

CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES OF BMA DIVISIONS AND REGIONAL COUNCILS 2024

Meeting: 22 March 2024

Present: Dr John Hughes (chair), Dr Stephen McAleer (deputy chair) and 34 honorary secretaries.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. 2024 Conference

The conference of honorary secretaries was held on Friday 22 March 2024 at BMA House and virtually as a hybrid conference. The meeting heard addresses from the following speakers:

- Ed Pooley, Consultant on workforce culture, Middlesex University – *Navigating the Winds of Change*
- Emma Runswick, Deputy Chair UK Council – *Vision for the BMA*

Members of the conference split into breakout rooms to discuss; what is going well, challenges that are faced and improvements that could be made in terms of divisions. The afternoon session was given over to members debating motions submitted in advance of the conference; with 11 motions being passed. The motions passed will be referred to the joint agenda committee to be included at ARM 2024.

2. Conference of honorary secretaries seats for the annual representative meeting 2024

There are 2 seats allocated to the conference of honorary secretaries for the annual representative meeting, to be held in Belfast on 24 – 25 June 2024 and the conference agreed that these seats would be filled by the chair and deputy chair of the 2025 conference (Dr Stephen McAleer and Dr Gillian Beck).

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

Dr Gillian Beck (Buckinghamshire division) was elected as the new deputy-chair of the 2025 conference, to take up office after the ARM 2024.

DR JOHN HUGHES
Chair