

MINUTES

BHRS Annual General Meeting Monday 25th September 2023 @ 17:30

Held via Zoom

29 participant BHRS members

1. Approve minutes from AGM 2022

Approved.

2. Presidents Report

Alistair Slade, BHRS President (AKBS) opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked participants for attending. He reported his delight and gratitude for the current BHRS position and leaves his Presidency where member numbers are up, the financial position is stronger, the great strides that have been taken to increase the profile of BHRS, the exam improvements and educational offerings along with the creation of the Education Committee and the success of the first ever symposium in March. BHRS also formally disengaged from HRC last October. BCS has invited BHRS to be part of the new BCS Professional Executive which is a group involving the larger organisations (BCIS, BHRS, BSE, BHS and BJCA) to discuss professional, policy and strategic matters. Personal thanks was given to the council and admin team for their help through the challenges of the presidential reign.

3. Secretary's Report

a) 2023 Election Results

Eleri Gregory (EG) reported a fantastic response to nominations for elections with a large number of very strong candidates. The results are as follows:

- Welcome to: Sophie Robinson (Physiologist Rep), Honey Thomas (Doctor Rep)
- Welcome back: Vivienne Ezzat (Doctor Rep) and Catherine Laventure (Nurse Rep) who were re-elected for a second term
- Eleri Gregory takes the role of BHRS President
- Thank you to the following members who have come to the end of their terms: Alistair Slade, John Paisey, Pier Lambiase, Steve Murray.

b) Council Member Overview

- President – Eleri Gregory
- President Elect – TBC in 2025
- Secretary – to be elected at next council meeting
- Treasurer - to be elected at next council meeting
- Nurse - Catherine Laventure, Bridgette Smith, Anya Murray
- Physiologist - Amy Dutton, Phil Durkin, Chloe Howard, Sophie Robinson
- Doctor - Ashley Nisbet, Joseph de Bono, Ross Hunter, Paul Foley, Vivienne Ezzat, Honey Thomas

c) Membership Report

Current membership: 1,345. 225 additional members since last year.

c) Constitution

Clarification was needed on whether council members could reapply after breaks. The current wording to be amended to: "These terms can be consecutive or non-consecutive with no officer serving as an elected council member for more than 2 terms (with the exception of the BHRS President who may exceed this if their term ends during their 3 year presidential period)".

4. Exam Report

In Stuart Allen's (Chair of BHRS Accreditation) (SA) absence Steve Sadler (SS) of Tangled Web (admin team) gave an overview of recent exam numbers and results. This included survey results which indicated the satisfaction and quality of the exam continues to rise each year as improvement and developments are made. A new logbook will be made available from next year for Device candidates which will be case study based. EP candidates are no longer required to complete a logbook. Reaccreditation from next year will be via a points system for educational event attendance. Online mock exams will be introduced next year with the long term plan to run our own exams online from 2025.

5. Education Committee

John Paisey (JP) reported that the March symposium for senior professionals was very well attended and received. Set plans include the hands-on training day in November 2023 and the annual conference in February 2024 in Manchester. The long-term strategy is:

- Aim to hold large event in Scotland 2025 & Wales 2026
- Simulation training days to be held twice per year (rotating locations)
- Repeat March's single day senior event at RCP once a year

All main sponsors have agreed their support. The vision is to always provide 'not-for-profit' education and to provide bursaries where needed.

6. Audit report

Mark Dayer (MD) reported there are ongoing discussions regarding sharing data with MDOR, MHRA, NCIP and EuroHeart and about receiving data from ICD-10 discharge data and ONS mortality data. MD is also working with MINAP and Heart Failure national audit to combine data.

Current proposals are for NICOR to put together a portal to allow data entry of the QoL measures and for real-time data entry of device and ablation procedures into the NICOR website. There is a target to produce the new NICOR report by December which is likely to be based around Power BI charts.

7. Research Report

Ross Hunter (RH) reported the BHRS Multi-Centre Research group was established to review and support studies. He gave an update on the larger ongoing trials which included: CRAFT HF headed by Pier Lambiase, PROTECT HF headed by Zach Whinnett and EPIC AF headed up by John Silberbauer.

8. Treasurer Report

Steve Murray (SM) gave an overview of incomings and outgoings for the last financial year and reported a healthy balance of £214,442. Funds continue to be invested in the App, exam, education and annualised grants.

9. AOB

None.

11. Closing remarks

Today's AGM marks the end of AKBS term as BHRS President. On behalf of council EG thanked AKBS for taking BHRS successfully through some very turbulent times. AKBS expressed his joy at Eleri Gregory taking her position as BHRS President and wished her all the best. AKBS thanked everyone for attending and for their incredible work during his term.