



## BSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the British Society of Audiology**  
**The BCEC, Birmingham at 11:50am on Monday, 5th June 2023**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Donna Corrigan (BSA Chair), Siobhan Brennan (BSA Vice Chair), Jane Wild (BSA Honorary Secretary), Dr Derek Hoare (BSA Past Chair), Nicci Campbell (BSA Trustee), Gabrielle Saunders (BSA Trustee), Sara Coulson (BSA Trustee), Bhavisha Parmar (BSA Trustee), Rosie Adams (BSA Council Member), Amanda Hall (BSA Council Member), Shahad Howe (BSA Council Member), Marsha Jenkins (BSA Council Member), Rachel Andrew (BSA Member), Anya Appoo (BSA Member), Shipra Bedford (BSA Member), Judith Bird (BSA Member), Kubra Bolukbas (BSA Member), Christopher Bowes (BSA Member), Stephanie Brindle (BSA Member), Ozgenur Cetinbag (BSA Member), Hannah Cooper (BSA Member), Debbie Corbett (BSA Member), Laleh Dastan (BSA Member), Wayne Ellis (BSA Member), Peter Byrom (BSA Member), Abi Asher (BSA Member), Paul Bacon (BSA Member), Helen Flett (BSA Member), Rob Gardener (BSA Member), Tina Harris (BSA Member), Sarah Hughes (BSA Member), Saira Hussain (BSA Member), Catharine Infield (BSA Member), Owen Jones (BSA Member), Ted Killan (BSA Member), Fiona Kukiewicz (BSA Member), Veronica Kennedy (BSA Member), Melanie Lough (BSA Member), Manuel Loureiro (BSA Member), Carol MacDonald (BSA Member), Robert Marchbanks (BSA Member), Matthew Murray (BSA Member), Joy Nebo (BSA Member), Rohani Omar (BSA Member), Lesley Peplow (BSA Member), Rachel Knappett (BSA Member), Linda Sharkey (BSA Member), Mark Smith (BSA Member), Andrew Soulby (BSA Member), Chrysa Spyridakou (BSA Member), Hannah Stewart (BSA Member), Robin Syed (BSA Member), Vivien Thorpe (BSA Member), Diya Vaid (BSA Member), Helen Whiston (BSA Member), Dawn Wickenden (BSA Member), Laura Turton (BSA Member), Xuehan Zhou (BSA Member), Anisa Visram (BSA Member)

**Minute Taker:** BSA PA Michelle McDougall (Fitwise)

**Proxy votes received:** None received

**Apologies Received:** Kevin Brodie-Farmer (BSA Chartered Accountants - Edwin Smith), Ned Carter (BSA Trustee), Gemma Crundwell (BSA Trustee), Barry Downes (Honorary Member), John Fitzgerald (Full Member), Philip Newall (Full Member), Verity Hill (Full Member), Simon Howe (Full Member), Penelope Feltham (Full Member), Ian McKendrick (Full Member), ISHAA (Corporate Members), Verna Tatt (Student Member)

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest received on this occasion.
- 2. Welcome and Introduction:** DC advised that the AGM was about to begin, it was noted that it was usually open for members of the BSA only, however all were welcome to stay as there was no voting on this



occasion but DC gave the opportunity for anyone to leave the room if they wished too. DC was joined on stage by Siobhan Brennan (BSA Vice Chair) and Jane Wild (BSA Honorary Secretary).

- 3. Apologies:** DC confirmed written apologies and proxy votes had been received and recorded, as noted above.
- 4. Acceptance of previous minutes:** To approve the Minutes of the online AGM held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (published on BSA website). The Minutes were then accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings.

*Proposed by* Veronica Kennedy (VK) BSA Full Member

*Seconded by* Nicci Campbell (NiC) BSA Trustee

- 5. Annual Report (available on the BSA website) – Dr Donna Corrigan (DC) BSA Chair:** DC confirmed that the below was a snapshot of all the BSA activities from the past year, all of which are noted on the annual report, which can be review in full on the BSA website.

