

**BSGE**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2010**  
**5.15 To 6.00 pm**  
**At Leverhulme Hotel, Wirral**

**Present:** Alfred Cutner (President)  
Jonathan Frappell (President Elect)  
Kevin Jones (Honorary Treasurer)  
Mary Connor (Honorary Secretary)

Plus approximately 60 members of BSGE

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Kent
2. The minutes of the last AGM held at BMA House, London on 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 were received and accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising:**  
Mr Alfred Cutner reported that the AGE (German Endoscopic Society) had negotiated a corporate package with the ESGE similar to the one arranged with the BSGE
4. **Presidents report:**  
**Honorary Fellowships-** These were awarded to Mr Alan Gordon and Professor John Newton. Mr Alan Gordon was the driving force behind the creation and foundation of the society over 20 years ago. Professor Newton was President of the society from 1998 to 2000 and was also a founding member.  
**Officer and Council Elections-** The outcome of the recent elections were reported as follows:  
  
Kevin Phillips, Vice President;  
Ertan Saridogan, Honorary Treasurer;  
Adam Moors, senior representative on Council (second term of office);  
Simon Edmonds, senior representative on Council;  
Yousri Afifi, senior representative on Council.  
  
Mr Alfred Cutner passed on the BSGE President's medallion to the new President, Mr Jonathan Frappell.
5. **Honorary Treasurer's report:**  
**Societies Finances-** Mr Kevin Jones reported that the society finances are very healthy, the total sum reaching nearly £250,000. As of 7<sup>th</sup> of April the current account balance was £113,000 and the savings account had a balance of £128,000.

**Allocation of funds:**

**Website:** just over £15,000 of the allocated £20,000 had been spent; a request for an additional £13,000 had been agreed.

**Endometriosis Centres:** only £5,300 of the allocated £20,000 had been used, additional funds were not required.

**Awards Committee:** an allocation of £20,000 had been agreed for 2010/2011. It had been identified that £30,000 was required to cover the MSc Bursaries awarded to members. In future, all bursaries will be awarded on an annual basis.

**Accountants:** Mr Jones reported that the arrangements with Haslers, the new accountants are working well.

The President thanked Mr Jones on behalf of the BSGE Council for all his hard work as Honorary Treasurer during the past five years.

6. **Honorary Secretary report:**

**Membership Update-** Miss Mary Connor reported that there are now 528 fully paid members of the BSGE, this include 278 senior members, 200 trainees and 50 nurses.

**BSGE Constitution-** Miss Connor reported on the proposed amendments to the BSGE Constitution. Amendments, in addition to the ones previously circulated to all members, were now to include the substitution of “electronic” for “email” in Article 16, i) f) and ii) b) when discussing the method of election of Officers and to Council. Also, the two junior members on Council (Specialist Trainees) will also become Trustees of the Society along with the other elected Council members. The amendments were agreed at the AGM without further discussion.

7. **Communications & Website Committee report:**

Mr. Saikat Banerjee reported that the new BSGE website is now active and requested the supply of material for the website from all members. An interactive section on the website is being developed to include space for surveys and a new search engine. A request for video material from members for the website was also made.

8. **Endometriosis Centre Committee report:**

Members were referred to the presentation by Mr Adam Moors during the annual meeting (BSGE ASM 2010).

9. **Awards Committee report:**

Mr. Dominic Byrne reported that the quality and quantity of applications for the awards were poor this year. In future, in order to encourage an increase in applications more email reminders will be sent out and the criteria of being a member of the BSGE for 12 months will be dropped.

The Alan Gordon Fellowship was awarded to Saikat Banerjee and was presented by Mr Alan Gordon. The Travelling Fellowship went to Dr. Moiad Alazzam; no medical bursary was awarded. Karen Snelgrove and Chris Pearce were awarded Paramedic/GP bursaries.

The Awards committee is planning to launch a video competition on the website in 2010.

**10. Remaining Portfolio Committee reports:**

**Junior Members** – Dr. Shaheen Khazali reported that he is assisting with the development of the website, in particular the video competition and an interactive section for junior members.

Dr. Juhi Siddiqui is soon to stand down as a Junior Member as she has recently secured a consultant post. A ballot for a new junior member will be arranged after the ASM.

**Nurse & Paramedic Committee**- Mrs. Helen Ludkin reported that the Nurse Hysteroscopy Courses are running well. Nurses are encouraged to become members of the portfolio committees, anyone who has expressed an interest in participating is asked to contact Mrs Ludkin.

**Guidelines Committee**- Mr. Keith Louden reported that two guidelines, the Best Practice in Outpatient Hysteroscopy and the Guideline for the Management of Adnexal Masses in Premenopausal Women are finished and await peer review. Both guidelines will be posted onto the closed section of the BSGE website. Following discussion with the RCOG the guidelines may receive both BSGE and RCOG recognition and may subsequently appear as Green Top guidelines.

Mr Louden thanked the committee members for their hard work and invited more members of the Society to join the committee.

**Research & Audit Committee**- Mr Kevin Cooper reported on the two main areas of study under development.

MISTLETOE 2 - manufacturers of all the ablative devices have agreed to participate in the study, it is to be administered by the Health Services Research Unit (HSRU) Aberdeen. A grant application has been made to the Health Technologies Agency. Representatives of each region in the UK will be sought from within the BSGE to oversee their region, although all paperwork will be sent from the HSRU. It was acknowledged that this will be a massive undertaking, but one which will produce valuable evidence for a procedure undertaken by many of the society's members.

Pelvic Pain Study – Discussions are underway with Professor Khalid Khan and Professor Peter O'Donovan for a HTA funded project to evaluate MRI as a screening test to investigate pelvic pain prior to laparoscopy, to see if it can reliably reduce the numbers of diagnostic laparoscopies undertaken for this investigation. If supported by the BSGE, updates about the project will be presented at our meetings and members will be encouraged to support the trial.

**Hysteroscopy Committee-** Mr. Stephen Burrell reported on the planned meeting in July following the recent MHRA publication of a controversial alert concerning endometrial ablation procedures. A new guideline is expected following the meeting. Mr Kevin Jones and Miss Connor will be representing the Society at the meeting.

Mr Burrell also reported on the new lower tariffs for outpatient hysteroscopic procedures, which may have implications for the development of services.

**ACCEA-** Dr Sian Jones reported that BSGE supported 2 Silver, 2 Bronze and 1 Scottish Award last year. Further information about ACCEA will be circulated to membership shortly and anyone requiring local CEA award support can contact BSGE.

#### **11. Future Meetings**

Joint RCOG/BSGE Intermediate/Advanced Hysteroscopy, 29th & 30th November 2010

Joint RCOG/BSGE Laparoscopic Surgery, 1st December 2010

Joint RCOG/BSGE Recent Advances in Gynaecological Surgery, 2nd & 3rd December 2010

ESGE 2010, Barcelona, 29<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

ESGE and BSGE are holding a joint meeting 21st -24th September 2011.

BSGE ASM 2012 will be held in Cardiff, led by Mr. Nazar Amso.

#### **12. AOB**

No other business was discussed.