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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Blackpool Hilton on Friday 28 October 2016

MINUTES

I. WELCOME and APOLOGIES

The President (AGM Chairman) opened the AGM and welcomed delegates. Apologies had been received from Alisa Yalcin, Jacqui Elsdon, Amanda Knight and Maureen Stone; delegates were asked to present any further apologies to the Chief Executive at the end of the meeting.

The President reminded delegates that all remarks must be addressed to the Chair, that delegates should wait to be recognised before speaking and should state their name clearly before speaking.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were proposed by Janet Goodwin and seconded by Joan Hatchard, and were agreed by the Meeting.

The President stated that the only Matter Arising was the Trade Union status, which would be dealt with under Any Other Business.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The President reported that membership had increased by 60% since the last AGM, but there were still many dental nurses who are not members. She asked attendees to promote membership amongst their colleagues.

The President also reported that tentative links had been re-established with the Orthodontic National Group.

The President reported that meetings had been held with the Chief Dental Officer, to look at the political perspective; with the General Dental Council, particularly with regard to indemnity requirements; and with Health Education England looking at workforce planning.

The President also reported that work was currently underway on the Education Strategy – this would be circulated for consultation at a later date but is still in the early stages of development.

IV. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

These were proposed by the Finance Officer, seconded by Winnie Brown and agreed by the Meeting.

The Meeting also agreed the re-appointment of Jones and Harris as auditors, as proposed by the Finance Officer and seconded by Sarah Pepper.

Janet Goodwin remarked that, as she had commented in previous years on the deficit, she felt it appropriate to congratulate the Executive Committee on this year's surplus.

V. ELECTIONS

The President introduced the other members of the Executive Committee:

Debbie Reed, Chair

Hazel Coey, Finance Officer and President-elect (President 2017-2019)

The President stated that Alisa Yalcin, Student Representative, and Jacqui Elsdon, Education Representative, were not present at this Meeting. Hazel Coey had been the only nominee and was therefore elected President-elect in accordance with the Constitution.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Two Resolutions had been proposed by the Executive Committee:

- *That the title of "Finance Officer" be changed to "Treasurer" and all appropriate references in the Constitution be amended accordingly*
- *That the office of Immediate Past President be reinstated;*

that clause 14.1.1 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"President-elect/Immediate Past President";

that clause 17.1 be amended to read:

"The Presidential term of office shall be as follows:

<i>President-elect</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>2 years</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>1 year";</i>

that clause 17.11 be amended to read:

"At the expiration of his/her term of office, the retiring President shall be eligible to stand for election to other posts (including whilst Immediate Past President), but not for re-election as President."

Following a question from Janet Goodwin whether the change in title would affect the trade union status and the response that it would not, the first Resolution was seconded by Sarah Pepper and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

The second Resolution was seconded by Irina Healey and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

Chairman Debbie Reed, on behalf of the Executive Committee, proposed an Emergency Resolution, the need for which had been identified at the Executive Committee meeting held the previous day. The Executive Committee proposed that the Student Committee should be composed of dental nurses who were also students, rather than just pre-registration student dental nurses. This Resolution was therefore:

- *That clause 23 regarding the Student Committee be amended to include dental nurses who are students, rather than student dental nurses:*

That clause 23.1 be amended to read:

Members: Five Members who are also students on pre- an/or post-registration courses, including undergraduate and postgraduate, appointed by the Executive Committee. The five members will elect a chairman from their members, who will be the Student Representative.

That clause 23.4 be amended to read:

The Student Committee may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, co-opt non-member dental nurses who are also students to advise and assist on specific projects. These co-opted advisers will not have a vote on the committee.

This third Resolution was seconded by Sarah Pepper and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

VII. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The President reported that a ballot had been held earlier in the year regarding the proposed de-listing as a trade union. Only 155 of the more than 5,000 members eligible to vote (3%) had voted and, of those, 88 (56.8%) had voted to cease to be an independent trade union. This fell short of the three quarters majority required. Janet Goodwin asked what, in practical terms, de-listing would mean to the Association. Chairman Debbie Reed replied that at the moment the Association had trade union status (as had the BDA), which gave it a specific status, unlike most other dental associations. De-listing would deprive the Association of that special status and put it on a level with any other dental associations, present or future.

The Chairman therefore proposed, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that the Motion to de-list put forward at the 2015 AGM be struck and no further action taken on this matter. This was seconded by Janet Goodwin and unanimously agreed by the Meeting.

Janet Goodwin pointed out that the ballot had not been a waste of resources but had highlighted the fact that the majority of members did not have strong views either way on trade union status.

The President stated that no further items had been received for consideration under Any Other Business.

The President then closed the Meeting.