The Society of Anaesthetists of the Southwestern Region

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
22nd November 2019

MShed, Bristol

The meeting was opened by the President Dr Mike Kinsella

19.01 Apologies for absence were received from Tom Barrett and Johannes Retief.

19.02 Presidents remarks
Mike Kinsella (MK) thanked the great SASWR team. The new website and online membership scheme are up and running and working well. Many thanks to Ben Howes, who has managed the transition almost singlehandedly. We also have an updated constitution for the first time since 2004. Thanks to Kathy Holder for helping to amend it.

19.03 Minutes of AGM 6 December 2018
MK pointed out that the meeting was opened by Andy Burgess, not MK. Otherwise the minutes were accepted with no other comments.

19.04 Hon Sec Report
This year the minutes from the previous AGM, the agenda, and any other information for the AGM were posted on the website in advance. Hopefully everybody received an email, inviting them to read the documents before the AGM. We plan to publish the minutes and agenda on the website before each AGM. The Spring meeting in North Devon was very successful. It succeeded in its aim to be a family friendly meeting, to replace the overseas meeting. Hopefully we will have similar success at the Truro meeting in May 2020.

19.05 Hon Treasurers report
Ed Morris (EM) told us that this SASWR meeting is on Twitter. He thanked the Bristol organising committee, Gemma Nickols, Helen Johnston and Andy Bartlett. For the first time at a SASWR meeting, we would be running a parallel session, an EEG workshop. He reported that the meetings make a profit, while subscriptions cover the running costs of the society, so our rates are probably set at about the right level. Tom Barrett, from Taunton will take over as treasurer from 2020.

19.06 Report from Editor of Anaesthesia Points West.
Mark Pauling, deputy editor, reported that from spring 2020, only members who have registered on the new electronic membership, would receive a copy of APW. Members can also request to receive only an electronic version of APW. Remember that SASWR offers a

travelling bursary; details in APW, Articles which are published in abstract form in APW can also be published elsewhere.

19.07 Prizes and Awards
(i) Presidents prize. This was awarded in absentia to Ben Howes, who was unable to attend SASWR, for family reasons. BH has single handedly sorted out the new website and online membership, which is working very well. MK wished him and his family well.
(ii) SASWR Intersugical Prize. This was awarded to Katie Samuel at SASWR in December 2018.
(iii) New Travelling Bursary. This has been awarded to Abby Harper, for her travels to India and Nepal. She will write a report for APW after her return.

19.08 SWARM and STAR update
SASWR continues to support SWARM and STAR. There was no formal report at the AGM (PD contacted them too late). However, SWARM sent a report later, which is attached.

19.09 Future Meetings
(i) Truro May 20-21 2020
(ii) Exeter autumn 2020 – date tbc

19.10 Announcement of new president
The committee proposed Dr Colin Berry as the next president

19.11 AOB
(i) changes to the constitution.
The constitution was last updated in 2004. The only version that EM could find was an uneditable pdf.
The old constitution and the proposed changes had been made available on the website before the meeting, for members to peruse. There were no comments from the floor; the changes were approved by the committee and a show of hands.
(ii) changes to reimbursement policy.
EM thanked MK and KH for their work on the constitution. Following the cuts to the NHS study leave budget, there have been changes to the reimbursement policy for speakers at SASWR, and the expenses policy has been extended to include the treasurer.

19.12 date of next AGM
Autumn meeting 2020, date tbc.

19.13. Installation of new president
MK formally handed over the presidency to Dr Kathy Holder. KH thanked MK, and presented him with a Bristol Blue Glass Decanter on behalf of the society.