

MINUTES

ASGBI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 18th June 2025, 12.00 – 13.00

1.	Welcome from the President	Document
	i. Declarations of any conflicts of interests or loyalties by Fellows. The President, Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, welcomed members to 2025 AGM, held via Teams. 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 death of Mr Neil Smart was noted with deep regret. A moments silence was observed in tribute to his long-standing contribution to surgery and support.	
3.	Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting	
	i. To receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2024. NOTED: The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 27th June 2024, 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. Over the past year, the Association has delivered several key initiatives. The EGS Day in Manchester was well attended and financially successful. The Four Seasons webinar series continues, with a focus on EGS, trauma, and colorectal topics. The Annual Congress in Edinburgh received excellent delegate and industry feedback. The Moynihan Academy weekend was held in Birmingham, with future events planned alongside the EGS Day. Collaboration with surgical colleges has increased, notably with Edinburgh, as part of the Congress this year. The Schools Visit Programme, in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, was impactful, influencing career choices among students. Strategic partnerships with J&J, Baxter, and EIDO remain positive despite broader funding pressures. Miss Gill Tierney's Surgival Leaders in Management (SLiM) network has expanded its reach and profile.	

	International engagement has grown through strengthened ties with SAGES and other global surgical societies. ASGBI will participate in the SAGES-led Global Laparoscopic Advancement Programme (GLAP). Engagement with the FSSA continues, with a key meeting in July. Patient involvement has been enhanced with the appointment of four representatives. The Board thanks all members, representatives and committees for their dedication over the past year.													
	ii. Memorandum and Articles of ASGBI Ltd. NOTED: The Memorandum and Articles of ASGBI Ltd was distributed as Document B.	B												
	iii. Special resolutions NOTED: There were no special resolutions to propose.													
5.	Directors and Members of Council													
	i. Directors demitted NOTED: The President acknowledged and thanked the following Directors who have recently demitted. <table><tr><td>President</td><td>Miss Gill Tierney (31.12.2024)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Research</td><td>Ms Susan Moug (31.12.2024)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity</td><td>Miss Nuha Yassin (31.12.2024)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Emergency General Surgery</td><td>Miss Sonia Lockwood (31.12.2024)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Education & Training</td><td>Mr Ben Griffiths (31.05.2025)</td></tr></table>	President	Miss Gill Tierney (31.12.2024)	Director of Research	Ms Susan Moug (31.12.2024)	Director of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity	Miss Nuha Yassin (31.12.2024)	Director of Emergency General Surgery	Miss Sonia Lockwood (31.12.2024)	Director of Education & Training	Mr Ben Griffiths (31.05.2025)			
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	ii. Appointment of Directors to the Executive Board of Directors NOTED: The President announced the following newly appointed Directors: <table><tr><td>President Elect</td><td>Mr Jonanthan Epstein (01.01.2025)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Research</td><td>Miss Marianne Hollyman (01.01.2025)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity</td><td>Miss Kiran Altaf (01.01.2025)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Emergency General Surgery</td><td>Mr Adam Peckham Cooper (01.01.2025)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Education & Training</td><td>Mr Nicholas Watson (01.06.2025)</td></tr><tr><td>Director of Trauma</td><td>Miss Kate Hancorn (01.05.2025)</td></tr></table>	President Elect	Mr Jonanthan Epstein (01.01.2025)	Director of Research	Miss Marianne Hollyman (01.01.2025)	Director of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity	Miss Kiran Altaf (01.01.2025)	Director of Emergency General Surgery	Mr Adam Peckham Cooper (01.01.2025)	Director of Education & Training	Mr Nicholas Watson (01.06.2025)	Director of Trauma	Miss Kate Hancorn (01.05.2025)	
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	iii. To confirm the reappointment of the following Executive NOTED: Below were the Directors reappointed to the Executive Board over the previous 12 months: <table><tr><td>President (until 31.12.2026)</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><tr><td>Director of Communications,</td><td></td></tr></table>	President (until 31.12.2026)	Mr Christian Macutkiewicz	Director of Finance	Mr Giles Bond-Smith	Director of Scientific Programme	Mr Dimitrios Damaskos	Director of Communications,						
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6.	Election of Fellows of the Association During the Previous Year 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.	C
7.	Honorary Fellowship	
	i. Honorary Fellowship was conferred to: NOTED: Honorary Fellowship was conferred to Dr Dana Telem at the ASGBI 2025 Congress in Edinburgh.	
8.	Designated Societies NOTED: No Designated Society status had been conferred over the last 12 months.	
9.	Financial Report	D
	i. Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 The Director of Finance summarised the written report, distributed as Document D. Full Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023, distributed as Document E. NOTED: It was noted that membership fees will be restructured effective 1 st January 2026.	E
	ii. To approve Ford Bentall LLP as the Association's Auditors NOTED: It was agreed that, on the recommendation of the Executive Board, Ford Bentall LLP should be re-appointed as the Association's Auditors for 2024 accounts.	
10.	Written reports from Directors	
	i. President NOTED: A written report was provided by the President, Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, distributed as Document F.	F
	ii. Director of Emergency General Surgery NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Emergency General Surgery, Mr Adam Peckham Cooper, distributed as Document G.	G
	iii. Director of Research NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Research, Miss Marianne Hollyman, distributed as Document H.	H
	iv. Director of Education and Training NOTED: A written report was provided by the previous Director of Education and Training, Mr Ben Griffiths, distributed as Document I.	I
	v. Director of Scientific Programme NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Scientific Programme, Mr Dimitrios Damaskos, distributed as Document J.	J
	vi. Director of Communications, Media & Engagement	K

