and location. Suggestions presented were Liverpool, Belfast and Bristol.

**12. Other business.** There was no other business.