



The Association of Breast Clinicians

ABC AGM 13th June 2019
Church House,
Deans Yard,
Westminster,
London SW1P 3NZ

1. Attendees

Committee

Zoe Goldthorpe(ZG)
DI Dagleish(DD)
Cathy Coleman(CC)
Kate D'Arcy(KDA)
Kate Jenkins(KJ)

Members

Lesley MacDonald, Elena Hopkins, Vian Salih, Christine Swinson, Asma Javad, Alice Moody, Carol Rickenbach, Vanessa Newman, Sara Bundred, Sandra Michael, Jennifer Weeks, Kerstin Stepp, Lubna Khalid, Lucy Hobson, Bethan Bailey, Victoria Cooke, Liz Edwards, Oana Predescu

2. Apologies

Melanie Smith

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM

The meeting started with ZG reviewing the minutes of the last AGM. These were passed as a true record of the AGM 2018.

Proposed by Liz Edwards

Seconded by Lesley MacDonald

4. Zoe Goldthorpe reminded members that all the committee reports were on the ABC website. Zoe then presented a brief overview of the Pilot Project and the Credential Curriculum including the sites that have already appointed including Manchester and Taunton. Bristol/Bath hoping to appoint soon. Zoe pointed out that we are still not absolutely certain what a Credential will mean but hopefully it will be a useful transferable recognised RCR qualification that with time will be recognised as the formal training pathway for a new generation of breast clinicians.
5. Di Dalgliesh informed the members that we are now hopefully fully compliant with GDPR but reminded members to keep the committee up to date with changes to their email addresses etc and also to notify us of any other changes including retirement.

The website was also discussed, and members were notified that the website hosting service would be changing, and ideas were sought from members about what they want from the website and how they would like the website to help them with their professional development. It was proposed that the website should include talks from the Study Day, Calendar of Events and training. It was also proposed that we try and share issues. Zoe suggested that members may wish to use the website to answer particular questions. This could also be done using a Survey Monkey
The pages we would like for the website were outlined as follows

Who we are / what we do

Events / calendar

Credential and curriculum

Contact us

Committee

Documents relating to AGM etc (secure password members only)

Section for members only to access with CPD material / journal club

Many members want a regular newsletter to keep them in touch with the ABC

6. Cathy Coleman informed members that in 2020 the ABC would be part of Symposium Mammographicum at Harrogate 21st-23rd June 2020 and that

our Study Day would be on Monday 22nd June 2020 . The members felt that the AGM should be after the ABC Study Day on the Monday evening. In 2021 it is hoped that the ABC would again hold an independent Study Day.

Zoe took a vote on members opinion about the location of the next ABC Study Day in 2021.

Would members prefer the next Study Day in London?	Votes for 16
Or at a venue outside London?	Votes for 3

7. Kate D’Arcy reported that we now have approx. 50 members. Some members are yet to pay their fees. There has been an increased number of associate members who have taken advantage of the member/associate membership rates for the study Day and there was agreement that this was a positive move to grow our membership. Members were again reminded to review the Treasurers report on the ABC website. We then discussed the FCA registration. The accounts are fully audited and we do not have to be registered with the FCA. A poll of members was taken as to whether the membership wished to pursue FCA registration

Members in favour of pursuing FCA registration	Votes for 0
Members in favour of not pursuing registration	Votes for 20
Members abstaining from voting	2 abstentions

8. Kate Jenkins reminded members about the Training pages on the website. Lubna Khalid asked why the RCR FRCR Part 1 exam was included in the new Breast Clinician curriculum? Lubna pointed out that some of the exam questions may not pertain directly to most ABC clinicians practice, Zoe went in to some more detail about the curriculum and how the hope was that by having a transferable qualification the breast clinicians of the future would be able to move and work in more than one place. It was also felt that the physics exam was very relevant to a breast clinician’s working with an understanding of the physics of other imaging modalities such as CT scans and NM Bone scans and this is felt to be good for a breast clinician’s all round knowledge.

9. Committee resignations and election of new officers

It was noted that Ex president Liz Edwards has now retired and has formally stood down from the committee. Zoe formally thanked Liz for her time as president and also for representing ABC at the recent UKIO meeting in Liverpool. Liz says that she hopes to keep in touch with ABC and hopefully join us in Harrogate!

Election of Vice President

There was only one candidate and Di Dalglish was re elected proposed by Zoe Goldthorpe and seconded by Kate D’Arcy

10. Employment issues from members

Lubna Khalid and Asma Javed asked if existing Breast Clinicians could obtain a credential by completing the curriculum including the RCR Physics Exam. Zoe confirmed that she would make enquiries at the next Project Board meeting.

11. Website Plans- see above

12. AOB- none

13. The next AGM will be at the end of the first full day of Symposium Mammographicum, **Monday 22nd June 2020**