



BRITISH SOCIETY OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Thursday 9th December 2021, 14:20 – 15:10
SEC, Glasgow**

Minutes	
	Chairman: Dr Ian McCafferty, President BSIR
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2	Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held virtually on Thursday 26th November 2020, 13:00. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3	Matters Arising
	None.
4	The President's and Vice President's Address
	President's Address Dr Ian McCafferty, President of the BSIR, addressed the meeting welcoming members and thanking them for spending the time to attend the AGM. Speciality Status In 2018 the Society voted for speciality status, results showed overwhelmingly that membership were interested in pursuing speciality status. BSIR have been informed by GMC that they are not awarding any speciality status moving forward and are more interested in credentialing. What does speciality status really mean to BSIR: Visibility at ST1 – so IR can be seen as a career choice and be recruited into IR. Support was requested from the RCR, numerous meetings were held to discuss proposals/ideas. Proposals were then submitted to MDRS for consideration. ST1 preferencing was agreed in principle. Access to day case units – to gain admission rights. BSIR were involved in the GIRFT report produced by Kath Halliday, it was well documented that IR requires beds, and recognised that units with day case beds did well during COVID and do well providing elective services efficiently. Recommendations made included access to day case beds, this raised a flag with the director of GIRFT who put BSIR in touch with BADS (British Association of Day case surgery). BADS produce their own GIRFT report which they are keen for BSIR to be involved with. Moving forward this will enable us to be entered into the 'bible' that trusts / commissioners use when listing all day case activities.

	<p>GMC are currently supporting the Breast Surgeons obtaining Speciality Status, clearly there is a pathway for us to follow, BSIR are still working towards speciality status but it will be a slow process.</p>
5	Secretary's Report on Society Activities since previous AGM
5.1	<p>Professor Mo Hamady, Secretary of the BSIR, highlighted some of the activities BSIR had been involved with over the last 12 months.</p> <p>NICE</p> <p>Professor Hamady thanked members who continue to contribute on behalf of BSIR to the NICE consultations / guidelines we are frequently emailed about for comments and advice. This is an important exercise, BSIR is a major stakeholder in many of the documents and we must continue to show our presence and role in this policymaking.</p>
5.2	<p>BSIR Webinars</p> <p>A webinar will be held in February regarding the new IR Curriculum to address all issues related to the implementation, from understanding what the clinical training means, what are the challenges, exchanging examples of good practice, with the outcome that recommendations / suggestions can be fed back to the RCR through BSIR and IR Committee.</p>
5.3	<p>IR Academy</p> <p>Approved by BSIR Council and officers to address gaps of training, increase the profile of IR training, to increase profile and the role of BSIR in training and implementation of the curriculum.</p> <p>Professor Hamady was very pleased to hand over the role of Secretary to his successor Dr Raghu Lakshminarayan.</p>
6	Treasurer's Report on Society Activities since previous AGM and BSIR Accounts for Financial Year 2017/18 & Report on Year 2018/19 to date.
	<p>Dr Ram Kasthuri, BSIR Treasurer gave the following report.</p> <p>Dr Kasthuri reported last year's recommendations were: change bank accounts, appoint new accountants and increase membership fees.</p> <p>BSIR Bank Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natwest (with affiliated savings reserve account) services the BSIR Ltd Charity. • Bank of Scotland account currently services the ASM. <p>Since the restructure of BSIR, the Society needs to re-register with Charities Commission, once this is in place a new account will be opened for the BSIR Charity.</p> <p>Current Assets for BSIR Charity (01/12/2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schroder Unit Trust Ltd (investment account) £295,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NatWest Charity account (active account) £107,132.44 • NatWest Charity reserve: £106,217.70 <p>Accountants New Accountants Wheawill & Sudworth appointed April 2021.</p> <p>VAT BSIR Ltd Charity is now VAT de-regulated and BSIR Services Ltd is VAT registered</p> <p>Annual Membership Subscription As agreed in 2020 membership increases are: on 01/04/2021: Full Membership £220, Junior Membership £100, Corresponding Membership £170 from 01/04/2022 to: Full Membership £260, Junior Membership £120, Corresponding Membership £200.</p> <p>Support: Over the last 12 months BSIR has supported the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSIR Webinar Series • Interventional Oncology Uk (IOUK) • Advanced Practice Course • Paediatric IR Day • BSIRT / IR Juniors • Educational Grants to support members to attend the ASM • BSIR Bursaries – 2021 research & audit bursaries round to be announced shortly. <p>Re-structuring of staff has taken place over the last couple of months, with most becoming employees of the BSIR with appropriate contracts and pension arrangements in place.</p>
7	Treasurer Proposals
7.1	The Treasurer proposed BSIR to continue with the auditors Brian Paul Chartered Accountants, Ealing, London for 2021 – 2022. Agreed.
8	Members questions
	<p>Question: What is the difference between ST1 preferencing and FIT.</p> <p>Answer: ST1 preferencing essentially is FIT under a different guise, FIT failed mainly due to lack of support for the programme from TPD’s. BSIR is working with the support of Dr Geeta Menon Dean of Radiology to get IR TPD’s working alongside TPD’s to recognise what capacity exists within an area.</p> <p>Question How far away is BSIR from becoming a speciality?</p>

	<p>Answer: Dr McCafferty stated difficult to state a time, BSIR now have a better understanding of the hurdles the society is up against than previously. Officers’ reiterated RCR support is essential to move forward. Things that will aid the process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST1 preferencing more formalised into the system • Getting into the day case bed units • Getting IRs TPD’s <p>BSIR are still working towards speciality status but it will be a slow process.</p> <p>Question: RCR have a presidential election next year. Will BSIR lobby candidates about IR and speciality status?</p> <p>Answer: Yes. Several candidates have canvassed BSIR.</p> <p>Question: A query was raised regarding the costs associated with attending the ASM for nurses and radiographers.</p> <p>Answer: Dr Kasthuri confirmed that SIRNR members are eligible to apply for the BSIR Educational Grant.</p>
9.	Installation of Dr Phil Haslam as BSIR President for 2021-2023.
	<p>Dr Ian McCafferty handed over the Medal of Office to the new President, Dr Phil Haslam.</p> <p>Newly elected officers: 2021 – 2023 President: Dr Phil Haslam 2021 – 2023 Vice President: Dr Robert Morgan 2021 – 2023 Secretary: Raghuram Lakshminarayan</p> <p>Dr McCafferty thanked Dr Cleveland, Dr Haslam, Prof Hamady and Dr Kasthuri for all their advice and support over the last 2 years and wished Dr Phil Haslam good luck in his role as President.</p>
	AOB
	None
	Close of Meeting
	<p>The newly appointed President Dr Phil Haslam welcomed newly elected committee members into their roles, Dr Haslam stated BSIR committees all work extremely hard on a voluntary basis and are crucial to the success of BSIR and supporting council.</p> <p>Dr Haslam thanked all those who had attended for their time and declared the meeting closed.</p>

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