



**BSGAR Annual General Meeting
At 1700hrs on Thursday 8th February 2018,
at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.**

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 Thursday 2nd February 2017 at the Mermaid Theatre, London.** The minutes of the meeting held in London on 2nd February 2017 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. The President thanked Dr Edmund Godfrey for his hard work as Education Officer and Dr Sara Upponi and for her hard work as Standards Officer; their respective tenures would be complete at the end of the annual meeting. The President welcomed Dr Jamie Franklin and Dr Cindy Chew as the incoming Education Officer and Standards Officer respectively.
 - 3.1 **BSGAR Committee.** The committee for 2017/18 was: -
 - President – Dr Ashley Roberts
 - President Elect – Dr Andy Lowe
 - Secretary – Dr Helen Bungay
 - 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 James Stephenson
 - Junior Rep – Dr Christopher Ball/Dr Jaymin Patel
4. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary, Dr Helen Bungay presented her report.
 - 4.1 **Membership.** The membership is in a strong position. There are currently 262 BSGAR members in good standing; 4 honorary, 209 full, 46 junior and 3 associate members. There were 41 new members in the period 1st February 2017- 31st January 2018, of this 41; 24 are Full Members, 15 Junior Members and 2 Associate Members. The Secretary urged members to update their membership accounts when any relevant details change. Emphasis was placed on ensuring contact

details were up to date and the correct boxes complete if members would like to receive BSGAR membership forum posts. Updating membership account details 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 – Andrew Lowe (From Feb 2018)
Treasurer – Julian Elford (2nd term)
Education Officer – Jamie Franklin (From Feb 2018)
Standards Officer – Cindy Chew (From Feb 2018)

Junior Representative – Jaymin Patel (March 2017)

4.3 Proposed Changes to the Constitution – Junior Representative. The Secretary presented a proposal for a small change to the constitution with respect to a Junior Rep serving another 1 year term if they wished. The proposed constitution change would include that the continuation in post for another year would be subject to a majority Committee vote. The proposed changes had already been distributed to the membership for their consideration. **The proposed change was accepted by the majority.**

5. Treasurer’s Report. The Treasurer, Dr Julian Elford presented his report. The income and expenditure accounts for the year from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 showed a total income of £24,941 and expenditure of £20,815. BSGAR 2017, London was a successful meeting albeit more expensive than previous years.

The surplus is currently £4126 and the current total funds as at Jan 1st 2018, is £123,378.83 (Jan 2017 was £122,354.62) and therefore balances have remained relatively flat.

Money from the Reserve Account has been invested at low risk, with Sarasin & Partners LLP a limited liability partnership which is also used by RCR and who understands organisations such as BSGAR. A total of £100k will be invested with Sarasin. To ensure availability of funds whilst organising BSGAR 2018 an initial £50K lump sum was made followed by 5 monthly instalments of £10k.

The Treasurer highlighted that BSGAR 2018 had attracted more sponsors than usual and emphasised how important they were to the annual meeting. The Treasurer thanked Dr Ashley Roberts and Liz Jones for their work and support.

6. Education Officer’s Report. The Education Officer, Dr Ed Godfrey reviewed the work conducted over the year. ‘Conference Challenge Cases’ have continued this year and have been available to view via the website a month prior to the meeting. Top performers will have their names announced on the 2nd day of the meeting and diagnoses will be available on the website a month after the meeting.

Dr Godfrey's stated that the Abnormal LFT guidelines are now published in Gut; the Pancreatic Imaging workshop for the RCR 2017 Annual meeting had received good feedback; and the RCR Curriculum re-write is underway with the first draft of the GI Section having been submitted.

Dr Godfrey stated that he would be working with Dr Jamie Franklin over the year to introduce a lunchtime endoscopic workshop at BSGAR 2019 which would consider endoscopic interesting cases and the sharing of experiences.

