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**BSCAH AGM at the Royal Society of Medicine at 5pm on Saturday 7th July 2018**

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| Office | Appt. | Name | Branch Reps | To be confirmed |
| President: | 2016 | Peter Naish | Eastern Counties: | Les Brann |
| Chairman: | 2013 | Grahame Smith | Ireland: |  |
| Treasurer: | 2013 | Ann Williamson | Lancs & Cheshire: | Mike Capek |
| Hon Sec: | 2014 | Kathryn woodward | Mets & South: | David Kraft |
| Ac & Ac Officer: | 2017 | Jean Rogerson | Midlands: | Simon Barnett |
| ESH/ISH Rep | 2014 | Cath Potter | Northern Counties | Grahame Smith |
|  | 2014 | Martin Wall | West of England: | Zoita Mandila |
| Development Officer | 2012 | Mike Capek |  |  |
| Communications Officer | 2017 | Maureen Tilford |  |  |

**Draft Minutes**

Apologies for absence: Charlotte Davies; Karen Mackrodt; Cath Potter; Jean Rogerson; Hilary Walker; Kathryn Woodward

1 a) Minutes of previous AGM (held at the Hilton Deansgate Manchester on 26th August 2017)

Proposed as correct Linda Dunlop, seconded David Kraft.

1 b) Matters arising - none

2) President’s Address – PN reported that in the academic world he has seen hypnosis go from a fringe topic, likely to raise questioning, if not disapproving eyebrows, to a burgeoning research field. Now, he thinks, we might be witnessing the beginnings of a similar transformation in the therapeutic world. Let’s all work together to nurture these beginnings and accelerate the change.

3) Matters arising from Reports

a) Chairman – no written report submitted but GS highlighted the fact that we are beginning to successfully get hypnosis training into various units and specialties. Maureen Tilford suggested that we need an overarching strategy for getting hypnosis into different specialties, contacting key people in the various fields and getting them interested. Ann Williamson said that rather than BSCAH offering hypnosis presentations at various conferences it would be better if members attending such conferences would apply to give presentations/workshops on BSCAH’s behalf and if successful BSCAH might pay their conference fee as an incentive. It was further suggested that BSCAH might be interested in branching out from the UK and giving a symposium at the ICPM (International Conference of Psychosomatic Medicine) in Sept 2019.

b) Hon. Secretary/Nat Off Sec – none

c) Hon. Treasurer – David Kraft asked whether our Society subscription to ISH includes electronic access to the International Journal. It was thought that this used to be the case and AW will check.

d) Academic and Accreditation Sub-Committee – none

e) Website – Upgrade has been completed but National Office needs Consort to devise a way that online payments for different events can be easily identified.

f) Communications Officer - MT asked for anyone who knows of any recent studies on cancer pain management to get in touch. Jane Boissiere reported on a functional neurological meeting she had attended where an eminent professor in the field ended his presentation with a slide advertising BSCAH.

g) Development Officer – written report was received too late to be added to the AGM pack but MC gave a verbal report. MC is also standing down from his role this year and Council felt that the Developmental Officer role should be suspended for the time being because of the overlap with the Communications team. MC felt that it might be useful to have an R&D strategy, with maybe an officer taking up this role in the future. A vote of thanks was given to MC for his contribution to Council and BSCAH.

h) ISH/ESH Representative – it was felt that many of the ISH/ESH meetings were too expensive for many members to attend. Cath Potter has resigned from being ESH/ISH rep and Peter Naish is being her proxy at the Montreal meeting. As this is not a post elected at the AGM it is left to Council to appoint a second ESH/ISH rep. There was some discussion regarding the WHO classification of hypnosis as a complementary therapy and the fact that some in ISH are opposed to this move. PN is going to explore this in Montreal as it may be due to semantic confusion.

i) Ethical Matters – none to report

j) Contemporary Hypnosis – PN as Editor is not being flooded with material for the journal but is pleased that there is a steady trickle.

k) Editor of the Newsletter – no report received. Jacky Owens asked whether BSCAH might find it beneficial to explore becoming an incorporated charity and will send AW details.

l) Branch reports – we understand that Debbie Houghton has hopes for the future regeneration of the Irish Branch.

4) Motion

We would ask the AGM to ratify the awarding of Hon Life Membership to Phyllis Alden

Proposed Ann Williamson Seconded Les Brann Carried unanimously.

5) Election of Officers – all officers were happy to continue in post for another year apart from MC who is standing down as Development Officer (see 3g).

Branch Representatives remain as stated.

6) Future Developments

BSCAH Conference 2019 – West Suffolk Hospital 7/8/9th June 2019. There was some discussion about format and programme. Maybe a day aimed at those with no hypnosis training and the weekend to include presentations from various departments as to how they are incorporating hypnosis into their work as well as others. Any ideas for speakers to be sent to Kathryn Woodward/Les Brann/Eamonn Coveney.

The Pain Society Study Day on 1st October, run by BSCAH, to be advertised as widely as possible.

Also, the day on Functional Neurological Disorders in Edinburgh on 11th October.

7) Any Other Business – Mira Lal is working on a book proposal that might be of interest to BSCAH members – it was suggested that she write a paragraph on this for the Newsletter.

8) Date and Venue of next AGM – West Suffolk Hospital, Saturday 8th June 2019.