

MINUTES

ASGBI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thursday 29th June 2023, 12.00 – 13.00

1.	Welcome from the President	Document
	i. Declarations of any conflicts of interests or loyalties by Fellows. The President, Ms Gill Tierney, welcomed members to 2023 AGM, held via Zoom. NOTED: No conflicts of interests or loyalties were declared by those present.	
PART I: REPORT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR		
2.	Deaths	
	i. In memoriam NOTED: The deaths of the following members during the past year, were noted with deep regret: Jas E. Mullens John Terblanche A moments silence was observed in tribute to their long-standing contribution and support.	
3.	Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting	
	i. To receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th June 2022. NOTED: The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 29th June 2022, via Zoom, distributed as Document A, were approved.	A
PART II: ASGBI MEMBERSHIP COMPANY		
4.	Brief overview of the previous year's activities	
	i. To receive a verbal report from the President. The President provided a report on activities since the previous AGM: • ASGBI International Surgical Congress 2023: Hugely successful event which took place in Harrogate from 17-19th May. Over 700 delegates attended. • Emergency General Surgery (EGS) Symposium 2022: Hybrid event in Nottingham which took place on Wednesday 28th September. Attended by a total of 250 delegates. • Fellowships and Awards: The ASGBI is proud to have provided over £35,000 in fellowships and awards to members during 2022. • ASGBI 4 Seasons: A new programme of virtual events running throughout 2023, free to attend for all ASGBI members. • Webinar Programme: The EGS webinar programme continues to be successful. • Collaborative Working: The ASGBI works collaboratively with other subspeciality associations and the Royal Colleges. Also contributing to the COVID-19 Public Enquiry.	

	• Industry Partnerships: The ASGBI has a strong strategic partnership programme and is grateful to all industry partners for their support. • BJS Society (BJSS): The ASGBI continues to hold Strategic Partnership status with the BJSS. NOTED: The President recognised and thanked the efforts of the Executive Board, Regional Representatives, members of committees and the Secretariat. The ASGBI is committed to generating good energy and value for its members.													
	ii. Memorandum and Articles of ASGBI Ltd. NOTED: The Memorandum and Articles of ASGBI Ltd, distributed as Document B, has been provided for information only. No changes or special resolutions have been proposed. Significant changes were made during the previous AGM when it was agreed to implement a democratic full membership vote for the role of President-Elect and Representative on RCSEng Council, in line with recommendations from the Kennedy Report.	B												
5.	Directors and Members of Council													
	i. Directors demitted NOTED: Below were the Directors that had demitted from the Executive Board over the last 12 months: <table><tr><td>President (until 31.12.2022)</td><td>Mr Neil Welch</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Finance</td><td>Mr Siong-Seng Liau</td></tr></table> The President thanked Mr Neil Welch for his steady leadership and Mr Siong-Seng Liau for ensuring financial stability through the pandemic.	President (until 31.12.2022)	Mr Neil Welch	Director of Finance	Mr Siong-Seng Liau									
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	ii. Appointment of Directors to the Executive Board of Directors NOTED: Below were the Directors appointed to the Executive Board over the last 12 months: <table><tr><td>President Elect</td><td>Mr Christian Macutkiewicz</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Finance</td><td>Mr Giles Bond-Smith</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Scientific Programme</td><td>Mr Dimitrios Damaskos</td></tr></table> The President thanked Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, for service as Director of Scientific Programme, prior to the appointment of President Elect.	President Elect	Mr Christian Macutkiewicz	Director of Finance	Mr Giles Bond-Smith	Director of Scientific Programme	Mr Dimitrios Damaskos							
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	iv. Members of Council demitted office NOTED: Below were the Council members that had demitted appointed over the last 12 months: ASGBI Nominee on RCS England Council ASGBI Representative on Intercollegiate Specialty Board in General Surgery Regional Representative for North West ASGBI Representative on NCEPOD Steering Group Professor Peter Sagar Mr Roy Spence Mr Jonathan Epstein Mr Mark Lansdown The President thanked all demitting Council members for their hard work and valuable contribution to the Association.	
	v. Members appointed or elected to Council NOTED: Below have been appointed or elected to Council over the last 12 months: President of the Moynihan Academy Vice President of the Moynihan Academy ASGBI Nominee on RCS England Council ASGBI Representative on Intercollegiate Specialty Board in General Surgery Regional Representative for North West Regional Representative for Scotland East Regional Representative for South Central Regional Representative for Republic of Ireland Mr Michael Okocha Miss Kellie Bateman Mr Jonathan Epstein Mr Kishore Pursnani Mr Paul Goldsmith Mr Michael Hughes Ms Anjana Singh Mr Mark Grannell	
6.	Election of Fellows of the Association During the Previous Year	C
	NOTED: A full list of all Fellows (Retired, Affiliate, Associate, Full and Corresponding) elected to membership of the Association since the previous AGM, was distributed as Document C.	
7.	Honorary Fellowship	
	i. Honorary Fellowship was conferred to: NOTED: Honorary Fellowships were conferred to the below at the ASGBI 2023 Congress in Harrogate: Professor Robert Lim Sir Andrew Goddard	
8.	Designated Societies	
	i. To note that Designated Society status had not been conferred this year NOTED: No Designated Society status had been conferred over the last 12 months.	
9.	Financial Report	D
	ii. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 st December 2021	E



