

Minutes from the BARS AGM
Thursday 22nd September 2016
Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport

Item number	Discussion
1.	Minutes of the last AGM.
2.	Matters arising – none.
3.	Chairman's Report Grant Duncan announced his retirement from position as Chair – this is due to his change of job role away from DR Screening. He noted that Phil Gardner has done most of the work of Chair for the last 12 months and this has been invaluable. Grant stated that he is delighted that Phil is taking over as Chair.
4.	Treasurer's Report Profit for last year of £3400 – this is due to there being no costs to WorldPay as membership is now free. Members were advised that BARS funds the Diabetic Eye Journal, a co-ordinator and contributes towards various training courses.
5.	Secretary's Report None.
6.	Webmaster's Report A spreadsheet showing numbers of visitors (traffic) to the BARS website was displayed which showed that these are increasing constantly. It was noted that it will be necessary to open conference registration earlier in the year to attract more visitors.
7.	Election of council members Recent election – 4 individuals; Iveta Olejkova, Richard Cragg, Nadine Rash and Beverley Tolley were elected. It was discovered that 1 more member was needed and so Andrew Brown was asked to step up. It was also decided to co-opt Karen Whitehouse.
8.	Amendments to the Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The position of Chair Elect currently requires an individual to

	<p>effectively commit to 7 years on council – it is proposed to change this to 1 year prior to becoming Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers should be elected from members who have been on council for at least 6 months. • Co-option of members should remain on an unlimited timescale, but this should be ratified on an annual basis. • Quorate to remain as 4, comprised of 2 officers and 2 ordinary members of council. • Councillors who do not attend two consecutive meetings without notification will be considered to have resigned. <p>All nominations for Council shall be made via the members-only part of the website. A non elected Association Co ordinator shall be employed by the association.</p>
9.	<p>Membership Currently 673. Free membership to continue – this has shown to be making little difference to funds, so BARS will continue to monitor this for the time being. Grant Duncan noted that the Association is in good hands!</p>
10.	<p>Any other business None.</p>
11.	<p>Date and venue for next meeting Thursday 21 September 2017 at the Marriott Hotel, Leeds.</p>