

British Association of Oral Surgeons  
Annual General Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Held online via Zoom

Minutes

**BAOS Office Bearers Present:**

President – Paul Coulthard  
Honorary Secretary – Adrian Thorp  
Honorary Treasurer - Rhian Jones  
Honorary Editor – Helen Petersen  
President-Elect – Julie Burke

**1. Apologies:** Rhian Jones

**2. 2019 Minutes proposal:** The 2019 AGM Minutes were accepted.

**3. Matters Arising from last Minutes:** No matters arising.

**4. President's Report, Paul Coulthard:** Thank you to the BAOS Council and the BAOS Admin Team. The impact during 2020 of the COVID-19 pandemic has been very significant on the delivery of Oral Surgery care and on Oral Surgeons. At the start of the pandemic there was a lack of appropriate PPE, but encouragement to continue with care using routine personal protective equipment (PPE) for asymptomatic patients. There was clearly a need for timely advice and BAOS rapidly produced and published a series of Position Statements online to support its members and others. Some of these were in collaboration with the BAOMS. There was appreciation of and international interest in our advice. Then with the suspension of routine dental care to mitigate coronavirus transmission by close contact and aerosol, and the suspension of routine surgery to enable NHS capacity for COVID-19 patients, the face of oral surgery care changed further. BAOS has continued to produce communications to offer support and engaged with Public Health England, NHS England, the CMO office Clinical Advisory Group, Royal College guideline production and more.

A fundamental responsibility of BAOS is to provide members with access to high quality research to support the evolution of our clinical practice. This has been particularly important this year and continues during the recovery phase of the pandemic. We have traditionally done this through our website, e-learning platform, regional meetings, courses, annual conferences, and of course our journal *Oral Surgery*, and highlighted by our social media activity. With the need for restricted face-to-face meeting to reduce virus transmission, the BAOS have postponed their next Annual Scientific Conference until 2-4 March 2022. This will be held at the Assembly Rooms Edinburgh in Edinburgh. The need for online communication has therefore increased.

We have launched [BAOS Digital #BAOSbytesize](#). This offering features both 'Conference' and 'Regional' regular events, some exclusive to 'members only' and others free to the world! Our first event was hosted by the *Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh* on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and our next is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, with Rui Figueiredo, 'The development of the specialty of Oral Surgery in Spain and describing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Oral Surgery' and Michael Donaldson, 'Workforce, Brexit and Covid'? We are offering monthly [#BAOSbytesize](#) events. The huge attendance at our first event demonstrated the tremendous reach of this platform and ability to contribute the international forum.

Whilst we will continue to lobby for widened access to the MOralSurg examination and a robust mediated entry process to the GDC specialist Oral Surgery list, we are mindful that Oral Surgery Specialist Training is at the core of our specialty development and this must be promoted and training numbers grown. Influencing other stakeholders is an important part of our strategy to develop the Oral Surgery workforce required for provision of excellent patient care. These stakeholders include Health Education England, NHS England, Commissioners and Managed Clinical Networks and those equivalent in other UK regions.

The BAOS have contributed to the development of the 'Getting it Right First Time' (GIRFT) report, Health Education England: Advancing Dentistry, the Rapid Review Working Group of the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme, 'Aerosol Generating Procedures in Dental Practice' and more during this year.

BAOS is soon to open an online [BAOS Shop](#) with cool merchandise accessible via our website.

It has been an understandably busy year for myself and for Council, whom I greatly thank, but a privilege to be able to serve the membership as best we could. We trust that 2021 will be an easier year for all!

**5. Honorary Secretary's Report, Adrian Thorp:** The Honorary Secretary, Adrian Thorp advised we have a healthy membership of 636 members and have 15 Members waiting to start their membership in January 2021.

BAOS were involved in recent research onto the gender breakdown of Dental Boards in the UK, although we have a high proportion of M:F ration this is due to the Articles of Association that Council members are elected via its Members. BAOS are starting a new Membership category for Student Membership and are currently looking for Patient Representative. We have sent out a letter to all CDO's of the UK on BAOS standards on Commissioning of Oral Surgery and sent an introductory letter of BAOS to the new College of General Dentistry.

#### Council Members

Thanks goes to Martin Curran and Rachel Evans who have come to the end of their second term of office and Richard Moore demitting after completing his 1<sup>st</sup> term of office on Council.



Welcome to the new Council members starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 - Catherine Steinberg, Kathryn Taylor and Lee Mercer. We also welcome the new SAC Chair in Oral Surgery is Dr Tara Renton and has been co-opted as a Member of Council due to this role. In future members will be able to vote as many times as there are Council places ie. If there are three council places each member will be given three votes.

- **6. Honorary Treasurer's Report, Rhian Jones:** Accounts for Jan – Dec 2019
- As of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019 BAOS had free reserves of £181,585 compared to £101,487 in 2018
- Net movement of funds for the year was £80,294
- When comparing 2018 & 2019 figures we need to remember that the 2018 accounts encompassed 18 months worth of figures as we moved the year end to fall in line with our membership year.
- Items of note -

2019 conference in Bristol was a huge success with maximum number of attendees which is reflected by the income shown on the accounts

The costs of the Oral Surgery Journal for 2019 are significantly higher than 2018 as the 2019 year includes a final payment for print journals as well as a payment in September for digital copies

- In line with the current climate there will be no increase to our membership fees this year.

**7. Oral Surgery Journal Honorary Editor's Report, Helen Petersen:** Thanks to all those who submitted entries this year and those who have reviewed articles. There has been an increase in submissions, particularly original articles. This was most apparent over the COVID period. There has been a decrease in turnaround times, year upon year. This appears to be unaffected by COVID, although many of the editorial team are heads of department and busy with the pandemic. We launched the first special edition in October; Orofacial pain, this has already had the greatest number of downloads per article. We are aiming to have a special edition yearly.

**8. Constitutional Matters:** Nothing to report.

**9. AOB:** Nothing to report.

The next AGM will be 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

