CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES 2017

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

Meeting: 3 March 2017

Present: Phil De Warren-Penny (in the chair), Sathish Jayagopal (conference deputy-chair), Andrew Dearden (treasurer), Anthea Mowat (representative body chair) and 43 honorary secretaries.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. 2017 Conference

The conference of honorary secretaries was held at BMA House on Friday, 3 March 2017. The meeting heard addresses from the following speakers:

- Andrew Dearden, BMA treasurer, update on the local trials in Scotland, the south west and the West Midlands, and proposed options for processing division grants.
- Andrew Tresidder, general practitioner, GP Patient Safety Lead for Somerset CCG, how to manage health and self-care for doctors and other health professionals.
- Jim Stringer, regional coordinator, BMA member relations, overview of the sustainability and transformation plans and the involvement of regional councils and divisions.
- Tony Garelick, consultant psychiatrist, Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust, overview of DocHealth which provides a consultation service for doctors.
- ‘Question Time’ panel on the theme of ‘Supporting ourselves and looking after each other’, hosted by Dr Phil De Warren-Penny. Panellists were: Dr Andrew Dearden, BMA treasurer, Dr Andrew Tresidder, general practitioner, GP Patient Safety Lead for Somerset CCG, Dr Teresa Borrell, consultant psychiatrist, Psychiatrist Support Service, Dr Tony Garelick, consultant psychiatrist, Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust.

In the afternoon, members of the conference debated the suggested motions that were submitted in advance of the conference; seven motions were passed (an 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 2017

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 2017 conference. However, since the chair informed the conference that he was already attending the ARM, it was agreed that voting members of the conference would be allowed to nominate themselves for the seat and that a suitable election would be held. Dr Shehla Imam, honorary secretary of the Shropshire division was therefore elected by ballot as the ARM representative for the conference of honorary secretaries to attend the 2017 ARM with the deputy-chair.

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

After a ballot was held, Dr Pooja Arora (Solihull division) was elected as the new deputy-chair of the 2018 conference, to take up office after the ARM 2017.

PHIL DE WARREN-PENNY
Chair

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