

THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY

Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting

18th November 2013, 12.30pm at
Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Manchester

The meeting was opened at 12.35pm by Dr Ann Priston (AP) who thanked everyone for their attendance.

1 **Apologies** **ACTION**

Apologies had been received from a number of members and these were noted:

Anna-Marie O'Connor	Peter Ellis	Sue Thornewill
Ronald Denney	Jim Munday	Alice Walters
Alistair Brownlie	Anya Hunt	Leon Barron
Robert Green	Andy Manns	Anthony Hodgetts

2 **Minutes of the 52nd 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 from the floor.

CS noted as an additional update that the membership numbers were now 1900.

5 **Election of Council Members**

There had been one nomination for the post of President Elect, Dr Tom Nelson. Dr Nelson's election was proposed by Dr Ann Priston and seconded Mr Darren Phillips and Dr Nelson was duly elected unopposed.

There had been one nomination for the post of Honorary Treasurer, Dr Anya Hunt. Dr Hunt's election was proposed by Professor Andrew Jackson and seconded Mr Brian Rankin and Dr Hunt was duly elected unopposed.

There had been one nomination for the post of Honorary Chair of Quality Standards, Professor Wesley Vernon. Professor Vernon's election was proposed by Professor Andrew Jackson and seconded Dr Ann Priston and Professor Vernon was duly elected unopposed.

There had been three nominations for the three posts of Ordinary Council Member, Mr Peter Ellis, Mr Brian Rankin, Ms Alice Walters.

Mr Peter Ellis's election was proposed by Dr Barbara Daniels and seconded by Mr Callum Sutherland and Mr Ellis was duly elected unopposed.

Mr Brian Rankin's election was proposed by Mr Callum Sutherland and seconded by Dr Tim Thompson and Mr Rankin was duly elected unopposed.

Ms Alice Walters' election was proposed by Dr Barbara Daniel and seconded by Dr Ann Priston and Ms Walters was duly elected unopposed.

6 **Council Structure**

New Council members were listed:

Dr Tom Nelson as President Elect, Dr Anya Hunt to continue as Honorary Treasurer, Professor Wesley Vernon as Honorary Chair of Quality Standards, Mr Peter Ellis, Mr Brian Rankin and Ms Alice Walters as Ordinary Council members.

The remaining Council members were:

Dr Ann Priston as President, Mr Callum Sutherland as Vice President, Mr Robert Green as Honorary Secretary, Dr Leon Barron as Honorary Editor, Mrs Marce Lee-Gorman and Professor Andrew Jackson as Ordinary Council members.

7 **Motions for Consideration**

There were no motions for consideration.

8 **Any Other Business**

At this point Dr Priston announced the departure of the CEO Dr Carol Ostell. Dr Priston explained that it had always been Dr Ostell's aim to leave the Society once the Royal Charter had been granted. She had therefore decided that now was the right time to move on.

In the interim Dr Priston would be acting as both CEO and President.

Andrew Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Dr Ostell for all her hard work.

As there was no other business Dr Priston thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 12.41pm.