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Minutes of the seventy-eighth Annual General Meeting of the
Institute of Biomedical Science held via Zoom on
Friday 24 July 2020 at 11.20

Present: Mr A Wilson (President and Chair)
Mrs A Geddis (Past President)
Ms J Rodney (Chief Executive)
Plus a further 45 members with voting rights

In attendance – executive staff:

Mr M Finnie
Mr Daniel Nimmo
Ms S May
Mrs L Rigby
Miss N Rulliere
Mr A Wainwright

Apologies: Mr Gordon McNair

Before the meeting started, the Chair explained that due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID 19 and the social distancing guidelines, for the first time, the Annual General Meeting would be held virtually. The Chair also commented on the incredible work carried out by members and NHS staff during the COVID crisis.

The notice of the meeting was taken as read and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting that took place on 8th June 2019 were accepted and signed as a true record.

1. Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report of the Institute of Biomedical Science for 2019 and the accounts for the twelve months ended 31st December 2019 were received together with the report of the auditors.

The Chair gave a presentation highlighting some of the achievements of the Institute in 2019, detailed in full in the Annual Report:

- Congress 2019 was identified as a success in terms of educational content, delegate satisfaction and financial benefit
- The Institute recognised 10 regional Champions of Biomedical Science, who had shown dedication to the promotion, development and delivery of excellence in biomedical science.
- Through its ongoing involvement with a number of consultations, the Institute was able to provide members with professional standards and support. A notable achievement in this area was the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme recognising scientists with the Advanced Specialist Diploma in Histopathology Reporting as qualified to report screening programme biopsies.
- The launch of the new Certificate of Expert Practice in Point-of-Care Testing illustrated a good example of the IBMS reflecting changes in practice and enabling its members to expand their scope of practice in their ever-changing workplace.
- Biomedical Science Day 2019 was a resounding success with over 150 laboratories taking part and presented a great opportunity to raise the profile of the profession.

The Chair also explained that the Institute was working to increase awareness and understanding of biomedical scientists and their role in healthcare to a younger audience and this had been supported through the commissioning of a comic book called Superlab that has proved to be very popular.

Another way to reach to its members, was by the launch of “Our Voice is Your Voice”, a process through which any member could request a position statement on any subject that is relevant to the majority of the membership and ensuring that members could be heard at the highest level of the organisation.

The Chair reflected on the year to date. He commended the formidable efforts of the Institute and its members, highlighting the sheer will and expertise on display every day. He added that even though COVID 19 had been a terrible and tragic virus for many, he was proud to be able to help the general public understand what was going on as well as showcase the vital work of the IBMS members. He noted that this had led to an increased government recognition of the role of Biomedical Scientists and the funding needed for such work.

The Chair gave assurances that the Institute will continue to celebrate and promote the vital work carried out and the importance of laboratory services, and all those who work in them.

The Chair closed the presentation by recording his pride in the profession, and his honour of serving as President of the Institute.

Mr Mark Finnie, on behalf of the Treasurer, who had sent his apologies, made a presentation on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

Acceptance of the Annual Report and accounts were proposed by Mrs Joanna Andrew and seconded by Mr Charles Houston.

The proposal was carried.

2. Auditors

Haysmacintyre LLP, Chartered Accountants, were re-elected to serve as auditors for the ensuing year and it was agreed that their remuneration be fixed by the Council.

Proposed by Dr Jane Needham and seconded by Ms Helen Archer.

The proposal was carried.

3. Council Elections

(a) Election of National Members of Council

The Chair announced that two National members were due to retire at the close of the AGM, namely, Dr Victoria Bradley and Ms Joyce Overfield.

The Chair announced the result of the electoral ballot for the election of national members of Council submitted by the scrutineer. 3240 valid votes had been received in the ballot for national members of Council. Voting was as follows for the corporate members listed:

Helen Archer	655
Charles Houston	723
Zonya Jeffrey	687
Joyce Overfield	551
Sheri Scott	624

There being two vacancies for national members of Council, the Chair declared Mr Charlie Houston and Ms Zonya Jeffrey elected national members of Council to take office from the conclusion of the meeting for a term of three years, finishing at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2023.

(b) Regional Members of Council

The Chair announced that two regional members were due to retire at the close of the AGM, namely, Ms Helen Archer (Wales) and Dr Jane Needham (South East).

One nomination was received for Wales from Dr Victoria Bradley.

Therefore Dr Victoria Bradley was deemed duly elected regional member of Council for Wales, without the requirement for a ballot, to take office from the conclusion of the meeting for a term of three years, finishing at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2023.

The Chair announced the result of the electoral ballot for the election for the Council member for South East submitted by the scrutineer. 132 valid votes had been received in the ballot for the Council member for South East. Voting was as follows for the corporate members listed:

Clare Bailey	47
Dr Jane Needham	85

Dr Jane Needham was duly elected Council member for South East to take office from the conclusion of the meeting for a term of three years, finishing at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.