CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES 2022

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

Meeting: 25 March 2022

Present: Cristina Costache (in the chair), Samira Anane (conference deputy-chair), Latifa Patel (acting representative body chair), Trevor Pickersgill (treasurer), Krishan Aggarwal (organisation committee chair) and 34 honorary secretaries.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. 2022 Conference

The conference of honorary secretaries was held at BMA House on Friday and virtually as a hybrid conference, 25 March 2022. The meeting heard addresses from the following speakers:

- Izzy Lenga, BMA Activism Communications Manager and Greg Wharton, BMA Strategic Proposition Development Manager – tools to support grassroots activism
- Dr Shobhna Shah, Co-chair BMA London FREE Network and Mr Jon Hossain, Co-chair BMA Yorkshire regional BAME member network – empowering grassroots BAME doctors
- Dr Michael Dawson, volunteer peer support doctor and Rosetta Wotton, BMA CSER and Wellbeing Manager – supporting wellbeing at the grassroots

In the afternoon, members of the conference debated the suggested motions that were submitted in advance of the conference. 18 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 2022

There are 2 seats allocated to the conference of honorary secretaries for the annual representative meeting, and an election was held for voting members of the conference who wished to nominate themselves for the seats. Dr Sarfaraz Khan, honorary secretary of the St Helens and Knowsley division was elected uncontested as an ARM representative for the conference of honorary secretaries to attend the 2022 ARM. As there were no further candidates, the election was re-run for the remaining ARM seat. However, no nominations were received and the remaining seat was given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Dr Cristina Costache expressed an interest and was allocated the second ARM seat.

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

Dr John Hughes (north west regional council) was elected as the new deputy-chair of the 2023 conference, to take up office after the ARM 2022.

DR CRISTINA COSTACHE
Chair

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