



British Society of
Gerodontology

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AGM 30th November 2023
Wellcome Institute, London**

Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees: Camilla Boynton, Mike Butler, Adele Cunningham, Thea Dickens, Mili Doshi, Daniel Gillway, Vicki Jones, Carolyn Joyce, Gerry McKenna, Kate Mortiboy, Preety Naik, Rakhee Patel, Chloe Paton, Georgina Prosser, Yvonne Rooney, Kiran Singh, Mark Taylor, Jessie Tebbutt, Becky Wassall

Committee apologies:

Jodie Bustin, Ros Davies, Debbie Lewis, Nirupy Shanmugathas

Review of minutes of AGM held 1st December 2022 - all agreed to be accurate representation

Officers Reports

1) President: Gerry McKenna – Written and Verbal report

- GMK gave a summary of two successful meetings in 2023. Delighted with diverse program and great attendance at both meetings (90 Spring 2023 and 125 Winter 2023). The feedback from Spring event was excellent and the hospitality team at Queen's deserve huge credit. Thanks given to the speakers, committee members who supported, particularly Mike and Mark with help in securing the venue for Winter meeting.
- VJ thanked GMK on behalf of BSG and raising the BSG profile within research.
- GMK happy to stay on BSG committee for another year as past president.
- GMK keen to contribute to BSG projects, in particular: development of guidelines for use of SDF in older adults and development of an online seminar series with the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

2) Treasurer: Mark Taylor – Verbal report with accounts on display.

- All doing well financially. Yvonne Rooney taking over as treasurer.
- Thank you to Sue Greening for auditing accounts. MT will take over as auditor from March 2024.
- Committee members BSG thanked Mark for his role as treasurer.
- No questions asked by BSG members at the AGM regarding displayed accounts.

3) Membership Secretary: Jodie Bustin – written report provided

Rosalyn Davies completed her term at the spring OGM and Jodie Bustin took over role November 2023. JB thanked Ros the fantastic work she has done to streamline and improve the process for new members joining the society and for the excellent communications with members.

MB, MT, RD and JB met with JASK in April 2023 to discuss ongoing issues around accessing up-to-date, relevant and correct information about our membership. Asked for database to be more user-friendly and refined in order to avoid duplication, to specify the type of membership (e.g. dcp/student/retired) and to ensure that the platform has the most up-to-date contact details for members.

Also asked for automatic welcome email to new members- JASK would need to build this in at a cost- tbc. Currently the membership secretary sends a generic welcome email to new members but this is more time-consuming.

Membership Report (correct as of 27.11.23)

193 Paid Members

- 2 Undergraduate students
- 1 Retired member
- 34 Dentist (without journal)
- 8 Dentist with journal
- 7 DCP 2 DCP with journal
- 139- not specified on the platform

4) Secretary Report: Nirupy Shanmugathas – apologies sent.

AC to support with submission of charity commission report for Jan 2024.

5) Website Editor: Mike Butler – Written report sent and verbal summary

Website reporting as of 28/11/2023

- Registered users: 1188
- Paid members: 195 (Stripe and PayPal legacy) – will vary with treasurer/membership secretary numbers
- Website charges summary given

Summary given on conference advertising and a breakdown of type of registrations for Winter 2023 event.

- 124 registered for event (includes 10 DCP places, exclude speakers)
 - Dentists BSG / non BSG 37/41 (62%)
 - DCP BSG/ non BSG 16/5 (16%)
 - StR BSG/ non BSG 11/9 (16%)
 - U/Grade 1, AHP: 5 (4%)
- Informed about meeting with JASK to refine membership databases and streamline payment system. Aim to allow members maximum 'self management' of membership payments / renewals.
 - Mailchimp used to circulate BSG delegate email successful
 - Handover to new website editor Dan Gillway outlined with transition January to March 2024.
 - Highlighted need for define committee roles and responsibilities and user guide to setting up / running conferences
 - Suggestion shared drive for BSG committee members. Can be stored on website but in PDF format

6) Sponsorship Secretary: Camilla Boynton – verbal report

- CB had contacted existing sponsors early for Winter meeting. Plan to re-establish links with Paul Keely from GC.
- CB asked for any suggestions on sponsorships. BW suggested linking with clinical dental technicians.
- Discussed uncertainty with sponsorship future. Companies are re-visiting if going to do sponsorship as budgets are reducing so may not be replying to requests.
- VJ and committee thanked Debbie Lewis for her 10 years as sponsorship secretary.

