

Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16th September 2021 at 12.30 pm

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Proposed Constitutional Changes

The Committee proposed that all election ballots are managed electronically.

The Committee would like to introduce two trainee posts to the Committee both overlapping by a year with each having a term of two years.

The positions of Chair and Honorary Secretary will be for 3 years but extendable for a further year.

This was voted on and unanimously agreed by the membership.

5. Treasures report

Total assets at September 2021 stand at £118,531. Accounts are submitted annually by Roddis Taylor Robinson Accountants.

VASGBI Membership

Current membership stands at 520 with an annual subscription of £25. The Society has now moved away from standing order to direct debit and the process for joining is done through the website electronically.

6. Research

VASGBI Grants

The VASGBI are offering a joint VASGBI/ACTACC/BJA Research Grant to the value of £75,000, the closing date for submissions is the 24th September 2021.

We have awarded two Trainee Project grants in 2021 these were awarded to Dr Akshay Shah from Oxford and Dr Cara Hughes from Glasgow.

Further trainee project grants will be awarded in 2022 details of which will be advertised on the VASGBI and NIAA websites.

VASGBI Surveys

The Society have formalised the way in which they review and advertise surveys and are hoping this will improve the quality and relevance to the membership. There will be a maximum of 2 surveys a year and further information and guidelines can be found on the VASGBI website.

VASGBI Collaborations

The Society works closely with the NVR to refine the anaesthesia datasets and encourage our members to engage in data entry.

We also work closely with the Vascular Society on their Audit and Quality Improvement Committee, the GIRFT project for Vascular Surgery and POVS (2021).

We are working with the Royal College of Anaesthetists CPOC and NAP7.

7. Education and Training

CPD Meeting January 2021

Dr Mouton outlined feedback from this year's virtual CPD event co-ordinated by Dr Judy Gudgeon from Frimley Hospital. The meeting received excellent feedback and had been very well received.

The Society website currently provides a selection of FRCA examination questions as a guide to those studying for the exam.

There is also a curriculum reading list which includes a selection of CPD articles, key trials and editorials which have been mapped to the new Royal College Curriculum.

8. Linkperson Scheme

The society have introduced a linkperson scheme to maintain links and encourage communication between VASGBI members throughout the UK and Ireland. This will provide a network of support for local projects such as guidelines and vascular service development. Currently 58 centres have identified a linkperson. Details of the scheme can be found on our website.

9. Future Meetings

The next ASM will be held at the ICC in Belfast on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th September 2022. The local organiser for the meeting is Dr Caroline Curry.

The 2023 ASM will be held in Brighton and the local organiser is Dr Vanessa Fludder.

If any members are interested in hosting an event then they should contact one of the Committee members or our Administration Manager, details can be found on the website.

10. AOB

There was no further business to discuss.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The date of time of the next meeting is Monday 26th September 2022 at 12.35 pm.