

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE & THYROID SURGEONS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7 OCT 2021

Leeds Marriott Hotel

4.30pm to 5.45 pm

- 1 Apologies – none received**
- 2 Minutes of the AGM, Barcelona/Online meeting**, available on the BAETS website.
- 3 President's Report – Mr J Davis**

JD started by thanking the current executive team and their involvement representing BAETS on several fronts. For endocrine surgery, BAETS was a stakeholder in GIRFT report. Due to the work of Helen Doran and the exec, BAETS now has a day case hemi-thyroidectomy guideline. Exec were also involved in the updates of the FSSSA prioritisation document. JD and Shad Khan were involved in the BAETS-DAS post-op haematoma guideline, including the provision of an emergency box easily accessible to staff looking after post thyroidectomy patients. Fiona Eatock sits on the RCS Cancer Services Committee. Ram Moorthy has led on the Joint Consensus Guideline with the BTA for the management of thyroid nodules. Fiona Eatock, Iain Nixon both sit on NICE guidelines committee for thyroid cancer, which is chaired by Jeremy Davis. From the point of view of education and training, the new curricula are now in effect and although promotion of thyroid surgery to ENT trainees is straightforward, it remains less well signposted for GS trainees. Exec will continue to work with the SAC reps to address this. There will be webinars next year on DAS BAETS guidelines. The 2023 meeting will be in Athens. JD thanked the honorary secretary for his service over the

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last 5 years. This will be his last AGM as secretary. Mr Davis will become past President when the chain of office is passed on to the President-Elect at the Gala Dinner.

4 Research Update - Professor Neil Tolley

Neil Tolley spoke briefly about progress in research and how he and trainee reps will continue to work to raise stature and visibility of BAETS research. The website research pages have been fully updated to reflect. The Trainee Research collaborative will be launched in the trainee session tomorrow.

5 Treasurer's Report – Ms F Eatock

FE summarised the current financial standing of the association. Despite challenging circumstances in 2020 there was a small profit (£3000). It is likely that in the next financial year, due to the cost of dashboards and the Free Online Annual Meeting, there will be small loss. However, overall the financial position of BAETS is healthy. As of 6 October 2021 the accounts had following balances:

Account 1: £84,739, Acc 2: £67,990 and Acc 3: £44290).

The move to Direct Debit and Gocardless has simplified subscription process at a very low cost. There were no charitable donations in the last financial year. Although there remains some financial risk for coming meetings as the Pandemic subsides, the success of the Leeds meeting means that is less likely.

6 Secretary's Report – Mr M Stechman

MS outlined the process for the appointment of new honorary secretary. Four candidates were interviewed and Miss Sheila Fraser (Leeds) was duly selected as the next Honorary Secretary and will be in that role for 4 years. Next year, expressions of interest will be sought for the next President Elect of BAETS and several

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other exec members are due to demit office. MS urged members of the Association to consider standing for these important roles.

Following consultation within Exec, the proposal to provide non-BAETS members with access to UKRETS was outlined to the AGM. A new category of 'Non-member UKRETS Access' was proposed, the cost would be the same as normal membership but it would not have the same rights and responsibilities as normal members (no need to attend 1 meeting every 3 years, no voting rights, no access to UKRETS data, no minimum caseload entry into UKRETS). There was agreement from a clear majority of those present that this proposal would provide a mechanism for surgeons to be able to access the registry without having to become full members.

MS also outlined the BJS partnership model for 2022. There will be modest reduction in the BJS prize money and the winner of best BJS presentation will be required to submit an manuscript to BJS or BJS Open in order to claim the prize. Exec still feel that the partnership offers good value to BAETS and are in favour of its continuation.

There were no applications for the BAETS research grant in 2020. The deadline for applications is 30 December 2021 and the final decision will be ratified at the March Exec Meeting.

MS finished his report by thanking the President and other members of the Exec for the opportunity to serve as Honorary Secretary over the last 5 years.

7 Education Update – Professor S Balasubramanian

The 2021 Thyroid and Parathyroid Masterclass ran as a virtual meeting via the RCSEd College. Feedback was good and the breakout discussion groups worked reasonably well. The first BAETS Adrenal masterclass ran in September and approximately 45 delegates attended the virtual meeting. The feedback was also very good, and there is clearly a demand for further meetings. The 2022 Thyroid and Parathyroid Masterclass will be face to face in Birmingham. It is likely that the Adrenal Masterclass will run as a virtual meeting again. Lastly, the Webinars series, which started during the early part of the pandemic, has been consistently well-attended with 80-100 attendees for each topic. This number has been stable. Recordings are available behind the BAETS members' paywall on the website. In order to make provision and planning sustainable, the

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future plan is to continue with a webinar every 2 months. SB also proposed the inception of an online journal club and there will be more details to follow.

8 UKRETS and Audit report publication – Mr S Aspinall

SA summarised the progress with GDPR and CAG compliance over the last 18 months. The addition of a consent button at the beginning of data entry process, along with the removal of Patient DOB for all UKRETS entries up until 3 years ago mean that historical data (for which consent was not sought at the time) will no longer be stored. All PID data entered since the introduction of GDPR law in 2018 will be kept for 3 years and then it will be removed. UKRETS data has led to several publications in peer-reviewed journals. Over the last few months SA and President Elect, Radu Mihai have, with the help of Robin Kinsman at Dendrite, completed the latest UKRETS Audit report, and an electronic copy of this will be released to the membership in the next week or two. SA will speak to Dendrite about the cost and feasibility of a short run of printed copies that will be available for purchase. Future modifications to UKRETS are now under discussion amongst the executive and there will be a webinar to discuss future plans including the introduction of parathyroid and adrenal dashboards and the addition of extra variables/clinical data.

9 Future BAETS Annual Scientific Meetings

- 2022 Bournemouth the dates are now confirmed as 6/7 October 2022
- 2023 Athens (dates to be confirmed – aim for second week of October)
- 2024 TBC

10 Any Other Business

Trainee members stated that for many, the first week of October is the changeover data and this means that it can be difficult to arrange leave. It was agreed that from 2023 onward, the date of the meeting could be moved back by one week, to the second week of October.

12 Date of Next AGM

Thursday 6th October 2022 in Bournemouth

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