



BRITISH SOCIETY for GYNAECOLOGICAL ENDOSCOPY

**Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of  
British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Bedruthan Hotel, Cornwall  
From 16:45 to 17:30**

**Present:** Mr. Ertan Saridogan, President (ES)  
Mr. Dominic Byrne, President elect (DB)  
Mr. Mark Whittaker, Honorary Secretary (MW)  
Mr. Thomas Ind, Honorary Treasurer (TI)  
Mr. Kevin Philips, Chair of LOC- BSGE ASM 2017 (KP)  
Plus approximately 65 members of the BSGE

ES welcomed BSGE members to the AGM.

1. **Apologies:** Jim English, Andrew Pickersgill, Saikat Banerjee
2. **Minutes of the last BSGE AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Central Hall Westminster** were presented to AGM and accepted.
3. **Matters arising:** Nil
4. **President's report (ES)**
  - a) Membership is now >1000 and this poses challenges with increased expenses including ESGE, AAGL and the Gynecological Surgery Journal.
  - b) BSGE is introducing skills training at the next RCOG Benign Abdominal Surgery ATSM meeting in September 2016.
  - c) BSGE has made a significant contribution to the organization of ESGE 2016 working with Peter O'Donovan and Prof Brolmann.
  - d) The BSGE Awards and Bursaries process has been very active once again under the portfolio lead of Simon Jackson.
  - e) LapHyst project has progressed and now has 2 pilot courses running with sponsorship from Olympus and Ethicon/Storz. Three Training the Trainers' courses have been completed with 18 trainers. The project plans to be rolled out further once the pilots have been completed and proved to be successful.
  - f) The BSGE is running a one day meeting on Fibroids at the RCOG on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
  - g) The fibroid morcellation debate continues and the BSGE has produced an example patient consent document and patient information leaflet.
  - h) Election results were announced and Sanjay Vyas was congratulated on his victory in the Vice President election. The positions on Council went to Justin Clark, Shaheen Khazali and Kirana Arambage. Fevzi Shakir and Donna Ghosh were elected as BSGE Trainee reps.
  - i) Thanks were given to Dominic Byrne for his efforts as VP and that he would be moving up to President during the meeting.

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**5. President elect's report (DB)**

- a) DB reported a successful hand over of the Endometriosis Centers portfolio to Chris Guyer during his tenure as VP.
- b) Data from the endometriosis Centers database project will be presented during the ASM.
- c) DB thanked and congratulated Susie Bates for successful BSGE ASM in Cornwall.

**6. Honorary Treasurer's report (TI)**

- a) The BSGE accounts will be published on the BSGE website and made available to the Charities Commission. They are prepared by Hasslers accountants.
- b) The role of the Treasurer was explained and that there will be a vacancy in two years' time when TI completes his tenure on Council.
- c) The bank balance is £572,406.82 but there are approx. £100,000 liabilities from the Cornwall ASM.
- d) 1014 members of whom 361 are Trainees and 133 Nurses.
- e) A growing Society has increased expenditure and needs income to match this growth. The ASM in Norwich raised £80,000 and the London SJM £100,000.
- f) The membership was asked to consider submitting new ideas for meetings to the BSGE. Any meetings can run with a profit share and it was felt that an International meeting would be popular.
- g) Expenditure was greatest for courses and events. The Journal was costing approx. £25,000pa., Bursaries £19,000, AAGL £16,000, Endo centers support £13,000 and BSGE website £11,000 last year with more significant costs this year with the redesign and launch of the new website.

**7. Honorary Secretary's report (MW)**

- a) Membership fees will be left as they are until next year.
- b) Portfolio Achievements 2015/2016- MW presented summary slides from Trainee, Website and Communications, Endocentres, Laparoscopy, Hysteroscopy, Industry relations, Guidelines, Nurse and Paramedics and Research and Audit.
- c) BSGE Election 2016 – This was covered by ES in his President report.
- d) Medical Student membership/ Affiliate membership- Medical students will be invited to join the society for free but will not receive affiliate or associated membership of AAGL and ESGE or hard copy of the journals. This was discussed further at the AGM including voting rights and membership by direct debit with nominal fee. Voting rights will be discussed at the Council and also Medical Student prize. New website can recruit medical students.
- e) Expression of interest for BSGE ASM 2018- MW invited BSGE members to email Atia Khan, BSGE Secretary if they were interested in hosting BSGE ASM in 2018. Edinburgh has already expressed interest in holding ASM in 2018.

**8. BSGE ASM 2017, 17-19 May- Hull (KP)**

KP announced at the ASM that the very first meeting of the BSGE was held in Hull back in 1990. BSGE ASM in 2017 will be held in Hull on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May. Hull is UK City of Culture in 2017 and has recently been named by the Rough Guides as one of the top ten places in the world to visit alongside Amsterdam, Nashville and Mexico City. KP invited everyone to make a note in their diary and attend with ASM 2017 in Hull.



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9. Future meetings:

- RCOG/BSGE Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy- Workshops only- 14-15 July 2016 RCOG, London
- RCOG/BSGE Benign Abdominal Surgery- 19-21 September 2016 RCOG, London
- RCOG/BSGE Symposium on Modern Management of Fibroids- 4 November 2016 RCOG, London
- RCOG/BSGE Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy- 29 November to 1 December 2016 RCOG, London

10. AOB- No other business was declared.

ES thanked Atia Khan, who works tirelessly for the BSGE. ES handed over BSGE Presidency to DB. ES thanked BSGE members for their support and confidence shown in him over the years.

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