	NOTED: A written report was provided by the Director of Communications, Media & Engagement, Mr Ravi Vohra, distributed as Document K.	
11.	ASGBI Representative to the Council of the RCS England NOTED: A written report was provided by the ASGBI Representative to the Council of the RCS England, Mr Jonathan Epstein, distributed as Document L.	L
12.	Report from the Moynihan Academy NOTED: A written report was provided by the President of the Moynihan Academy, Mr Jared Wohlgemut, distributed as Document M.	M
PART III: SURGICAL INDEMNITY SCHEME (SIS)		
13.	Report on the SIS Ltd. a wholly owned subsidiary of the ASGBI NOTED: SIS is no longer trading and is undergoing voluntary wind-up proceedings.	
PART IV: ASGBI CHARITY		
14.	Report on the ASGBI Charity; formerly The Surgical Foundation NOTED: ASGBI Charity has been inactive due to historic pension matters requiring legal support. Both sides are now working towards a solution.	
PART V: ITEMS FOR NOTE		
15.	Intercollegiate Board in General Surgery NOTED: A written report was provided by the representative on the Intercollegiate Board in General Surgery, Mr Kishore Pursani, distributed as Document N.	N
16.	Report from Lead in General Surgery Childhood NOTED: A written report was provided by the Lead in General Surgery Childhood, Mr David MacAfee, distributed as Document O.	O
17.	Report from Medicolegal Lead NOTED: A written report was provided by the Medicolegal Lead, Mr Parv Sains, distributed as Document P.	P
18.	Report from Representative on NCEPOD Steering Group NOTED: A written report was provided by the Representative on NCEPOD Steering Group, Ms Anne Pullyblank, distributed as Document Q.	Q
19.	Report from SAS Doctors Representative NOTED: A written report was provided by the SAS Doctors Representative, Mr Fuad Abid, distributed as Document R.	R
20.	Report from Sustainability Lead NOTED: A written report was provided by the Sustainability Lead, Mr Anthony Chan, distributed as Document S.	S
21.	Report from Robotic and MIS Lead NOTED: A written report was provided by the Robotic and MIS Lead, Mr Shakil Ahmed, distributed as Document T.	T
22.	Moynihan Travelling Fellowship 2025	

	i. To note that the 2025 Moynihan Travelling Fellowship was awarded to: NOTED: The 2025 Moynihan Travelling Fellowship was awarded to Mr Matt Lee, Honorary Research Fellow, University of Birmingham.							
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 during 2024 were awarded to: NOTED: The Association Prizes for outstanding performance at the Intercollegiate Examination in General Surgery were awarded to: <table><tr><td>Miss Nabeela Malik</td><td>Feb-24</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Sam Mason</td><td>May-24</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Éanna Ryan</td><td>Sep-24</td></tr></table>	Miss Nabeela Malik	Feb-24	Mr Sam Mason	May-24	Mr Éanna Ryan	Sep-24	
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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 Friday 30th May 2025, and that no such motions were received.							
25.	2025 International Surgical Congress							
	NOTED: The next International Surgical Congress of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in Brighton from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May 2026.							
PART VII: IMPORTANT NOTICES								
	NOTED: In accordance with the provisions in the Association’s ‘Memorandum and Articles of Association,’ notice of the 2025 Annual General Meeting was distributed by email to Fellows of ASGBI on 23rd April 2025.							
	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 but wish 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 should apply, in writing, for a ‘Proxy Notice’ from the General Manager at: jillian@asgbi.org.uk							