

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members at 1.30pm on 18 September 2020 via Zoom meeting

#### 1 Chair's welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Professor Stephen Scott, ACAMH Chair.

#### 2 Minutes of the 2019 AGM

Minutes of the 2019 AGM were circulated prior to the meeting and accepted.

## 3. Special resolution to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association

The Board was advised by the Association's solicitors that the governing documents for the Association would benefit from a full update to bring them into line with legal and regulatory requirements, as well as best practice. It was recommended that the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association were deleted in their entirety and replaced with an updated version. A special resolution to that effect was passed.

## 4. Board appointments and retirements

Professor Kathy Sylva thanked all members of the board for their work.

Particular thanks were given to Professor Stephen Scott for his energy, vision and commitment since becoming Chair in 2015 and recognising the impact that this has had on the Association.



These thanks were echoed by ACAMH CEO Martin Pratt and it was announced that Professor Scott would be remaining on the Board until 2023 in his new role as ACAMH President.

The following were appointed to the Board:

**Professor Stephen Scott** President Dr. Gordana Milavić Chair

**Professor Tamsin Ford Deputy Chair** 

Professor Kathy Sylva **Honorary Treasurer** 

Professor Edmund Sonuga-Barke JCPP Editorial Representative Lead for CPD and Training Dr. Mark Lovell

Professor Samuele Cortese

Dr. Carol Homden Dr. Dennis Ougrin Mr Harold Bennison

Professor Francesca Happé

**Academic Secretary** 

Professor Stephen Scott introduced Dr. Gordana Milavić as the incoming Chair. Professor Milavić then gave a presentation of her vision for the future of the Association, building on steps already taken.

#### This included:

- Sharing best evidence and practice in an easily accessible way
- Improving the quality of evidence and practice
- Supporting multidisciplinary practice networks
- Inspiring the future of the field through better understanding of why children and young people experience difficulties and what promotes their wellbeing



## 5. **Chair's report**

Professor Scott responded to the kind comments and reflected that it was a pleasure and privilege to work with those involved in the Association. He paid tribute to Martin Pratt, ACAMH CEO, for the way he had moved the Association forward. He welcomed Professor Francesca Happé to the Board and congratulated Professor Kathy Sylva on being elected a fellow of the British Academy. He congratulated the editorial boards on the success of the Association's journals, JCPP and CAMH, and the creation of a third journal, JCPP Advances.

## 6. Finance report

Megan Archer delivered a report on the finances of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2019.

#### Income

	2019	2018
	£	£
Membership	111,871	132,309
Conferences and training	237,299	195,158
Publications	648,040	629,852
Other income	104,625	147,779
Total income	£1,101,835	£1,105,098



# Expenditure

	2019	2018
	£	£
Membership	79,641	102,700
Conferences and training	446,338	498,819
Publications	395,663	315,626
Total expenditure	£921,642	£917,145

# Net income

	2019	2018
	£	£
Income	1,101,835	1,105,098
Expenditure	921,642	917,145
Investment gains/(losses)	15,437	(8,857)
Net income	£195,630	£179,096



#### Reserves

	2019	2018
	£	£
Unrestricted	1,029,984	1,458,239
Designated	1,590,800	954,088
Restricted	33,671	46,500
Total reserves	£2,654,455	£2,458,827

### 7. Questions from members

A member working in education commented about the pressing need for more expertise for practical approaches to supporting complex neurodevelopmental conditions, especially trauma. Professor Stephen Scott commented that the Association aims to become more useful and better known to schools and teachers.

A member asked whether ACAMH was considering the opportunity offered by COVID 19 in raising awareness of child and adolescent mental health issues, to promote the ACAMH role as an interdisciplinary organisation that offers learning and collaboration for all professionals working with children and young people. CEO Martin Pratt confirmed that this was very much at the top of the agenda for the coming year.

# 6. **Any other business**

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 2.25pm.