

**Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of  
British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 at the ASM22 Conference at The ICC Birmingham  
From 17:30 to 18.30**

**Present:** Mr. Justin Clark, President (JC)  
Mr. Kirana Arambage, Honorary Secretary (KA)  
Mr. Andrew Kent, Vice-President (ASHK)  
Mr. Fevzi Shakir, Honorary Treasurer (FS)  
Plus around 50 members of the BSGE

**1. Welcome**

KA welcomed BSGE members to the 2021 AGM. KA praised the first face to face since Covid, thanking speakers and members for their interactions.

**2. Apologies:** No apologies

**3. Minutes of the last BSGE AGM held virtually on 3rd March 2021,** were presented to the AGM and accepted.

**4. Matters arising:** Nil

**5. President's report (JC)**

Slides were presented and talked through by JC to the audience. Membership exceeded 1600 in 2002 and numbers for ASM22 were consistent with other ASMs. Four companies took up corporate membership - BOWA, Karl Storz, Gynesonics and Hologic. This is a new way of increasing revenue for the BSGE and better working relationships with industry. Production of joint RCOG / NHSE / BSGE guidance and Covid 19 and revisions were explained by JC including joint RCOG / BSGE / BGCS Guidance for management of abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) in the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic 2020 where this work has continued especially around waiting lists and dealing with the backlog. NICE Contributions to IPG consultations and contributions to RCOG Good Practice Paper in outpatient hysteroscopy and production of major update if the 2011 Green Top joint BSGE / RCOG Guideline 59 "Best Practice in Outpatient Hysteroscopy" were explained. JC went on to talk about BSGE training and meetings including virtual education content. Quality assurance for Endo Centres were shared along with other portfolio news and developments.

**1. Honorary Treasurer's report (FS)**

FS spoke about membership and the paper direct debit task where this is not supported anymore by the BSGE and asking members to rejoin to the online version of membership. Figures showed that 35% of those members renewed this way. Four companies increasing revenue for the BSGE have taken up corporate membership for industry. BSGE accounts were displayed showing money in BSGE accounts and that it was still healthy.

## 2. Honorary Secretary's report (KA)

- a. BSGE International Affairs subcommittee  
KA presented proposal for BSGE International Affairs subcommittee  
BSGE's International affairs subcommittee promotes and facilitates the international exchange of professional and educational values in gynaecological endoscopic surgery. Portfolio chair and a subcommittee will be appointed in the future with input from advisers with international level experience.
  
- b. Portfolio Achievements 2021/2022  
KA presented BSGE Council portfolio achievements in 2021/2022 mentioned below.

### **BSGE Hysteroscopy portfolio- Nadine Di Donato**

#### Achievements

First hysteroscopy workshop focused in particular on resection held in January 2022 in Birmingham

Successful diagnostic and operative hysteroscopy workshop in November 2021.

Webinar on hysteroscopy (VIP - vaginoscopy).

GIRFT/ NHS London Gynaecology consent review and update on outpatient hysteroscopy, operative hysteroscopy and endometrial ablation.

#### Future plans

Continue to offer diagnostic and operative hysteroscopy with a new leading team Amelia Davison and Shilpa Kolhe (huge thank you to Stephen Burrell and Mary Connor stepping down)

Offer further selective webinar hysteroscopy in 2022

### **BSGE Endometriosis Nurse portfolio - Gilly Macdonald**

#### Achievements

- BSGE endorsed recommendations to support the endometriosis CNS role,
- Mentor register established,
- Biannual CNS education days,
- Facebook group established,
- Bitesize informal sessions established,

#### 2022 Objectives

Develop education modules for core competencies

Develop website with further resources for education and research

### **BSGE Information Resources portfolio- Rebecca Mallick**

Open to all to attend live and BSGE members can view anytime on the website

Variety of topics ranging from cervical cerclage to laparoscopic urogynaecology to mullerian anomalies.

Last Wednesday of the month 6-7pm, great way to collect CPD!

2022 - Planning to develop further with more combined events involving societies worldwide, as live surgery, debates and much more....

#### Increased patient engagement

New Instagram account for patients @BSGE started in March 2022, please share with patients! Lots of useful resources!

Endometriosis action month - weekly Instagram lives with support groups, infograms and educational

videos

Meet your local endometriosis centre

Almost 1000 followers within 6 weeks of starting!

2022 - Aim to continue to grow and become a valued resource for patients.

