

**The Vascular Society of Great Britain & Ireland  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, The Hilton Metropole, Brighton**

**Trustees:**

Mr Jonathan Boyle, President of the VSGBI and AGM Chair  
Miss Rachel Bell (RB), President Elect  
Mr Marcus Brooks (MB), Honorary Secretary  
Professor Ian Chetter (IC), Research Committee Chair  
Mr Andrew Garnham (AG), Vice President Elect  
Mr Keith Jones (KJ), Education Committee Chair  
Mr Alistair (Paddy) McCleary (PM), Treasurer  
Ciaran McDonnell (CMcD), Workforce Committee Chair  
Mr Arun Pherwani (APh) Audit Quality and Improvement Committee Chair

**1. Apologies for absence**

Donald Adam, (VS Council Member) Lucy Wales (VS Council Member) and Neeraj Bhasin (Chair Elect of the Circulation Foundation), sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.

MB asked everyone to refer to the Yearbook which includes reports from all Committee Chairs. (Appendix 1) [https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/\\_userfiles/pages/files/ASM\\_2022/Vascular Society Yearbook 2022 V1 171122.pdf](https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/_userfiles/pages/files/ASM_2022/Vascular_Society_Yearbook_2022_V1_171122.pdf)

**2. Minutes of the AGM 2021**

Minutes from the 2021 AGM were approved and agreed as an accurate record.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

No matters arising.

**4. President's Report**

JB advised that he had provided a comprehensive report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1.)

JB thanked Rachel Bell for her support, stating that he felt very lucky to have had such a strong Executive and Council during his Presidency.

**5. Honorary Secretary's Report**

MB submitted a report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1.)

MB thanked members of the VS who had submitted their NCIA applications (National Clinical Impact Awards). The NCIA Awards replaced ACCIA in 2022, the initial implementation of the process was fairly confusing and MB was grateful to those who had taken the time to submit their applications.

MB was pleased to announce that VS implemented a parental leave policy in 2022, which allows members to suspend their membership for up to one year.

MB and JB have worked closely with the Royal College of Podiatry to implement a new MoU (Memorandum of Understanding). The revised MoU will be published very shortly.

VS will be introducing new Society and Circulation Foundation websites in 2023. A tender process is underway to improve membership renewals, communication and give a stable, refreshed website.

MB thanked Sophie Renton, previous Honorary Secretary, for leaving things in such a good place.

MB thanked all members of Council for their hard work, Louise Collins in her secretariat role, and the whole the whole of the EBS team. EBS go beyond a contract., they take real pride in their work.

MB thanked everyone who had stood for this year's Council elections.

MB announced the results of the newly appointed Council member as follows:

1. **Meryl Davis** (has been on Council for some time *ex-officio*)
2. **Bridget Egan**
3. **Prof Rao Vallabhaneni**

MB congratulated all three newly elected members, welcoming them to Council.

MB stated that those who have ready taken time to read the Yearbook will note that there will be two resolutions announced at the end of today's AGM meeting, one of which will give the opportunity to change the voting method for the election of the VS President.

MB congratulated Prof Ian Chetter as being appointed as President Elect 2024/2025.

There are numerous changes to the Executive team from close of play of this year's ASM which are as follows:

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| • Research Chair               | <b>Prof Matthew Bown</b>        |
| • Education and Training Chair | <b>Patrick (Paddy) Coughlin</b> |
| • Circulation Foundation Chair | <b>Neeraj Bhasin</b>            |

Two shadow chairs have also been appointed who will start following the 2023 ASM:

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| • Audit and Quality Improvement Chair | <b>Prof Denis Harkin</b> |
| • Professional Standards Chair        | <b>Prof Chris Imray</b>  |

Chris is currently in the Antarctic raising money for the Circulation Foundation.

On behalf of the society MB wished Professor Imray well with his challenge.

MB thanked those who are demitting as trustees:

- **Jon Boyle**
- **Keith Jones**
- **Donald Adam**

MB thanked all the Societies committee Chairs for their hard work.

MB encouraged VS members to put their ideas forward and stand for Council in future elections.

VS do have funds to allow members to sit on the Committee for a 12-month secondment. MB encouraged interested members to speak to committee Chairs about such a role (*it has been agreed that ASPIRE Course Leads will be seconded to the Education Committee for 2022/23*).

Structure for 2023/2024



**In Memoriam**

MB announced colleagues who had sadly passed away during 2022.

Andrew (Sandy) McLaren Jenkins, Consultant in Edinburgh, passed away February 2022.

Steve Jones, Consultant in Taunton, passed away April 2022.

John (Ian) Millie .Galloway, Consultant in Hull and Past President of VS, passed away August 2022.

Sir Peter Morris, Consultant in Oxford, Past RCS Eng. President, Fellow of Royal Society, passed away October 2022

Lady Anne Bell, wife of Sir Peter Bell. Kok-tee Khaw, wife of Peter Taylor.

All members held a minute’s silence in memory of their colleagues.

## 6. Honorary Treasurer's Report – Mr Alistair McCleery

PM presented the annual financial report, including an overview of the research fellowship grants, as outlined in the Yearbook. (Refer to Appendix 1.)

