



BSA Annual General Meeting Minutes 2024

The BCEC, Birmingham at 12:45pm on Monday, 17th June 2024.

1. Declaration of interests – presented by Donna Corrigan, Chair

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Welcome and introduction – presented by Donna Corrigan, Chair

Donna Corrigan welcomed everyone to the AGM. Donna asked full members to make themselves known by raising their hands. These were counted and there were 55 full members in the audience.

3. Apologies and proxy votes – presented by Donna Corrigan, Chair

- Kevin Brodie-Farmer - Edwin Smith (BSA's Chartered Accountants)
- Christine DePlacido – BSA Trustee
- Philip Newall – BSA Full Member
- Verity Hill – BSA Full Member
- Laura Turton – BSA Full Member
- Kathryn Lewis – BSA Full Member
- Gareth Smith – BSA Full Member

4. Acceptance of previous minutes – (5th June 2023) Presented by Donna Corrigan, Chair

Proposer: Nicci Campbell
Secunder: Sara Coulson



5. Annual Report – presented by Donna Corrigan, Chair

Donna spoke about the key achievements of the BSA 2023 – 2024.

- BSA website launch – this was an 18-month project led by Nicci Campbell, the new site is mobile friendly. It has easier access to the Journal and Sound practice. Data shows that since the launch usage has increased Nationally and Internationally
- Scientific Meeting 2023 – Feedback was positive and due to this the meeting was run again in Birmingham.
- The BSA Council has continued to develop and we now have a dedicated PGG Trustee – Priya Carling. Diya has continued to develop our early careers and student activity and Rosie has become our Heritage Lead.
- Donna reminded everyone they are still seeking a communications lead.

They continue to fulfil their 4 strategic aims to improve knowledge, promote learning, inform practice and drive positive impact, especially through resources such as BSA online learning.

- Collaboration is a key focus for BSA, this includes Internal, external, national & international collaboration, including becoming member of the World Hearing Forum. Donna thanked Ned and Gabby for their leadership on their international and global work.
- Growth of **social media & Sound Practice** - LinkedIn has 833 March 2023, just below 1,600 in March 2024. ARIG created sound practice to support adult education.

Donna thanked the outgoing SIG members:

Nicola Ford, Sarah Hughes, Judith Bird, Jane Wild, Peter Byron, Joanna Goss

Future plans

- Setting the operational objectives under the new BSA strategy for 2023-2027: the key areas are: Communication, collaboration, membership - including students and early careers, clinical guidance and research.
- Launching small research grants scheme - Clinically relevant to patients with hearing or balance problems or to clinical practice.
- SIGs are looking to produce more educational opportunities; this will include webinars & one day events. The balance SIG is running their first event in July 2024.
- BSA have representation at the WCA 2024, and hopefully will be represented at the 2025 EFAS Congress.



6. Prizes and Awards – presented by Siobhan Brennan, Vice Chair

Prizes nominated by Members of BSA

- Thomas Simm Littler Lectureship Prize – No nominations received this year
- Ruth Spencer - No nominations received this year
- Denzil Brooks Award – awarded to Kevin Munro
- David Baguley Mentorship Award – awarded to Gabrielle Saunders

Prizes nominated by Members of the public

- The George Harris Award – awarded to Doris Bamiou

Prize nominated by the editorial team of Audacity

- Jos Millar Shield – awarded to Andreas Anagiotos

**7. Financial Report and to approve the 2023/24 accounts
 Presented by Wendy Stevens, Treasurer**

- BSA is in a positive financial position
- The budget has been set for the forthcoming financial year, part of this has been set for SIG education events.
- 2023 saw a significant investment in the new BSA website
- Wendy thanked the Fitwise Team for their support, thanking Gosia Figurska and Paul Harrison for her financial guidance during her first year as treasurer.

Finance summary and accounts

Proposer: Donna Corrigan

Seconder: Gemma Crundwell

	2024	2023	YoY
Total Funds Balance	£311,597	£312,950	↓£1,353 (0.04%)
Total Income	£111,213	£118,380	↓£7,167 (6.4%)
Total Expenditure	£110,471	£83,390	↑£27,081 (32.4%)



**8. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2024/2025
Presented by Wendy Stevens, Treasurer**

Proposer: Rosie Mayer
Secunder: Jane Wild

**9. New Council Member appointments
Presented by Jane Wild, Secretary**

New Council Member will take up position at the conclusion of the AGM

- Richard Windle – Vice Chair for 2 years, Chair for 2 years and 2 years as past chair
- Thank you to Dev Joshi for his contribution to BSA, he has now stepped down as a Trustee. Jane appealed to members to come forward for this vacant role and to ask any questions about the role.
- Second term – Wendy Stevens, Christine De Placido, Gabrielle Saunders and Ned Carter

**10. Appointment of Honorary Membership
Presented by Jane Wild, Secretary**

There was no appointment in 2024.

11. Received Questions from BSA Members

No questions were received from members.

BSA Chair Handover - Presented by Jane Wild, Secretary

Donna handed over the Chair role to Siobhon Brennan. Siobhan provided Donna with a thank you gift purchased personally by the Council.

12. Date of Next Meeting – June 2025, specific date TBC