**BDA WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH 2018**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 April 2018 at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh**

**1.Introduction of New Members**

Branch Chairman Robert Thomson introduced Melissa Auvray who has recently moved to the area from Devon.

**2.Minutes of the last AGM**

The Minutes were proposed by David Cross and seconded by Robin MacDougall

**3.Matters arising**

No matters arising

**4.Report of Council, presented by the Chairman, Robert Thomson**

***West of Scotland Branch Administrator***

Robert Thomson began by saying how fortunate the Branch was to have secured the services of Andrew Miller as Branch Administrator. He was utilising his skills and network to the great benefit of the Branch and there has been an increase in the numbers attending events and revenue from sponsors has improved dramatically. He was a welcome addition to our Branch Council as minute secretary, events coordinator and website administrator, amongst many other duties.

***Website***

The website [www.bdawos.org](http://www.bdawos.org/) was proving to be invaluable for promoting Educational Events and helps enormously to pre book online for the Educational Meetings as well as issuing CPD certificates and GP214 forms. Thanks were due to Andrew Miller and Patricia de Vries for keeping the website updated. Some attendees may have noticed that the West of Scotland Branch Rules have been posted on the website. These were previously updated in 1982 and Council has set up a working party to review and update them.

***Our President, David Still***

The Chairman affirmed that David had led in his own inimitable style! During his tenure he selected extremely interesting and accomplished speakers for all Educational Meetings and attendances had been very good. After the cancellation of the February meeting due to bad weather, March’s “double header” was well received and may be something that is considered for future meetings.

David’s Presidential Dinner coincided with the Centenary of the Branch and a Gala Dinner was held in Rossdhu House, Loch Lomond Golf Club in February. This was extremely well attended and was particularly enjoyed by the National President, Peter Dyer, who enjoyed it so much he had already intimated his intention to return next year. A huge thank you was due to Yas our Social Convener and Andrew Miller for all their help and hard work in arranging a fantastic event.

Normally the Branch president gave a Presidential address as part of his term of office but David had provided a “locum” in Ewan Carmichael who the attendees would hear from later.

Robbie Thomson congratulated David on his successful year in office and his finely honed delegation skills and looked forward to working with David Cross in the coming months.

***Branch Honour***

Branch Council felt that it was appropriate to honour one of their own in 2018. Richard Day was Branch President in 1997-1998 and for very many years ran the now dormant Senior Section. National President Pete Dyer gave Richard a much-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award at the Gala Dinner at Loch Lomond.

**Representation at National Levels**

Branch Council is represented at Scottish Dental Practice Committee by Jacqui Frederick and Gordon Stewart, at Scottish Council by David Cross who is Vice Chair and also by Robin MacDougall. David Cross represents the Board at UK Council. As Chair of Council, Robbie Thomson thanked them for their representation and their detailed reports to Branch Council. He said they had been delighted by the attendance of student members and early career colleagues at all of our Educational Meetings and invited anyone who feels that they may wish to become involved in the future running of the Branch to attend a Branch Council meeting (Shadow board member). Any members who were interested could contact him using the link on the website.

***Oral Health Improvement Plan***

A considerable amount of time had been spent at Branch Council meetings discussing the Scottish Government Oral health Improvement Plan. The Branch felt it was aspirational but feared that it is lacking in detail. A particular concern is the proposed extension of the six monthly check-ups for low risk patients up to an interval of 24 months. The branch believed that patients’ health could be put at risk by this measure.

BDA Scotland was conducting an online survey for BDA members and non-members to gauge their views about the proposed changes outlined in the plan and this can be accessed by the main BDA website. [www.bda.org](http://www.bda.org/). Members were strongly urged to share their views in this survey.

**5. Treasurer’s Report & Appointment of Auditors**

Robin MacDougall reported that the current balance is £16,594. The annual grant had been paid in December and amounted to £7,784 (which is based on 610 members at £12.76). The balance is significantly higher than in previous years and was a result of reduced expenditure on admin costs (postage and printing and advertising) and increased sponsorship. Two auditors – Geoff Glass and Alan Allison – had been appointed to oversee the Branch finances

**6.Report by Convenor of the Benevolent Fund**

Kieran Fallon reported that the branch dinner had raised an impressive total of £1,315 (around £1,600 with gift aid). On average £100 in cash is raised per educational meeting. There are also online donations from non-member bookings. The bigger picture is that the Ben Fund had considerable reserves with interest of over £100,000 p.a. and this is distributed by a small admin team based at the BDA to reduce costs. 100% of donations are used to help recipients who are now just as likely to suffer from mental health and addiction issues as financial problems.

**7. Motions or resolutions of which notice had been given.**

None

**8.Election of Office-Bearers**

President- David Cross

President –Elect Jacqui Frederick

Treasurer Robin MacDougall

The remaining members of the existing council were re-appointed en masse

**9. Induction of New President.**

Prior to the induction of the new president, the retiring president David Still addressed the meeting. He thanked the Council for the honour of representing them and commented that the year had flown by but had been hugely enjoyable. He was particularly grateful for the expertise and contributions of the year’s speakers and the success of the centenary dinner at Loch Lomond Golf Club.

David Cross was then inducted into his role as President in the traditional manner. He thanked David Still and commented that he would be a difficult act to follow. As well as providing a season of educational events for local members and fellow professionals he commented that the Council would continue to be involved in helping to shape the response to the Scottish Government’s Oral Health Improvement Plan.

President-Elect Jacqui Frederick closed the meeting by formally welcoming David Cross and thanking Branch Council Chairman Robbie Thomson for his excellent contribution to the Branch.

**10. There was no other business.**