



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday, 25 September 2016 at 10:05

Room: Michelangelo, Rome Marriot Park Hotel, Rome, Italy

1. President's opening address

Andrew Ngu welcomed the members to the 2016 AGM and thanked them for attending.

The meeting was quorate with 193 members present.

2. Report of the Board and sub committees

Andrew began the meeting by congratulating ISUOG on the accomplishments of the year.

Andrew reminded the members of the current vision and mission of the Society:

Vision: That every woman has access to ultrasound, every ultrasound provider is competent and ultrasound has a meaningful impact on diagnosis and outcomes for obstetrical and gynecological complications.

Mission: To improve women's healthcare services through the provision and broadest dissemination of the highest quality education and research information around ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.

Andrew summarised the activities across the year, reflecting the activities which have been achieved in line with the Society's mission and vision. In line with the goal to achieve the highest quality standards in research, the Journal's impact factor has risen to 4.254, being the 6th Journal in its field and achieving 3228 UOG App downloads, 2080 Journal Club downloads and 2 million article downloads by year. Within the same goal, Andrew reviewed the attendance, satisfaction score and fulfilment of educational requirements of the congress and welcomed the 2055 delegates of the congress, including 746 new members.

In line with goals to ensure comprehensive education, ISUOG has actively worked towards improving its education offering at a basic training level, not just for the specialist, with 4494 trainees and 32 partnerships taking advantage of the 2 years free online trainee membership. Andrew also highlighted the availability of the basic training course in 4 languages and the number of Basic Training delegates in Montreal (743), the broad online learning offer and the translations of guidelines.

Within the goal to increase our international reach through membership growth and diversification, it was underlined the achievement of 13662 members by end 2015 (over the 10000 goal) and the importance to retain them. At the same time, 4 new partnerships were signed, including SIEOG.

In line with the goal to increase availability and access to ultrasound, Andrew reviewed the highlights of the Outreach activities, forthcoming projects and encouraged delegates to get involved with Outreach and attend the dedicated sessions at the congress.

ISUOG'S President also explained the increase on website traffic and social media to achieve the goal of improving communication and engagement. Finally, he outlined the upcoming events and encouraged the delegates to join ISUOG's next congress in Vienna.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Montreal, 2015

Alain Gagnon (ISUOG Honorary Secretary) asked the membership for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous year's AGM in Montreal; Steve Goldstein proposed and Lawrence Platt seconded the motion with none against.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Montreal 2015 were unanimously accepted without change.

4. Appointments and retirements

Alain Gagnon then asked the membership for a motion to approve the retirements, reappointments and new appointments and retirements to the Board:

Retirements by rotation:

- Gustavo Malinger
- Aris Papageorghiou
- Andrew Ngu
- Beryl Benacerraf
- Julene Carvalho

Reappointments:

- Gustavo Malinger
- Aris Papageorghiou
- Andrew Ngu

New appointments:

- Daniela Fischerova
- Boris Tutschek

The appointments and retirements were approved unanimously.

5. Reports and Accounts for year end 2015

A summary of ISUOG's annual accounts was published online ahead of the meeting and summarised on screen. Tom Bourne (ISUOG's Treasurer) opened his report by highlighting the income trends from key sources and outlining the strong growth of the Society with strong foundations for the future which included increased investment funds for future education activities, permanent secretariat building, and the establishment of financial policies, risk management and reserves. Tom summarised the incoming resources for 2015 at £2,087,818, which included membership growth of 5000 members, lower increase in income due to promotion of trainee and lower cost memberships, congress income lower due to location and journal income flattening.

In terms of expenditure at £1,653,358, member service costs were down due to efficiency measures, congress costs had also decreased due to location and education costs have increased (include basic training, specialist staffing, CME and VISUOG)

Tom summarised the income / expenditure trends across the past 4 year for the 4 main income streams (Membership, Journal, Congress and Courses) for the Society noting that surpluses had been relatively constant over time in spite of upward and downward trends around congress locations.

The accounts were approved by the membership without further comment.

6. Appointment of the auditors

Tom Bourne asked for questions to the accounts and then asked for a motion to appoint the new auditors (Sayer Vincent) for next year. Steve Goldstein proposed and Prashant Acharya and Aris Papageorghiou seconded the motion with none against.

The appointment of Sayer Vincent was approved unanimously by the membership without further comment.

7. Awards and acknowledgements

Andrew Ngu presented the awards to the retiring Board members as listed above and Committee Chairs:

- Alain Gagnon, Secretary
- Aris Papageorghiou, Chair of the Scientific Committee
- Alfred Abuhamad, Chair of the Outreach Committee
- Kjell Salvesen, Chair of the Safety Committee

Andrew also announced the Gold Medal Award winner Bernhard-Joachim Hackelöer and the Technical medal winner Kjell Lindström, noted that their awards would be presented during the opening sessions that evening and proceeded to the handover of Presidency to Josh Copel.

Andrew closed the meeting by thanking all the Board and declared the AGM closed.