

Fifty-first RCPsych Annual General Meeting

20 June 2022 8.30 – 9.30am

Minutes

The fifty-first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held face-to-face at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on Monday 20 June with online streaming via Zoom.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held on Monday 20 June 2022. The President, Dr Adrian James, welcomed everyone. The meeting was chaired by the President. There were 492 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 online on Wednesday 23 June 2021 and published on the College website were approved and signed.

Proposed: Dr John Crichton

Seconded: Dr Subodh Dave

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.

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

The President asked for a proposer and seconder to the Resolution to amend the Supplemental Charter.

Proposed: Dr Trudi Seneviratne

Seconded: Dr Anand Ramakrishnan

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.

The President noted that concerns had been raised about:

- The initially proposed new post-nominals.
- Votes for international associates.
- Lifting the cap on non-doctor membership (Mental Health Associates).
- Not introducing votes for pre-membership trainees (PMPTs) if introduced for Affiliates.

The President stated that the Officers are proposing an amendment to the Resolution to remove the proposed new post-nominals. All other matters were being voted as a single amendment to the Bye Laws rather than each proposal being voted on separately.

Contributions were welcomed from the floor on both resolutions. A range of views were expressed by members attending about the proposals or parts of the proposals. Some spoke in favour of the proposals and some against.

A vote took place both face-to-face and online on the first Resolution to amend the Supplemental Charter.

62% of members voting supported the Resolution. However, as it did not meet the two-thirds majority required, the motion was not passed.

It was not possible to vote on the proposed amendment to the Bye Laws because that first Resolution was not passed.

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

Report from the Treasurer (enclosed) was noted.

6.a Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2021

The Treasurer presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2021.

6.b Approval of the proposed fee and subscription rates with effect from 1 January 2023

The proposed fees and subscription rates with effect from 1 January 2023 were approved.
Proposed: Dr Trudi Seneviratne

Seconded: Professor Subodh Dave

7. Appointment of Auditors

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

Proposed: Dr Ananta Dave

Seconded: Dr Ian Hall