### Income

Member subscriptions	£111 000
ASM 2021	£45 000
CF Members donations	£30 000
CF Public donations	£111 000
CF Fundraising	£45 000
Aspire Grants HEE	£125 000
Industry funding	£28 000

**Total** **£ 495 000**

### Expenditure

Aspire	(£ 85 000)
Grants	(£ 100 000)
Journal	(£ 40 000)
Admin	(£ 150 000)

**Total** **(£ 375 000)**

### Fellowships

- Two RCS Eng. Fellows £70 000
- One RCS Ed. Fellow £35 000
- One RCPS Glasg. Fellow £35 000

Funding for an Aortic Fellowship approved which may take place in 2023 at £35 000 per annum.

### Membership fees

In terms of membership fees there will be no increase in fees during 2023.

PM thanked those who donate £50 a year to the Circulation Foundation, and to those who make other regular CF contributions.

PM reminded everyone to ensure that they Gift Aided all of their CF donations.

## 7. Education and Training

KJ provided a detailed report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1.)

KJ thanked all members of units who had delivered ASPIRE courses during 2022; Leeds, Bristol, Birmingham, Brighton and Royal Free.

KJ thanked all the faculty for their work during 2022.

KJ asked members to vote on whether VS should apply for CPD points for their virtual ASPIRE training courses?

Members voted against the introduction of CPD points. This will be reviewed again in the future.

### **8. Non-Consultant Grade**

MB thanked Ibrahim Enemosah (IE) and Tatiana Martin (TM) for their work during the past year.

IE and TM provided a detailed report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1).

IE advised that their focus had been in looking at workforce gaps. IE thanked TM, Workforce, SAS members and Rouleaux for all their support and hard work.

### **9. Research Committee**

IC provided a detailed report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1.)

MB thanked IC for the work with the JVSGBI which has been a huge success.

### **10. Audit And QI**

APh provided a detailed report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1.)

APh thanked his colleagues on Council, the NVR team, Sam Waton, NVR Manager, Louise Collins, the EBS team, and members for completing information on the NVR.

### **11. Workforce**

CMcD provided a detailed report in the Yearbook. (Refer to appendix 1).

CMcD was pleased to announce that VS has come across very well to the FSSA as a Society in terms of progress with their plans to tackle BUH.

The Committee will have a clear plan in place to continue tackling BUH by February 2023.

### **12 RESOLUTION 1: Adoption of the Annual Report and financial statements 2021/22**

MB asked for feedback in relation to the Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Question 1: Has the Society decided what it is going to do in terms of more support in training?

KJ confirmed that there are dedicated trainers.

During 2021 BSIR and RCR rewrote the curriculum to achieve and increase endovascular training.

MB advised that VS review new job plans for England, within the job plan reviews VS always encourages training.

Question 2: Is money reserved to spend on trainers, will ESVS commit £5k to spending?

JB advised that VS would support ESVS.

MB asked members to approve the adoption of the Annual Report and Financial statements for 2021/2022 by raising their hands.

The Annual Report and financial statements **were unanimously passed.**

### **13. Resolution 2: Vote for election of the President by Ordinary Members**

JB quoted his Yearbook entry stating *The Council has been reflecting on our Presidential election processes in light of the RCS Eng. commissioned Kennedy Report. We are only one of two surgical specialty associations who do not elect their President through a whole membership vote. We are going to discuss this today at the AGM in Brighton. I hope the membership will support the Council's resolution that future Presidents will be elected by the entire membership from 2023.*

Following debate and no final resolution however there was not a desire to allow ALL members to vote future Presidents, but more of a steer towards Ordinary members only being eligible to vote.

As no resolution was found MB stated that he would ask members to carry out an indicative vote there were 6 against future, two that abstained and 39 were for the new process to be implemented.

### **14. President Elect**

RB was delighted to be the second female President elected to the Vascular Society.

RB is conscious that the perception is that Council is elitist and old fashioned. RB's vision is to modernise VS but retain the society's traditions. Her theme for 2023 is inclusivity and accessibility.

All male Council members have ties it is time to introduce some merchandise suitable for female Council members. RB has rejected a neck scarf, however has a brooch which she wishes to have made and is pretty gender neutral.

These will be produced, hopefully so all members can wear them with pride.

RB looks forward to her presidency and hopes to have some fun in the process.

## **15. Any Other Business**

There were no matters arising.

## **16. Appendixes**

Appendix 1

[https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/\\_userfiles/pages/files/ASM 2022/Vascular Society Yearbook 2022 V1 171122.pdf](https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/_userfiles/pages/files/ASM%202022/Vascular%20Society%20Yearbook%202022%20V1%20171122.pdf)

Appendix 2

AGM presentation

[https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/\\_userfiles/pages/files/Annual%20Meeting/Vascular%20Society %20AGM%202022%20V4.pptx](https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/_userfiles/pages/files/Annual%20Meeting/Vascular%20Society%20AGM%202022%20V4.pptx)

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**  
**The Convention Centre, Dublin**