

**British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2013**  
**At The Grand Hotel, Brighton**  
**At 17.30 to 18.30**

**Present:** Kevin Phillips (President)  
Ertan Saridogan (Vice President)  
Thomas Ind (Honorary Treasurer)  
Mary Connor (Honorary Secretary)

Plus approximately 60 members of the BSGE.

1. **Apologies:** Tyrone Carpenter, Mo'iad Alazzam
2. **Minutes of the last AGM held in Cardiff on 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 were received and accepted as correct.**
3. **Matters arising:** KP reported that the BSGE membership was growing and Brighton ASM was going well. The joint RCOG/BSGE Benign Surgical meeting was well received in December and the other joint RCOG/BSGE Hysteroscopy course with a hands on element was very successful. KP informed members that the BSGE was very involved with the RCOG in the further development of the Advanced Laparoscopic Module ATSM Training but that the process is gradual and slow. Jonathan Frappell, immediate past president of the BSGE is still lead for RCOG Simulation training

**4. Presidents' report:**

- 4.1 **Annual report-** This was covered in the Treasurers report.
- 4.2 **Council Elections 2013-** KP reported that Adam Moors and Yousri Afifi have now finished their terms on the BSGE Council and that Justin Clark and Simon Jackson are now elected as senior representatives. KP thanked AM and YF for their contribution to the BSGE Council and welcomed JC and SJ.

KP informed the members that MEC will stay in post as Honorary Secretary for now, as no nominations were received before the deadline. The Honorary Secretary post will be re-advertised shortly. KP thanked MEC for her hard work.

**Relationship with other societies-** KP reported that Prof. Nazar Amso, President of the BSGI (British Society for Gynaecological Imaging), has confirmed his interest in developing an affiliation between the two societies. BSGI is a smaller society and gynae ultrasound is part of their work. This affiliation was discussed at the BSGE Council meeting. It was proposed a dual membership for 2 years between BSGE and BSGI where a consultant member

would get discount of £10 and trainee member £15 when joining both societies. BSGE members would benefit from the BSGI CPD scheme and BSGI members when joining the BSGE would become ESGE members and receive the Gynaecological Surgery journal.

This proposal was agreed by members.

KP reported that the AAGL has proposed electronic membership for BSGE members. For U\$14,000, up to 900 BSGE members would receive AAGL e-membership with access to their vast video library and journals and other benefits for one year only. This was the cheapest deal AAGL had offered to the BSGE. KP confirmed there will be no increase in membership fees.

This was agreed by members.

KP reported that affiliation between BSGE and IGES will be discussed further with the IGES President Helen Doran.

#### **Vice Presidents report:**

ES reported that many activities happen within the first 4 months of the year in the BSGE office. This includes compiling the annual accounts, assessing applications for the Awards, organising the ASM and AGM as well as elections of Officers and to the Council. It was suggested that the workload should be spread throughout the year when possible. This was recently discussed at the BSGE Council meeting and it was agreed that the deadline for the BSGE Awards will be moved to the end of May from next year (2014).

#### **5. Treasurer's report:**

TI reminded the AGM that the BSGE has charitable status and that the BSGE Council members are Trustees of the Society. As Honorary Treasurer, TI is responsible for the end of year accounts which must be signed and submitted to the Charity Commission. In the last financial year, ending in December 2012, the income received was £215,241 with an expenditure of £133,164. Consequently the total amount in the bank is £353k. The main income of the Society is from the ASM, membership subscriptions and joint meetings. The accountants have informed TI that as a charity, BSGE should utilise funds and not sit on them. Therefore, more bursaries will be awarded, in addition, the AAGL e-membership will use up some of the excess funds. TI confirmed there was to be no increase in the membership fee. He also advised that as a tidy up exercise of the BSGE membership database, from now all trainee fees will rise to a consultant's rate after a period of three years of membership as a trainee, unless the BSGE is informed by the member that they remain a trainee.

## 6. Honorary Secretary's report:

**6.1 Membership update-** MEC reported that there are now 415 full members, 20 honorary members, 191 trainees and 63 nurses and 1 matron in the BSGE membership database.

**6.2 Addition to the BSGE Constitution-** MEC had proposed an addition to the BSGE Constitution which was circulated to membership via email.

‘Attendance at Council meetings- Council members are required to attend Council meetings whenever possible. However, when unable to attend they are asked to submit a written report about the activities of the committee for which they are responsible, this is obligatory if they are unable to attend two consecutive meetings. In the event of being unable to attend a third consecutive meeting the BSGE Officers will ask the Council member to consider stepping down from Council. ‘

This was agreed at the meeting.

**6.3 ESGE update-** MEC reported that she is now on the ESGE Advisory Board along with ES and this year ESGE Congress will take place on 16-19 October 2013 in Dublin.

