

Fifty-second RCPsych Annual General Meeting

11 July 2023, 6pm

Minutes

The fifty-second Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held face-to-face at the Arena and Convention Centre (ACC), Liverpool on Tuesday, 11 July with online streaming via Zoom.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held on Tuesday 11 July 2023. The President, Dr Adrian James, welcomed everyone. The meeting was chaired by the President. There was a total of 425 attendees joining online and face-to-face. Attendees including members, the four Honorary Officers, the Chief Executive and College staff.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 20 June 2022, Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (Special Meeting) held on 8 September 2022, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28 November 2022, and published on the College website were approved and signed.

Proposed: Professor John Crichton

Seconded: Dr Trudi Seneviratne

2. Obituaries

The Registrar read out the Obituaries.

3. President's Report

Report from the President (enclosed) was noted. In addition, the President announced the names of this year's President Medal winners and new Honorary Fellows.

4. Registrar's Report

Report from the Registrar (enclosed) was noted.

5. Dean's Report

Report from the Dean (enclosed) was noted.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.a To receive the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2022

The Treasurer presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2022.

6.b To re-appoint external auditors of the College to hold office until the next AGM

The appointment of Haysmacintyre as Auditors of the College to hold office until the next AGM was approved.

Proposed: Dr Trudi Seneviratne

Seconded: Professor Subodh Dave

6.c To approve the proposed fee and subscription rates with effect from 1 January 2024 Report from the Treasurer (enclosed) was noted.

The proposed fees and subscription rates with effect from 1 January 2024 were approved.

Proposed: Professor Wendy Burn

Seconded: Dr Helen Crimlisk

7. To approve the proposed amendments to the Bye Laws and the Supplemental Charter

7.a Resolution 1 – Supplemental Charter- voting rights for Affiliates and associated changes

7.b Resolution 2 – Byelaws – voting rights for Affiliates and associated changes

7.c Resolution 3 – Byelaws - The Council be renamed "Council of the College"

7.d Resolution 4 – Byelaws - To allow for International Division Chairs to be members of the Council, with them attending virtually

The President outlined the proposals, put forward by him and the other three Officers, to amend both the Supplemental Charter and the Bye Laws as detailed in the Resolutions.

All proposals had been endorsed by Council, approved by the Board of Trustees, and provisionally agreed by the Privy Council prior to the AGM, as is necessary according to the Bye Laws and Regulations when seeking to make changes to how the College operates.

Contributions were welcomed from the floor on both resolutions. Couple of members were invited to speak in favour and against the proposals.

A vote took place online on all four Resolutions to amend the Supplemental Charter and Bye Laws.

The President announced the result of the voting as follows:

- Resolution 1 - Supplemental Charter- voting rights for Affiliates and associated changes, 44.2% in favour, 55.8% against
- Resolution 2 – Byelaws – voting rights for Affiliates and associated changes, 43.9% in favour, 56.1% against
- Resolution 3 – Byelaws - The Council be renamed "Council of the College", 74.5% in favour, 25.5% against

- Resolution 4 – To allow for International Division Chairs to be members of the Council, with them attending virtually, 67.5% in favour, 32.5% against

The President thanked everyone for taking part in the vote on the resolutions and allowing the College to make a final decision on these matters, subject to final Privy Council approval.

Formal part of the meeting concluded.