BSA Strategic Plan for the year ended 31 March 2023

- Strategy event – a review of 2020-2023 & future planning – In September 2022, the Council all met face to face, for the first time since covid, and reviewed how the activities were progressing, where they should be if incomplete and what was completed. The Council will review and renew the strategy again this September up until 2026.
- Ongoing review of internal policies and processes – DC thanked Jane Wild (JW) for reviewing and monitoring all the internal policies and procedures, which is an ongoing task.
- Continued successful delivery of the IJA through international collaboration – DC thanked Nicci Campbell (NiC), Gabrielle Saunders (GS) and Michael Ackroyd (MA) who all continue to work the internal and external relations for the journal.
- New portfolio of awards & Prize – DC advised that Siobhan Brennan (SB) has been working on updating all the prizes and awards for BSA and as a result there is a new fantastic portfolio of awards, new and rebranded. More will be shared on those during the Awards section of the AGM, which all looked forwards too.
- Regular Online Learning opportunities – DC confirmed and thanked Sara Coulson (SC) who has continued to update the online learning platform with the online learning group (OLG). They disseminate reviews and regular learning. BSA members can find lots of opportunities now individually and also via SIG (special interest groups) all providing updates on their activities. DC encouraged all to investigate what is available currently.
- PGG refresh & review of the documentation process – under the guidance of Richard Windle (RW), the Practice Guidance Group (PGG) update all the BSA practice guidance documents, recommended procedures etc and over the past few moths they have reviewed the review process, making it more transparent.
- Internal, external, national & international collaboration – Trustees and Advisors have collaborated both externally and internally and promoted projects.



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- Research Mentorship scheme – this was launched in a session this morning by Amanda Hall (AH), and there is a stand onsite raises further awareness. DC recommended that if anyone was not aware, to certainly look at the information available as there is a fantastic number of people wishing to be mentors.
- Scientific Meeting – DC gave a special thanks to Gemma Crundwell (GC), who sadly was not able to join this scientific meeting in person due to work commitments even though she had put together the whole event. All gave a round of applause to GC.
- Growth of social media – DC confirmed that all in attendance have already had updates from some of the BSA SIGs and promised that more was to come throughout that day and the next. The SIGs really are special to BSA as they work to educate all. DC asked all to consider joining a SIG or to take time to talk to them face to face onsite throughout the next couple of days.

#### BSA's Future plans

- New BSA strategy for 2023-2026 – to be created, put in place and launched in the next few months
- New BSA website launch – BSA are working towards a new website, lots of work going on behind the scenes. So far BSA have employed a new designer and hopefully, by end of the year, all will see the results of this.
- Research Hub & small research grants – also in development via AH, who is working on providing this to all soon.
- Project funds for BSA groups – BSA are looking to put into place more research grants and funding for the SIGs.
- SIG small events – BSA are hoping to not only provide a scientific meeting again but are also working on more small events, hosted by SIGs, were they can each focus on their particular area and discipline in more details.

DC concluded by giving thanks to the following members who have stepped down from their respective SIGs in the past 12 months: Julie Brady, Laura Turton, Chris Degg, Jason Smalley, Richard Rutowski, Vicki Kennedy, Nisha Dhanda, Jonathon Arthur, Saira Hussain, many thanks to you all for your expertise, time and dedication to the BSA.

6. **Prizes and Awards – Siobhan Brennan (SB) BSA Vice Chair:** SB outlined the BSA Awards for the year. SB confirmed that if any monetary awards were linked to the prizes, Fitwise would be in touch with those winners, post AGM to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **Prizes nominated by members of BSA**

- Denzil Brooks Award, Certificate and Ear Trophy (returned to the Society at the end of each year)
- David Baguley Mentorship Award, Certificate and Glass Obelisk – NEW AWARD
- The **Denzil Brooks Award** was awarded to **Laura Turton** in recognition of significant contribution to the promotion of excellence in audiological practice throughout her career. Laura has been an active and



valuable member of BSA for a number of years. She is currently the Chair of the BSA ARIG and has been and is a member of other SIGs and groups. In these roles she has contributed to and led the development of a number BSA practice guidance documents and recommended procedures. She has also led the development of important guidance documentation outside of BSA including the Guidelines for Best Practice in the Audiological Management of Adults with Severe and Profound Hearing Loss.

- The Inaugural **David Baguley Mentorship Award** was awarded to **Judith Bird** specifically for her consistent, caring and influential manner in which she mentors and supervises. Judith eagerly invests in others without thinking and continuously strives to share knowledge and skills with many students and professionals within Audiology, leading to improved clinical practice in Adult Rehab around the UK.

#### Prize nominated by members of the public

- The George Harris Award, Certificate and Sound Wave Artwork
- The **George Harris Award** was awarded to **Simon Howe** in recognition for significant impact to a service user. SB read out some of the key comments the patient had expressed within the nomination. *“His clinical insight into the condition, coupled with a very sympathetic, supportive but clear-sighted and realistic approach helped to ease the anxiety I felt going into a completely new situation with real doubts as to whether any further improvement could be made to my hearing.” “Since those early days I have undergone regular checks with Simon who is always willing to schedule additional appointments to deal with technical matters (such as replacing the tubes or moulds) or providing support and advice when the emotional road gets a bit bumpy.” “Simon has enabled me to undergo this journey thanks to the level of technical, clinical and emotional support and understanding he has always provided. I know hearing cannot be restored. Audiologists can’t bring back fully functioning ears – but they can give you hope. That’s what Simon gave to me. A gift almost as precious as hearing itself.”* Shahad Howe (SH) collected the award on behalf of Simon Howe (SH), who was unfortunately unable to join the AGM.