7. Standards and Liaison Officer's Report. The Standards Officer, Dr Sara Upponi reviewed the work conducted over the year. She highlighted the continuing challenges in recruitment of radiology colleagues to guideline development committees and explained that there had been communication with NICE related to this. Dr Roberts explained that ongoing communications with NICE had included a request for involvement in such projects to not have such a significant time commitment. Dr Andy Lowe will continue to liaise with NICE and RCR on this difficult issue. Recent NICE Committee requests received are; Colorectal cancer update, perioperative care and diverticular disease.

Dr Upponi briefed that she and Dr James Stephenson have been working with the Royal College of Surgeons on the Planned revision of the document; "The Higher Risk Surgical Patient".

The Liaison Officer, Dr Huw Roach briefed that BSIR are seeking assistance with SBAs regarding GI intervention. If any BSGAR members can help it was asked if questions could be sent directly to Dr Raj Bhat on raj.bhat@nhs.net

8. Junior Rep Report. The Junior Rep, Dr Jaymin Patel briefed the meeting on the success of the 3rd BSGAR Registrar Study Day held at W10 Conferences, London in October. There were 8 GI focused lectures by GI radiologists, Gastroenterologists and GI surgeons. Delegate fees were £75 and with a total of x70 paid delegates a profit of £1230.86 was made. There are plans to run a similar 2018 course in November, date and venue to be confirmed.

The Committee has discussed re-investing profits from the Study day back into the education of registrars e.g. reducing registration fees for trainees presenting Interesting cases at the annual meeting. Once confirmed the scheme will be publicised to the BSGAR membership and trainees attending the study day.

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

9.1 Skill Mix. Dr Roberts thanked BSGAR members for taking part in the skills mix survey conducted by Dr James Stephenson and stated that Dr Stephenson would be presenting his findings on the 2nd day of the meeting. Dr Roberts stated that RCR are currently actively involved with HEE and SCOR updating the team working document and developing national standards for radiographer reporting training and governance. Dr Roberts made a plea to members that if further requests for feedback are made then they are responded to as BSGAR has an important role in advising RCR and shaping the future.

9.2 **MDT.** Dr Roberts highlighted that the Cancer MDT review is ongoing. He recognised the burden of the current processes and that the need for rationalisation. BSGAR are keen to engage with the ongoing review and the RCR are aware of this.

9.3 **AI.** Dr Roberts recognised the current interesting and challenging times for GI radiology but highlighted opportunities such as AI which he encouraged members to embrace.

Dr Roberts thanked BSGAR, the Committee and the BSGAR Administrator as he prepared to handover his Presidency to Dr Andy Lowe.

10. BSGAR 2019 Annual Meeting: 6-8th February 2019. Following on from last year's AGM discussions and enthusiasm for a joint BSGAR meeting with BSUR, Dr Andy Lowe explained that work had been underway to achieve this goal. The current proposal is to have x2 separately run workshops (BSUR on multi-parametric imaging of the prostate and BSGAR on emergency GI imaging of the abdomen) prior to the main meeting. The main meeting would consist of two shared days with Day 1 having x3 shared sessions and the Richard Farrow memorial lecture and on Day 2, a scientific session and x3 shared sessions.

The proposed venue for the shared meeting is Liverpool Exhibition Centre with subsidiary meetings and accommodation in the Pullman Hotel next door. The venue is situated in walking distance of the town Centre and has much to offer. Dr Andy Lowe will work closely with Dr Jane Bellfield, President of BSUR and Dr Priya Healey who will be the Meeting President. Dr Andy Lowe sought the membership's support and asked them to offer their ideas for the shared programme on their meeting evaluation forms.

11. BSGAR 2020 Annual Meeting. Dr Lowe explained that as BSGAR grows, larger venues are required, however, a number of conference centres experience block corporate bookings spanning a number of years so there is a requirement to consider future venues in good time. After last year's request for expressions of interest for Meeting President and venue location, Dr Huw Roach has volunteered as Meeting President with Bath as the potential location.

12. Other business. There was no other business.