

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE & THYROID SURGEONS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10 NOVEMBER 2016

5.15pm to 6.15 pm

Ballsaal
Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstrasse 30
Berlin 10117

1 Apologies

no apologies received

2 Minutes of the AGM, Reading 2015

Available on BAETS website. Approved by the AGM.

3 President's Report – Mr Lansdown

a) Mr Lansdown discussed the development of new guidelines currently under consultation.

Although these pertain mostly to squamous cancers of the upper aerodigestive tract, the guidelines would have a thyroid component. BAETS and ENT-UK will collaborate on the production of this component.

b) Similarly, BAETS and ENT-UK have worked closely on the production of “Standards for Safe Practice of Thyroid Surgery”, a document requested by the CQC. This completed document is currently with the CQC.

c) BAETS have also consulted and collaborated widely to produce UK wide Adrenal Surgery Practice Guidelines, the lead for this has been Mr Fausto Palazzo.

d) The President discussed the Private Health Information Network (PHIN) and the implications that this would have on the practice of members. PHIN are requesting complete access to UKRETS data

which BAETS is not considering. However, some form of compromise access, as required by HQIP could potentially be agreed.

e) Mr Lansdown gave thanks to the departing members of the executive for their significant contribution to the Association.

4 Treasurer's Report – Mr J Davis

a) Mr Davis gave a detailed breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Association. For the 2015 financial year the association has a surplus of £22 931.

b) currently the Association has 269 full members, 51 corresponding members, 16 senior members, 24 affiliate members. In addition, there are 41 members whose annual subscription has lapsed (38 full, 3 affiliate).

c) financial forecast for the forthcoming financial year, 2016: income will be less as the annual meeting is not expected to make a significant surplus. ASGBI SLA has been considered and is felt by the executive to be the best option available. This will have cost implications. The membership numbers have risen in recent years but is predicted to be stable over the near future.

d) to maintain income with inflation, and cogniscent of the above, a proposal to increase the annual subscription from £90 to £95 (full members) and from £60 to £65 (affiliate members) was put to the AGM.

5 Secretary's Report – Mr A Gandhi

a) New President Elect, new Secretary, and results of the 2016 elections for BAETS Executive Officers

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| President Elect | Mr Greg Sadler |
| Secretary | Mr Michael Stechman |
| Director of Audit | Mr Seb Aspinall |
| Member for DGHs | Miss Abigail Evans |
| Ordinary Officer | Miss Helen Doran |
| Ordinary Officer | Mr James England |

There was a 54% voter participation for the above election, conducted electronically

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b) Change in Tenure of Director of Audit: – the executive proposed to the AGM that the tenure of the Director of Audit be increased from 3y ± 2y to 4y ± 2y. This is to reflect the increasing complexity of the post, changing and increasing legislation around confidentiality and also to provide improved stability to the association.

The AGM voted unanimously to increase the tenure of the Director of Audit as described

c) Increase in Subscription Fees from £90 to £95 – approval to be sought from membership

The AGM approved by unanimous vote to increase the subscription amount as proposed by the Executive.

d) Patient Information Sheets; the membership were reminded that patient information sheets for thyroid surgery were available on the BAETS website for surgeons and patients alike. Similar information sheets relating to Parathyroid surgery were soon to be added.

e) Royal College refurbishment and implications for BAETS; the secretary explained the colleges plans for refurbishment and the decant of administration offices into the Nuffield building.

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| f) BAETS research grant | - | deadline for applications 30 December for decision at March Exec meeting |
| Access to UKRETS data | - | deadlines 31 Aug and 31 Jan |
| BAETS travelling fellowships | - | up to £1000 for trainees or newly appointed consultants |

g) SAC; currently BAETS has representation on the General Surgery SAC via Mr Bliss and Miss Waghorn, longstanding members of BAETS. There was also representation on the ENT SAC via Mr Davis, current Treasurer. The members were requested to consider which individuals may wish to take on similar roles when these individuals demit office.

6 Research Update – Mr R Mihai

Mr Mihai gave an update on the proposed research ideas in Endocrine Surgery. Some were considered unsuitable and this was discussed. Mr Mihai presented the results of the Delphi survey on the identification of research ideas considered important by healthcare professionals and patients.

The challenges for the incoming executive member with a research in research would be the securing of funding and the engagement of trainee networks into projects.

The ThyVoice project is hopefully about to commence formally. The website is prepared and a research nurse is now required.

7 Education Update – Mr D Smith

- a) Thyroid and Parathyroid Masterclass; is scheduled for Monday 27th March 2017
- b) The Ethicon / BAETS education collaboration is confirmed for 2017 and details will be emailed to members in the near future
- c) 8 Case Based Discussions have been created for trainees. These are currently with the ISCP and individual SACs for consideration. It is hoped that these will be available soon.
- d) talks are underway with the RCS Edinburgh to create a virtual learning environment for trainees. Details will be distributed to all members.
- e) BAETS produces regular literature updates for its members. In future these will include an adrenal surgery component.
- f) Mr Smith is in discussions with the local organiser of the 2017 annual meeting in Belfast about the plausibility of a trainee centred session during the meeting. Further details to follow.

8 Eurocrine Update – Mr F Palazzo

This item was not discussed in Mr Palazzos absence.

9 UKRETS – Mr D Chadwick

- a) Consultant Outcomes Publication; this will proceed as in previous years. The publication for this year has been slightly delayed due to a delay in obtaining the contract from HQIP. There will be a link on the NHS Choices website taking interested parties to the BAETS website where UKRETS is presented.
- b) 5th National BAETS report. This is almost complete and will, this time, be an electronic publication only, freely downloadable from the BAETS website as a pdf document.
- c) S251; Mr Chadwick explained the intricacies of this legislation to the AGM and also how BAETS was managing this situation. The results of a patient survey were presented illustrating that patients

were in favour of the collection of anonymised data for the purposes of quality improvement and audit.

10 Future BAETS Annual Scientific Meetings

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| 2017 | October 12, 13 | Belfast |
| 2018 | October 11, 12 | Glasgow (hopefully joint meeting with Radiologists) |
| 2019 | Offers invited | Barcelona has been nominated, other offers are welcomed |

11 Any Other Business

- a) the appointment of Mr David Scott-Coombes to the position of President Elect of the European Society of Endocrine Surgeons was acknowledged by the AGM.
- b) the sad death of Nick Dudley, a past President of BAES 1997-1999, was acknowledged by a moments silence during the Presidents Report.

12 Date of Next AGM Thursday 12 October, Belfast