#### Prize nominated by the editorial team of Audacity

- Jos Millar Shield, The Jos Millar Shield (returned to the Society at the end of each year), Audiological Text Book of the Winner’s Choice & Certificate
- The **Jos Millar Shield** was awarded to **Clint Mclean** for his article ‘Clinician Well-being’ published in issue 20 of Audacity. The article was relevant, informative and of immediate practical application to anyone who works with patients.

7. **Financial Report and to approve the 2021/2022 accounts (available on the BSA website) – Jane Wild (JW)**  
**BSA Honorary Secretary presented the financial aspects of the annual report, on behalf of David Greenberg (DG) BSA Honorary Treasurer:**

**Key Points:**



accounts	2023	2022	YoY
Total Funds Balance	£312,950	£282,650	↑£30,300 (10.7%)
Total Income	£118,380	£120,740	↓£2,360 (2%)
Total Expenditure	£83,390	£82,316	↑£1,074 (1.3%)

*Proposed by* Sara Coulson (SC) BSA Trustee

*Seconded by* Laura Turton (LT) BSA Full Member and former Trustee

8. **Appointment (re-appointment) for Auditors for 2023/24 - Jane Wild (JW) BSA Honorary Secretary presented, on behalf of David Greenberg (DG) BSA Honorary Treasurer:** Edwin Smith (Chartered Accountants) was proposed as Auditors.

**Approval of Edwin Smith Chartered Accountants**

*Proposed by* Edward Killan (TK) BSA Full Member and former Trustee

*Seconded by* Siobhan Brennan (SB) BSA Trustee

9. **New Council Member appointments - Jane Wild (JW) BSA Honorary Secretary:** JW confirmed the results of the recent BSA Council elections and the retirement of two Trustees.



Officers/Trustees	Start of term of office	End of term of office
Donna Corrigan (Chair) [ <a href="#">2 year term</a> ]	Jan 2022*	Jun 2024
Dr Siobhan Brennan [ <a href="#">2 year term</a> ]	Jun 2022	Jun 2024
<b>Dr David Greenberg (Treasurer) [<a href="#">3 year term</a>]</b>	<b>Dec 2019*</b>	<b>Jun 2023</b>
Jane Wild (Secretary) [ <a href="#">3 year term</a> ]	Dec 2020*	Jun 2024
<b>Dr Derek Hoare (Immediate Past Chair) [<a href="#">2 year term</a>]</b>	<b>Jan 2022*</b>	<b>Jun 2023</b>
Gemma Crundwell	Jun 2022	Jun 2025
Sara Coulson	Jun 2022	Jun 2025
Dr Bhavisha Parmar	Jun 2022	Jun 2025
Prof Nicci Campbell	Jun 2022	Jun 2025
Dr Christine <a href="#">DePlacido</a>	Jun 2021	Jun 2024
Dr Gabrielle Saunders	Jun 2021	Jun 2024
Ned Carter	Jun 2021	Jun 2024
Devang Joshi	Aug 2022	Aug 2025
<b>Diya Vaid</b>	<b>Jun 2023</b>	<b>Jun 2026</b>

JW warmly welcomed Diya Vaid (DV) to the start of her 3 year term as Early Careers Professional Trustee, a new position to the BSA.

Sadly Derek Hoare (DH) and David Greenberg's (DG) terms as BSA Trustee and Past Chair and BSA Trustee and Honorary Treasurer, ended and they therefore step down following this AGM. Expressions of thanks and gifts of wine were presented to both.

**10. Honorary Membership - Jane Wild (JW) BSA Honorary Secretary:** JW confirmed Honorary Membership had been awarded to two recipients this year.

**John Day** – In recognition of his significant contribution to the field of audiology, both within Wales and across the UK, raising the profile of audiology for both the benefit of the profession and the people served. Specifically including his contribution to BSA as a Trustee and as a member of SIG steering and advisory groups.

**John Fitzgerald** – In recognition of his promotion of excellence through leadership, development of guidance and contributions to clinical education. Specifically including his contribution to BSA as Chair of



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the EPSIG and author of BSA guidance. Rachel Stevenson (RS) collected the award on behalf of John Fitzgerald (JF), who was unfortunately unable to join the AGM.

11. **Received Questions from the Members:** None received on this occasion.
12. **Date of Next Meeting:** DC advised that the date of the 2024 BSA AGM was yet to be confirmed. The date will be circulated to members in due course.  
**As there was no date of the next AGM announced, there was no requirement to propose and second this agenda item.**

DC thanked all members of the BSA, SIGs, Groups, Trustees, Council members and Fitwise Management Ltd.