



Minutes of BiAnnual General Meeting (BAGM)

13th May 2022 at the 10th European Conference, Dublin

BAGM: Documents circulated prior to meeting – Agenda; Annual Report; Treasurer Report; 2021 BAGM minutes; ESPA role description for secretary; scientific committee expression of interest form

1. Welcome and Quorate

- 1.1 Meeting declared quorate – 26 of 34 in person delegates registered were present (including committee)
- 1.2 Introduction of achievements since 2021, JD noted that membership fee to ESPA was included in registration fee

2. Minutes of eBAGM held on 6th May 2021

- 2.1 Minutes of 2021 BAGM meeting agreed and accepted by those present.

3. Reports:

3.1 ESPA Annual Report

- 3.1.1 Website: www.espaspinal.org has been updated, all encouraged to visit. Information was shared online for membership to access e.g. membership, sponsorship policy, committee roles, data protection, conference registration. Accepted by those present.

3.2 ESPA 2021-2022 Treasurer Report

- 3.2.1 No comments/questions from delegates. Accepted by those present.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes and new items for consideration:

- 4.1 ESPA Reach – membership encouraged to help ESPA reach out to new European Countries and potential members and let the committee know contact information
- 4.2 Members Hub/List serve:
 - 4.2.1 Open Forum – people can post including a subject that people can then comment on – this is not monitored - £250
 - 4.2.2 Closed Forum – as above but people have a log in and can be monitored for what is being published on the site - £350
 - 4.2.3 Discussion included the risks of non-engagement in online hub, lack of time to access (11 people voted in favour, and 2 not in favour)

5. 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 stepped down as secretary. Dr Magnus Elfström endorsed and voted as interim Secretary/Treasurer.

5.3 Elected Officers of the Executive Committee – Dr Peter Lude, Dr Magnus Elfström, Dr Tijn van Diemen proposed, endorsed, and voted as Elected Officers of the Executive Committee.

For all of above 26 delegates voted, 100% voted yes

Scientific committee members proposed and endorsed:

5.4 Marion Gounelle, Dr Ingo Pals, Olivia Barrett

5.5 Dr Katherine Finlay stepped down from scientific committee

For all of above 26 delegates voted, 100% voted yes

6. Any Other Business

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