



Minutes of BiAnnual General Meeting (BAGM)

6th May 2021 at the 9th European Meeting, eESPA via Zoom

BAGM: Documents circulated prior to meeting and also available in a shared link during the meeting – Agenda; Annual Report; treasurer report; 2019 BAGM minutes; constitution v5; ESPA scientific committee role description; scientific committee expression of interest form

1. Welcome and Quorate

- 1.1 Meeting declared quorate – 57 logged on to the call at the time of the BAGM (including committee)
- 1.2 Introduction of achievements since 2019, JD noted that membership fee to ESPA included in ESPA registration fee
- 1.3 As a first virtual BAGM and with limitations of discussion, delegates were invited to submit comments on the documents and questions for the committee to address by 22nd April 2021. No comments were received. Delegates were also invited during the meeting to raise significant issues via the chat function, no comments received.

2. Minutes of BAGM held on 22nd March 2019

- 2.1 Minutes of 2019 BAGM meeting agreed

3. Reports:

- 3.1 ESPA Annual Report
 - 3.1.1 Website: www.espaspinal.org has been updated, all encouraged to visit. Information shared online for membership to access e.g. membership, sponsorship policy, committee roles, data protection, conference registration.
 - 3.1.2 Discussed proposed change to the Constitution - for ESPA to have a permanent correspondence address at the Clinical Psychology Department at Stoke Mandeville.
- 3.2 ESPA 2019-2021 treasurer report
- 3.3 All Zoom poll function for membership approval were shared during the meeting with those present
 - 3.3.1 ESPA 2019-2021 Treasurer's Report (41 or 57 delegates voted, 100% voted yes)
 - 3.3.2 Proposed changes to the Constitution (41 or 57 delegates voted, 100% voted yes)
 - 3.3.3 2019 BAGM minutes (41 or 57 delegates voted, 100% voted yes)
 - 3.3.4 ESPA 2021 Annual Report (41 or 57 delegates voted, 100% voted yes)

4. Election of Officers:

Proposed, Endorsed and voted for each role:

- 5.1 Chair – Dr Jane Duff proposed, endorsed, and voted as Chair.

5.2 Secretary/Treasurer – Dr Jasmine Hearn proposed, endorsed, and voted as Secretary/Treasurer.

5.3 Elected Officers of the Executive Committee – Dr Peter Lude, Dr Magnus Elfstrom proposed, endorsed, and voted as Elected Officers of the Executive Committee.

For all of above 44 of 57 delegates voted, 100% voted yes

Scientific committee members proposed and endorsed:

5.4 Dr Tijn van Diemen and Dr Katherine Finlay – technical difficulties with this poll means the results were not downloaded, however these results were shared during the meeting and the voting pattern and approvals were similar to the Executive Committee posts.

5. AOB

None raised



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