CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES 2018

Meeting: 2 March 2018

Present: Sathish Jayagopal (in the chair), Pooja Arora (conference deputy-chair), Anthea Mowat (representative body chair) and 30 honorary secretaries.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. 2018 Conference

The conference of honorary secretaries was held at BMA House on Friday, 2 March 2018. The meeting heard addresses from the following speakers:

- Anthea Mowat, Representative Body chair, A global NHS – how to ensure we recruit ethically.
- Terry John, international committee chair, Foreign recruitment – the international committee perspective.
- Helena McKeown, supporting doctors working under pressure in the NHS

A ‘Question Time’ panel on the theme of ‘Recruiting from abroad – sensitively’ was scheduled to take place in the original programme, however, due to adverse weather conditions which required an early finish, this item was removed and a revised programme was issued. In the afternoon, members of the conference debated the suggested motions that were submitted in advance of the conference as well as a further motion, arising from discussions and submitted at the conference; 11 motions were passed (2 additional motions were 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 2018

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 2018 conference. However, since the chair informed the conference that 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 seat and that a suitable election would be held. Dr Abdul Yousuf, honorary secretary of the Sunderland division was therefore elected by ballot as the ARM representative for the conference of honorary secretaries to attend the 2018 ARM with the chair.

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

After a ballot was held, Dr Chandra Kanneganti (North and mid-Staffordshire division) was elected as the new deputy-chair of the 2019 conference, to take up office after the ARM 2018.

SATHISH JAYAGOPAL
Chair