	The Director of Finance summarised the written report, distributed as Document D. Full Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021, distributed as Document E. NOTED: It was noted that the Association will not increase membership fees in 2024 despite the rise in operational costs; members present expressed positive feedback on this decision. The Director of Finance thanked the Executive Board and committees who deliver on all ASGBI programmes which generate income and members. Director of Finance also thanked ACS Global who provide Secretariat services to the Association and the ASGBI will be maintaining this contract.	
	iii. To approve Ford Bentall LLP as the Association's Auditors for 2022 NOTED: It was agreed that, on the recommendation of the Executive Board, Ford Bentall LLP should be appointed as the Association's Auditors for 2022.	
10.	Written reports from Directors	
	i. President Elect NOTED: A written report was provided by the President Elect, Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, distributed as Document F.	F
	ii. Director of Scientific Programme NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Scientific Programme, Mr Dimitrios Damaskos, distributed as Document G.	G
	iii. Director of Education NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Education, Mr Ben Griffiths, distributed as Document H.	H
	iv. Director of Emergency General Surgery NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Emergency General Surgery, Ms Sonia Lockwood, distributed as Document I.	I
	v. Director of Research NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Research, Professor Susan Moug, distributed as Document J.	J
	vi. Director of Media and Engagement NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Media and Engagement, Mr Ravi Vohra, distributed as Document T.	T
11.	Report from the SAC in General Surgery	K
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the SAC in General Surgery, Ms Sarah Downey, distributed as Document K.	
12.	ASGBI Representative to the Council of the RCS England	L
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Representative to the Council of the RCS England, Professor Peter Sagar, distributed as Document L. The President also noted this to be the last official duty of the current representative and thanked Professor Sagar for his outstanding commitment to the ASGBI.	



13.	Report from the Moynihan Academy	M
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the President of the Moynihan Academy, Mr Michael Okocha, distributed as Document M. The President thanked the Moynihan Academy President, Vice-President and full Council for the huge progress made over the last 12 months.	
PART III: SURGICAL INDEMNITY SCHEME (SIS) AND MEDICOLEGAL		
14.	Report on the SIS Ltd. a wholly owned subsidiary of the ASGBI	
	The President advised that SIS Ltd is a subsidiary company owned by ASGBI Ltd which provides surgeons with the opportunity for private indemnity. NOTED: The ASGBI is currently in discussions with the Broker, Gallagher, on whether this company should continue.	
PART IV: ASGBI CHARITY		
15.	Report on the ASGBI Charity; formerly The Surgical Foundation	
	The President advised that ASGBI Charity is the charitable arm of the ASGBI and was formerly known as The Surgical Foundation. ASGBI Charity is a separate entity from ASGBI Ltd. NOTED: The Trustees of ASGBI Charity are currently in discussions regarding the future of the organisation.	
PART V: ITEMS FOR NOTE		
16.	Intercollegiate Board in General Surgery	N
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the representative on the Intercollegiate Board in General Surgery, Mr Tim Cook, distributed as Document N.	
17.	Report from SAS Doctors Representative	O
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the SAS Doctors Representative, Mr Fuad Abid, distributed as Document O. The President acknowledged the efforts of Mr Abid for making the ASGBI a more inclusive organisation.	
18.	Report from Lead in General Surgery Childhood	P
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Lead in General Surgery Childhood, Mr David MacAfee, distributed as Document P.	
19.	Report from Trauma Lead	Q
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Trauma Lead, Ms Kate Hancorn, distributed as Document Q.	
20.	Report from Representative for CRG on NELA	R
	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Representative for CRG on NELA, Ms Sarah Duff, distributed as Document R.	
21.	Report from Medicolegal Lead	S



	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Medicolegal Lead, Mr Parv Sains, distributed as Document S.							
22.	Moynihan Travelling Fellowship 2023							
	i. To note that the 2023 Moynihan Travelling Fellowship was awarded to: NOTED: The 2023 Moynihan Travelling Fellowship was awarded to: Miss Rachel Guest, HPB surgeon, University of Edinburgh							
23.	Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Prizes							
	i. To note Association Prizes for outstanding performance at the Intercollegiate Examination in General Surgery were awarded to: NOTED: The Association Prizes for outstanding performance at the Intercollegiate Examination in General Surgery were awarded to: <table><tr><td>February 2022</td><td>Mr Martin Walls</td></tr><tr><td>May 2022</td><td>Ms Jessie Elliott</td></tr><tr><td>September 2022</td><td>Miss N C Hodges</td></tr></table>	February 2022	Mr Martin Walls	May 2022	Ms Jessie Elliott	September 2022	Miss N C Hodges	
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PART VI: ANY OTHER BUSINESS								
24.	Motions from the floor							
	NOTED: The Full, Associate and Corresponding Fellows were invited to submit motions for inclusion on the agenda by 5.00pm on Tuesday 13th June, and no such motions were received.							
25.	2024 International Surgical Congress							
	NOTED: The next International Surgical Congress of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in Belfast from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th May 2024.							
PART VII: IMPORTANT NOTICES								
	NOTED: In accordance with the provisions in the Association’s ‘Memorandum and Articles of Association,’ notice of the 2023 Annual General Meeting was distributed by email to Fellows of ASGBI on 30th May 2023.							
	NOTED: In accordance with Section 9 of the ASGBI ‘Articles of Association’, any member of the Association (i.e. Associate, Full or Corresponding Fellow) unable to attend the AGM were invited to appoint another person as their proxy to exercise all or any of the Members rights to attend and to speak and to vote at the AGM, no such requests were received. It was also noted that there were no items on the agenda which were applicable to a member vote.							

There being no further business, the ASGBI 2023 AGM closed at 12.30pm

