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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the TENTH Annual General Meeting held in Room 3, the ACC, Liverpool on 16th October 2017.

1. Welcome

The President, Dr Tajek Hassan, welcomed the 81 Fellows, 8 Members and 7 Associate Fellows and Associate Members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Lecky, Gautam Bodiwala, Claire Summers, Ian Anderson, Ed Glucksman, Chris Cutting, Anthony Priddis, Qazi Zia Ullah and Susan Wakeford

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held in Bournemouth on 20th September 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

There were none.

5. President's report

Dr Hassan highlighted that his opening address earlier in the day contained much of his report during which he reported on the new workforce strategy agreed with NHSE and HEE amongst others. These are challenging times, as ever, as Emergency Departments continue to attract business. Dr Hassan confirmed that our first duty of care is to deliver a safe service and the strategy outlined to members is good news, He urged members to feedback to him with their thoughts and concerns.

6. Ballot result

Dr Hassan confirmed the result of the ballot to elect a Dean, Dr Jason Long stood again and was elected unopposed. Dr Long's second term will therefore end at the AGM in 2020.

7. Treasurer's report

Professor Mason reported on the year ending 31st December 2016. The Accounts have been audited and reviewed by the Corporate Governance Committee.

Income: £5,638,226
 Expenditure: £5,596,641
 Net surplus: £205,895

With the change of President in the autumn of 2016 a review of the College committee structure took place and we now have 51 committees (an increase of 10). There has been an increase in staffing numbers in the Examinations Team to cope with the increased demand for our suite of examinations. IT investment to replace the eportfolio and clinical audit systems is underway and we are providing an increased level of support for National Boards and for regions.

Professor Mason spoke of the proposal to increase subscriptions for 2018 and confirmed that the last increase took place in 2013. A paper is available on the website setting out the rationale for the proposed increase of £2.6% rounded up to the nearest £10. Life Members and Fellows are increased to create more of a differential with annual membership, Overseas Fellows fee would be rounded up to £400. Professor Mason reminded members that the subscription fees are subject to tax relief at the highest marginal UK tax rate so for a 40% tax payer 40% of the fee can be claimed back.

The fees proposed are:

Subscriptions 2018			
	Existing Subs	Proposed Subs	Increases Gross
Annual Memberships			
Fellowship Retired	£72.00	£80.00	£8.00
Fellowship Life (for retired Fellows)	£392.00	£500.00	£108.00
Fellowship (Overseas) by Examination/Election/Ad Eundem	£363.00	£400.00	£37.00
Fellowship (Non-EM Specialist registered) by Examination/Election/Ad Eundem	£307.00	£330.00	£23.00
Fellowship by Examination/Election/Ad Eundem	£712.50	£740.00	£27.50
Associate Fellowship Retired	£42.00	£50.00	£8.00
Associate Fellowship Life (for those who have retired)	£196.00	£300.00	£104.00
Associate Fellowship (Overseas)	£160.00	£170.00	£10.00
Associate Fellowship	£253.00	£260.00	£7.00
Associate Fellow (Training)	£240.50	£293.00	£52.50
Membership Retired	£36.00	£40.00	£4.00
Membership by Examination/Election (Overseas)	£193.00	£200.00	£7.00
Membership by Examination/Election	£293.00	£310.00	£17.00
Membership by Examination (Not working in EM)	£95.00	£100.00	£5.00
Member by Examination (Training)	£240.50	£293.00	£52.50
Associate Member (WLR)	£45.00	£50.00	£5.00
Associate Member (Student)	£12.00	£20.00	£8.00
Associate Member (PA)	-	£109.00	-
Associate Member (AOST Ireland)	£71.70	£130.00	£58.30
Associate Member (AOST Iceland)	£100.85	£130.00	£29.15
Associate Member (Overseas)	£80.00	£90.00	£10.00
Associate Member (Foundation)	£40.00	£50.00	£10.00
Associate Member (ACP)	£79.85	£109.00	£29.15
Associate Member (Training)	£240.50	£293.00	£52.50
Associate Member	£91.00	£100.00	£9.00
Affiliate Member (Overseas)	£59.00	£70.00	£11.00
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EMJ subscriptions to remain at £78 per annum			

Dr Hassan reiterated the need to make this slight increase, given that, as a young College we don't have the history of accumulating wealth over centuries (for example the Royal College of Physicians is 500 years old and the RCS Edinburgh even older).

Professor Tim Rainer asked about salary increases and Dr Hassan confirmed a cost of living rise to staff of 1% last April.

Professor Mason asked Fellow and Members to approve the subscriptions for 2018 and this was done. There were no votes against the increase.

Professor Mason also asked members to approve the re-appointment of the auditors, haysmacintyre and this was also done,

Professor Mason concluded by thanking Mr Gordon Miles for his invaluable support and to the College Finance team for all their hard work.

8. CEO's Report

Mr Miles took the opportunity to advise members that since he became CEO in 2010 membership numbers had increased significantly from around 3,000 to over 6,000 and still growing. He reminded members that he is employed to deliver what the College members want. He believes going forward that work needs to be developed on the new strategy, more IT development, work in order to be awarded the ISO 9001 standard and the RCEM Foundation. He also believes more could be done to develop a careers strategy. On the IT side, we have moved from paper applications for membership and examinations to online applications. We've moved our server to the cloud.

He urged members to get in touch with him should they need to highlight any concerns.

9. Honorary Fellowships

None were approved this year.

10. Medal and other award winners

Dr Hassan asked the AGM to note the following awards:

President's medal - Miss Susie Hewitt

College medals -

Dr Richard Wilson
Dr Martin McKechnie
Miss Gillian Bryce
Mr Denis Franklin

The Alison Gourdie medal winners for 2016/17 are

FRCEM: Navneet Johal
MRCEM: Kathleen Khoo

The Luka Randic medal winner for 2017 is Sarah Langston

The William Rutherford Citation was awarded to Laura Elder

Dr Ellen Weber came to the podium to present a plaque to Steve Goodacre for his support over a number of years on the EMJ.

11. Any other business

There was none

12. Date of next AGM

The next AGM of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine will take place on 10th September 2018 at the SECC in Glasgow.