

#### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGISTS

# Minutes of BAHNO AGM 17th May 2024 at 3.10pm **BDC**, Islington, London.

# 1. Apologies

None were given.

### 2. Minutes of the last AGM 2023

These were agreed to be a true representation.

# 3. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr Hamilton reported that the Association's finances were in good shape with around £128,000 in the bank. Because of this, BAHNO would be able to contribute £40,000 towards the proposed National Audit. Savings had been made by having Council meetings online.

# 4. Honorary Conference Secretary's Report

Professor Winter explained that the meeting had outgrown the RCP. He would appreciate feedback on this year's venue. This year's meeting was at full delegate capacity and some people had been turned away.

# 5. Honorary Administrative Secretary's Report

Professor Schache gave an update on membership numbers (up 5% from last year) but noted that there was a larger number of members suspended for late payment of fees. The largest area of membership growth was in AHP and oncology. A diagram of ethnicity data was displayed – but only one third of members have recorded the requested data: he requested greater compliance.



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#### 6. Elections to Council

Professor Schache thanked the departing members of Council – Professor Vinidh Paleri, Dr Adam Jones, Mr Sinclair Gore, Ms Florence Cook and Dr Justin Roe. He announced that Professor Chris Nutting had been elected as the President Elect; Dr Mehmet Sen would continue as an oncology representative; Mr John Biddlestone would be the new plastic surgery representative; Dr Abhishek Mahajan – radiology; Dr Lisette Collins – Pathology; Ms Samantha Holmes and Dr Roganie Govender, AHP representatives. Professor Schache said that the election between two strong candidates for the President Elect position had garnered a record number of votes.

#### 7. Grants and Awards

One research grant of £6,000 has been awarded to Freya Sparks. Two travel grants of £2,000 each were awarded to Anthony Bashyam and Devvrat Katechia. Applications were invited for next year's awards – the closing date being 21st January 2025. The first of the Accredited Short Fellowships would enable Manish Mair to study Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy at University College London. The ASF for Proton Beam Therapy at The Christie Hospital would be readvertised.

#### 8. President's Address

Mr Hughes credited Council for the smooth running of the Association and the growth of BAHNO over the last few years. He gave special thanks to Professor Paleri for his perseverance and professionalism regarding the plans for the proposed National Audit. He thanked Ms Siddig and Professor Schache especially for their work on EDI issues. He thanked Ms Manning for running the Secretariat. He expressed his keenness to work with Professor Nutting on forthcoming challenges = these include raising more funding. He reported that the conference was a very costly endeavour – and yet educational events were



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highlighted as desirable in the recent BAHNO survey. He encouraged members to take part in the survey.

### 9. AOB

There was none.

# 10.Date of next AGM

During BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting 2025.