

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BSHM  
held at the Department of Computer Science, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4  
7AL on Saturday 7th December 2019**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm with the President, Mark McCartney, in the Chair. There were 21 members of the Society present.

1. Apologies for absence

The following apologies were received: Richard Simpson, Jenny Ramsden, Graham Hoare, David Kaye, Mike Bramwell, Paul Thornley, Ciarán Mac an Bhaird.

Before proceeding, the President had the poignant task of announcing the names of those members who had sadly died in the last year. Members stood in respect for:

UK

Mr Peter Griffiths, London

Mr Tony Howard Sale, Cheshire

Mrs Barbara Lee, Llanrwst, North Wales

Prof Alex Craik, St Andrews

Mr Derek Stander, Plymouth

Dr Muriel Seltman, Falconwood

Overseas

Prof Michel Serfati, Paris, France

Mr Bruce McNeill, Christchurch, New Zealand

Dr Sylvia Svitak, New York City, USA

Mr David Zitarelli, Minneapolis, USA

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

a) Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

b) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 3. Officers' Reports and Accounts

These refer to the timeframe Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 and are collated under the BSHM Company Annual Report, filed with Companies House.

a) The Officers outlined their reports as in the above document. There were no questions on the report, and it was accepted **nem. con.**

- i. Membership numbers remained fairly constant at about 310. Over the year, overseas numbers were slightly up, and home numbers slightly down.
- ii. We were in good financial health. £50K have been invested in fixed rate bonds, on a rolling basis, and the outlook for 2019 was for a balance on a small profit. A 10% reduction was available on paying subscriptions by DD, and this was encouraged. The income of the Bulletin (soon to become a Journal) was slightly greater than the expenses. KS reassured RJW that the budget would allow for BSHM's 50 year anniversary celebrations in 2021.
- iii. The President gave an overview of past and planned events and awards, showing that the Society was in a healthy state. He thanked all meeting organisers for all their work; BW for his work in converting the Bulletin to a fully-fledged and peer reviewed journal, the BJHM, due to come out in January; made grateful tribute to CH who was stepping down after three years on Council; and lastly thanked all Council members for all their work over the year. In response to a question from the membership, it was ascertained that the Hirst Prize would be awarded by the LMS in 2021, and by the BSHM in 2023.

### 4. Election of Council for 2020

The names of the nominated Council for 2020 together with their biographies had been circulated to all members. No BSHM member had subsequently asked for anyone else to be nominated. They were as follows:

|                                      |                    |
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| President                            | Mark McCartney     |
| Vice President                       | Sarah Hart         |
| Treasurer                            | Klaas Sijbrandij   |
| Secretary                            | Fenny Smith        |
| Membership Secretary                 | Ken Lord           |
| New Members' Secretary               | Dorothy Leddy      |
| Communications Officer               | Dorothy Leddy      |
| Meetings Coordinator                 | Isobel Falconer    |
| Education Officer                    | Snezana Lawrence   |
| Publicity and Webmaster              | Troy Astarte       |
| Elected (ordinary) member of Council | Robin Wilson       |
| Co-opted JMC Representative          | June Barrow-Green  |
| Journal Editor                       | Benjamin Wardhaugh |

Note 1) Benjamin Wardhaugh was appointed as Journal Editor but not a permanent member of Council.

The motion that the **nominated Council be adopted** was proposed by Terry Froggatt and seconded by Leo Rogers. The motion was passed *nem. con.*

5. Appointment of Andrew Thurburn & Co., 38 Tamworth Road, Croydon, as the Society's accountants and independent examiner

The motion that **Andrew Thurburn & Co be re-appointed as the Society's accountants and independent examiner** was proposed by Sarah Hart and seconded by Philip Beeley. The motion was passed with the one conventional abstention of the Treasurer.

6. Any other business

There was none

7. The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

*Fenny Smith, Hon. Secretary*  
27/10/2020