CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES 2019

MOTION by the conference chair: That the report of the conference of honorary secretaries be received.

Meeting: 1 March 2019

Present: Dr Pooja Arora (in the chair), Dr Chandra Kanneganti (conference deputy-chair), Dr Helena McKeown (acting Representative Body chair) and 36 honorary secretaries.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. 2019 Conference
The conference of honorary secretaries was held at BMA House on Friday, 1 March 2019. The meeting heard addresses from the following speakers:

– Belinda Phipps, BMA interim chief executive – The Membership Challenge presentation
– Helena McKeown, BMA acting Representative Body chair and George Rae, chair of the chief officers of regional councils – Honorary secretaries’ leading role in regionalisation - how we’re doing; where we’ve got to; where we need to go and how to get there

An interactive session on the theme of ‘Rejuvenating divisions’, was chaired by Pooja Arora. In the afternoon, members of the conference debated the suggested motions that were submitted in advance of the conference; 6 motions were passed (1 additional motion was taken as a reference). The motions passed would be referred to the joint agenda committee.

2. Conference of honorary secretaries seats for the annual representative meeting 2019

There are 2 seats allocated to the conference of honorary secretaries for the annual representative meeting, and the conference agreed for these seats to be filled by the chair and deputy-chair of the 2019 conference. However, since the chair informed the conference she was unable to attend the ARM and the deputy chair was already attending the ARM, it was agreed that voting members of the conference would be allowed to nominate themselves for the two seats and that a suitable election would be held.

Dr Abdul Yousuf, honorary secretary of the Sunderland division and Dr Julian Bashforth, honorary secretary of the South central region were therefore elected by ballot as the ARM representatives for the conference of honorary secretaries to attend the 2019 ARM in Belfast.

3. Election for deputy-chair of conference of honorary secretaries

After a ballot was held, Dr Julian Bashforth (South central region) was elected as the new deputy-chair of the 2020 conference, to take up office after the ARM 2019.

POOJA ARORA
Chair

MOTION by the council chair: That the report of the conference of honorary secretaries be approved.