## 7. Awards Committee report:

Adam Moors informed the AGM that there was an excellent response to the BSGE Awards this year. AM reported that it was the BSGE Council's job to spend monies on education and training. Approximately £32k has been awarded this year in bursaries. AM reported Shaheen Khazali had organised the video competition superbly. There were 4 judges and 21 videos had been submitted this year. There were 4 winners who will receive a cheque for £250 each.

- 1- Andreas Stavroulis
- 2- Nagi Rostom
- 3- Thomas Smith Walker
- 4- Dimitrios Miligkos

The Alan Gordon Travelling Fellowship Award for £3k went to Dr Sujata Gupta who will be visiting a centre in Dehli.

Nine Trainee Travelling Fellowships had been awarded totalling £16k.

- 1- Andreas Stavroulis £2k
- 2- Ausha De Silva £2k
- 3- Dimitrios Miligkos £2k
- 4- Donna Ghosh £2k
- 5- Karoline Afors £2k
- 6- Ritu Rana £2k
- 7- Thomas Smith Walker £2k

8- Rebecca Hardcastle £1k

9- Kirana Arambage £1k

There were 17 bursary applications submitted this year and 13 bursaries of £1k were awarded. Names will appear on the BSGE website shortly.

AM reported that he is in talks with Ethicon for a trainee programme to be held in Germany for next year. A meeting had been set up between AM, TSW and Ethicon and details will be circulated later.

KP thanked AM for all the work he has done for the BSGE Awards.

**8. Endometriosis Centres report:** Dominic Byrne reported that a break out session for Q& A is planned at 18:45 to answer any questions on the Endometriosis Centre database. He will also present at 9:45 am on Friday morning.

**9. Hysteroscopy tariffs:** Stephen Burrell presented slides on Best Practice Tariffs for hysteroscopy. More information was to be given on the second day of the ASM.

**10. Portfolio Committee reports:**

**Industry relations & meetings-** Mark Whittaker reported that times were challenging for sponsors. For the ASM, we have two platinum sponsors and one gold sponsor. He encouraged members to visit all the exhibitors at the meeting. MW reported that financial support for the website is available from some companies but they would like to send out questionnaires 2 to 4 times a year. These surveys would be scrutinised by the BSGE officers before going out to membership. MW requested members to inform the BSGE office of any changes to their email address.

**Laparoscopic Training-** Saikat Banerjee thanked members for help with the ATSM. SBA reported that the BSGE has purchased 10 Laprotrainer boxes; 8 boxes have been allocated to members and 2 more remain with the BSGE. Please email the BSGE secretariat if you are interested in renting a Laprotrainer box.

**Research & Audit-** No report was submitted.

**Hysteroscopy-** Sameer Umranikar reported that the BSGE Hysteroscopy Committee is running two projects at present which involve developing guidelines for staffing level in hysteroscopy clinic and for fluid management in operative hysteroscopy. SU thanked Cathy Dean for her support in these two projects.

**Nurse & Paramedic-** CD reported that since being appointed as nurse rep she has worked in conjunction with Sameer Umranikar on the Optimum Staffing levels in an Outpatient Hysteroscopy Clinic.

Helen Ludkin has provided the latest information on the Nurse Hysteroscopist Training Programme. The 17th course of trainee nurse hysteroscopists has just completed their theory training and the 18th course and 4th GP course are set to commence in September.

The Royal College of Nurses, in conjunction with Endo UK and the BSGE, are looking at developing an Endometriosis Nurse Specialist Training Programme. This has been discussed by the BSGE Council members at the latest meeting on 10th April and will also be addressed at the RCN Women's Health Forum to be held later this month. Any suggestions for the content of the training programme are welcomed.

**Training-** Thomas Smith Walker reported that trainees have been very proactive. Kirana Arambage is working on web based trainee programme and both trainee representative are working with ESGE Congress on YEP.

**Website & Communication-** This report was read by KP on behalf of Tyrone Carpenter. The website is going from strength to strength with significantly higher activity month on month compared to the previous financial year. To keep the site interesting and useful we need to continue to update the information. TC requested that council members with portfolios to regularly update those parts of the website relevant to them via Atia.

Twitter & LinkedIn would available to BSGE members shortly.

**Guidelines-** This report was read by KP on behalf of Mo'iad Alazzam. The guideline currently in development (endometrial hyperplasia) is almost ready. A copy of the final draft will be ready for the Council to approve before the next Council meeting before being forwarded to the RCOG Guidelines Committee.

**Future meetings-**

16-17 September 2013- Joint RCOG/BSGE Benign Abdominal Surgery at RCOG  
3, 4 -5 December 2013- Joint RCOG/BSGE Diagnostic and operative Hysteroscopy at RCOG  
24- 26 June 2013- RCOG World Congress 2013 in Liverpool

Edward Morris will host next BSGE ASM 2014 in Norwich at Delia's Canary Catering.

Date to be finalised.