

## THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY

### Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 12.20pm at  
Warwick University

The meeting was opened at 12.33pm by Dr Ann Priston (AP) who thanked everyone for their attendance.

- | 1 | <b>Apologies</b>  | <b>ACTION</b>     |
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|   | Apologies had been received from a number of people and these were noted: |                   |
|   | David Rudram  | John Twibell      |
|   | Shirley Marshall  | Sheila Hamilton   |
|   | Lisa Smith  | Guy Rutty         |
|   | Niamh NicDaeid  | Alistair Brownlie |
|   | Muataz Al-Qazzaz  | Jannie Bester     |
|   | Christoph Teuber  | David Osselton    |
|   | John E Cooper   | Anne Holdsworth   |
|   | Gareth Phillips   | Alfredo Walker    |
|   | Brian Caddy   | Leo Rossi         |
|   | John Hall   | Jason Payne-James |
|   | Charlie Miller  | Tim White         |
|   | Rudi Fortson  | Lester Knibb      |
|   | Benjamin Jones  | Shane Tobe        |
|   | Sean Doyle  | Sarah Cresswell   |
|   | Ian Jakeman   | Malcolm Stevenson |
|   | Cheah You Sum   | Jim Munday        |
|   | Geoff Knupfer   | Martin Barrett    |
|   | Terry Keating   | Roger Berrett     |
|   | George Phillips   | Michael Dixon     |
|   | Stephen Cole  | Stephen Driver    |
|   |   | Martin Bloomfield |
|   |   | Sue Thornewill    |
|   |   | Charlie Miller    |
|   |   | Douglas Wragg     |
|   |   | Bill Harriman     |
|   |   | Tony Berry        |
|   |   | Eleanor Graham    |
|   |   | Joanna Short      |
|   |   | Helen Robson      |
|   |   | Sarah Murphy      |
|   |   | Bob Gallagher     |
|   |   | Duncan Woods      |
|   |   | David Berry       |
|   |   | Leslie Angell     |
|   |   | Mark Fowler       |
|   |   | Camilla Larson    |
|   |   | Keith Fryer       |
|   |   | Daire Tennyson    |
|   |   | Paul Millen       |
- 2      **Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM**  
The minutes of the previous AGM were confirmed as an accurate record.
- 3      **Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 4      **Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
The Annual Report had been posted on-line.  
There were no questions or comments arising.
- 5      **Election of Council Members**  
There had been one nomination for the post of Honorary Secretary and that was for Mr Robert Green. Therefore, Mr Green was elected unopposed. Mr. Green had sent his apologies.

Dr Priston thanked Mr Callum Sutherland for his work in acting as Interim Honorary Secretary.

6 **Motions for Consideration**

6.1 **President Elect**

Motion to be considered: To ratify the continuation of the current President in post until such time as nominations are submitted for President in line with the Constitution.

The motion was proposed by Dr Anya Hunt and seconded by Mr Colin Ratcliff and was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

6.2 **Application for a Royal Charter**

Motion to be considered: Resolution in respect of application for a Royal Charter and acceptance of accompanying draft revised Charter and Bye Laws. (documents previously circulated).

Mr Callum Sutherland gave a brief overview of the resolution which was proposed by Dr Anya Hunt and seconded by Mr Brian Rankin. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr Sutherland went on to thank Dr Carol Ostell for all her hard work on this.

There was a question from the floor from Professor Ron Denney in regards to the Society post nominal's should the Charter be granted. Mr Denney enquired if the designation 'R' would be added to the post nominal's. Dr Ann Priston answered that the granting of a Charter would not entitle an organisation to use the designation 'Royal', this required a separate application which the Society had decided not to pursue at present.

6.3 **Chair of Quality Standards**

Motion to be considered: To ratify the role of Chair of Standards becoming an officer position and renamed. First elections for the position will take place in 2013. The role to then be called Chair of Quality Standards.

The motion was proposed by Dr Anya Hunt and seconded by Dr Andrew Jackson and was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr Sutherland thanked Mr Brian Rankin for his work in this role to date.

6.4 Motion to be considered: To ratify Dr Barbara Daniel replacing Nigel Hodge on Council for the remainder of his term in office.

Dr Priston explained that Mr Nigel Hodge had stepped down for Council due to work commitments.

The motion was proposed by Dr Andrew Jackson and seconded by Mr Colin Ratcliff and was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

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**Any Other Business**

For noting \* *E-membership – revision of membership delivery*

Mr Sutherland clarified the note regarding E-membership was in regards to the provision of electronic delivery of membership benefits particularly for overseas members who may choose to receive their benefits by electronic media only.

As there was no other business Dr Priston thanked everyone for attending.  
The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

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