

Minutes from the BARS AGM

Thursday 25th September 2015

Bristol Marriott Hotel, City Centre

Item number	Discussion	Action
1.	Minutes of the last AGM Birmingham, Thursday 25 th September 2014	
2.	Matters Arising:	
2a)	Website/Facebook Advantage of Facebook over website is that it is interactive – 140+ “likes” Laura Tinsley helping Phil Gardner in future on Website/Facebook. Can join BARS on the website. Can vote for vacant council positions on the website.	
2b)	Eye Journal To be sent out to programmes and Eye Clinics. Relies on advertising and interesting articles, so please contact us.	
2c)	Trade Sponsorship A big thank you to those who advertise with us. Also, thanks to the Editor, Iveta Olejkova.	
3.	Secretary/Admin Report Nothing to report.	
4.	Treasurer’s Report Angela Ellingford presented the key statements and accounts 2013 and 2014. Not much change, Almost £60,000 in the bank. It was agreed this year that we should run with free membership. Presently this is being trialled. Most money comes from non-members attending Conference and this price differential made some profit for BARS. We are hoping this will bring in some additional income. Asked audience for any ideas to generate funds – please let Council know.	
5.	Chair’s Report Mark Histed stated that BARS is there to support staff with the Eye Journal and training/education. Looking for input as your Association to	

	<p>provide what you need. Reported that the Programme Manager's Forum and Failsafe Forum and meetings are in place. Mentioned small fee for attending the Failsafe Day.</p> <p>Mentioned that average time spent on Council is 6-7 years – members are dedicated and driven people. Making room for new faces.</p> <p>Welcome to Grant Duncan, who is now taking over as BARS Chair.</p>	
6.	New Council Members introduced themselves.	
7.	Conference 2016 – 22/23 September, Birmingham	
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Alyson Jaycock advised attendees about the Failsafe Forum. Previously, 2 of these workshops have been held in Oxford – the next one will be in York around the end of November 2015. Register interest via contacting Alyson or online when it is set up.</p>	
9.	Date of next AGM – Thursday 22nd September 2016	