Podcast BSGE Uncut

Open to all via Spotify

2022 - Aim for fortnightly education 30-minute podcasts covering a variety of topics - training, education, human factors and more...

### **BSGE Meetings and Industry Relations portfolio- Angus Thomson**

Virtual ASM: March 21

Huge success for virtual platform with multiple streams, poster rooms and Industry Exhibition Hall

Imaging in Endometriosis - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Joint Virtual Meeting BSGE./BSGI/BMUS - 687 registered

Corporate Membership packages

(Webinars/ workshop/ Scope advert / Access to website and meeting BSGE president)

Sponsorship for ASM

c. £200k raised

(Platinum/Gold/Silver/Bronze

Ethicon / Olympus Lap training course

22/23 Objectives

BSGE/BIARGS joint meeting

Training workshops in imaging for endometriosis

Inviting submissions for ASM 2024

### **BSGE Member relations and The Scope portfolio- Funlayo Odejinmi**

Listening to members: Membership survey particularly useful during the pandemic

Themed editions of the @BSGE\_SCOPE

Hysterectomy

Fibroids

Research

Interviews with Luminaries of Minimal access surgery inspirational

Keep members up to date with the "machinery of the BSGE"

Collaborations with the RCOG during the Pandemic

Guidelines for Minimal access surgery in relation to COVID

Highlighting the goings on of other subcommittees

Keep members up to date with current affairs relating to women's health

Government reports

Bringing relevant published literature pertaining to minimal access surgery to a busy membership.

### **BSGE Nurse Hysteroscopy portfolio- Caroline Bell**

Resources for nurses

Supporting Bradford University, Attending every September meeting new students

Webinars

Bite sized session

Operative hysteroscopy logbook

We have worked well as a group answering questions from members

Helping support BSGE/RCOG workshops

Helping support ASM and Ambulatory care network meeting

Planned Activity: To continue above any happy for any suggestions by members

### **BSGE Endocentres portfolio- Arvind Vashisht**

#### Achievements

Anonymisation of database

Minimum dataset

Accreditation 2021:

1032 operations in 2020. The number of operations increased in 2021 to 1662.

8 new centres submitted data

#### Aspirations and Planning for the future 2022/3

Improving the interface of the database – “end-user friendly”

Revamping the questionnaire / data entry

?incorporating a surgical classification system

Emphasis on follow up

Matching accreditation to commissioning via NHSE

### **BSGE Website and Digital Governance portfolio- Zahid Khan**

#### Activity and expenditure

BSGEASM21.com

Bsge.org.uk - GeoDirectory update

Bsge.org.uk - redesign and development

AKIKO support and maintenance billables

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AV support from the ICC for the BSGE ASM

VII Virtual Platform for the BSGE ASM 22

#### Future activities

3 months - brand identify guideline for the BSGE

6 months - the new bsge.org.uk will be faster, neater and more organized

9 months - should bsgesics.com have a portfolio system?

9 months - could artificial intelligence solve data collection issues with the EndoCentres?

12 months - Should the ASM in Manchester be a Hybrid event?

We are expanding and would like more members to join the Website and Digital Governance Team!

- c. Expression of interest to organise BSGE ASM 2024 and 2025

KA invited BSGE members to submit an application to host BSGE Annual Scientific Meeting in 2024 and 2025.

### **3. BSGE Elections 2022 (JC)**

JC congratulated following members to the BSGE Council.

**Vice President** - Arvind Vashisht  
**Senior representative** - Martin Hirsch  
**Trainee representative** - Lina Antoun

**9. BSGE Honorary membership**

Sanjay Vyas was awarded BSGE Honorary membership for his contribution in field of gynaecology.

**10 Future BSGE meetings**

- 11/12 May 2022- RCOG/BSGE Benign Abdominal Surgery- Lectures (virtual)
- 17/18 May 2022- RCOG/BSGE Benign Abdominal Surgery- Workshops
- 7/8 June 2022- RCOG/BSGE Hysteroscopy workshops
- 20/21 April 2023- BSGE ASM 2023, Manchester

**11. AOB**

JC handed over presidency to ASHK. In addition, thanks were given to Atia and Babs as secretariat for the BSGE and Lesley Hill who recently retired from the Membership Administrator position. The floor was then open for questions. A question was raised about the funds in the BSGE accounts and why it was not used. FS explained that while there was a lot of money the expenditure for the ASM22 had not yet been taken off from those figures.