7) Social Media: Mili Doshi and Daniel Gillway – verbal report

MD manages X (twitter) and DG instagram. Frequent retweets, links and communication with other groups and societies. Social media reporting on the day of meetings is dependent on internet connection.

8) Poster Competition: Organised by Becky Wassall

- Poster competition summary given. Winners announced at Winter meeting and prizes for each category of £250. BW thanked committee members who were

judges. Agreed to continue to mark posters prior to the meeting. Thanks given to BW for organising.

- Discussed encouragement DCPs submitting posters. To offer mentorship poster competition 2024 and modify information provided to support.

9) Future Meetings 2024 – Adele Cunningham (President-Elect)

Spring meeting 14th June 2024:

Joint meeting with All Wales Special Interest Group (SIG) with chair Sarah Pick. Looking forward to welcoming the committee to Cardiff Raddison Blu Hotel.

Speakers include older person commissioner Wales, communication aids, stroke, remimazolam, patient story.

Winter meeting December 2024

Discussed possibility of booking the same venue again. MB, MT and YR kindly supported. Proposed date 5th December 2024 to link in with BSSCD the day after.

10)RCS Ed webinars – Verbal discussion GMK

GMK will continue to support joint webinars and will need speakers for 3 planned webinars in 2024. Grant McIntyre new president RCS Ed will support webinars.

11)Election of Officers – Vicki Jones (Chair)

VJ thanked all the people who are coming off the committee for their hard work and welcomed new committee members.

Vicki Jones, Mark Taylor, Debbie Lewis, Mike Butler stepping down as committee members and last BSG meeting attendance. VJ has been on BSG committee since 1988. MT will kindly take over Sue Greening as auditor. Mike will kindly help Daniel transition to website editor role in 2024.

Presentation to the giants of BSG and thanks given from all the committee members for amazing work over many years. All committee members agreed life time awards to be given.

- Thank you to the StR representatives Georgina Prosser, Kiran Singh and Michelle Wooi. Kiran opted to stay on the committee.
- New applicants for StR representative – Chloe Paton, Kate Mortiboy welcomed to the committee.

- Welcome to newly elected committee members Thea Dickens, Rakee Patel and Kiran Singh.
- Yvonne Rooney elected as treasurer.
- Camilla Boynton elected as sponsorship secretary.
- Milli Doshi elected as chair.
- Jodie Bustin elected as membership secretary.
- Daniel Gillway to support and take over Mike Butler with website editor role.
- Nirupy Shanmugathas unable to do role secretary for 2024. (Updated April 2024 Thea Dickens to kindly take over the role).
- Gerry Mc Kenna agreed to stay on committee for the year as past president.
- Becky Wassall agreed to be president elect for 2025 – will mark 20 years of charity status for BSG!

Members to encourage any DCP members who would like to join to please apply including clinical dental technicians. Thea Dickens suggested would be good to reach out to GDPs who undertake domiciliary visits to have representation on committee. Allied health professionals would also be welcome.

12) Constitution - all members agreed on constitution.

13) Oral Health Promotion Group – Ros Davies to lead and will re-establish group in 2024.

14) Charitable status – Vicki Jones (Chair)

- Two scientific meetings are held annually
- Charity Commission report to be submitted Jan 2024
- BSG members are involved SAC for Special Care Dentistry representatives (Milli Doshi, Jodie Bustin), joint spring meeting with SIG June 2024

15) Chair's Thanks

Last meeting at BSG. Thanks to Sue Greening BSG auditor, GMK president 2023 and speakers at meetings. Thank you to BSG committee and members for their continued support.

16) AOB

- DG and MD will start to look at denture care. Society support Franke Oral Health Foundation – safe denture care, one page position document.

- Domiciliary guidance to updated. YR, RP, BW are hoping to input to this. BSSCD stakeholder.

17) Presidency

Committee thanked GMK for a fantastic year as president. A formal welcome to president for 2024 AC with official handover.

Close of Meeting

Minutes agreed by AGM

Signed by Chair Vicki Jones

Date

Outstanding actions / to be discussed at future OGM

- 1) Action: SH to add sustainability into current constitution.**
- 2) Encourage GDPs to become BSG members**
- 3) Charity commission – need to have a social media policy**
- 4) SDF guidance**
- 5) Joint RSC Edinburgh Webinars**