Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare of the RCOG held at the Academy of Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH on Thursday 4 June 2015

The business commenced at 12.45pm. Dr Christopher Wilkinson, President of the Faculty, read the notice of the meeting.

There were 26 members in attendance and 19 proxy forms received. Two apologies had been received. The following business was transacted:

1. **Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014**

   In his report the President drew members’ attention to the contents of the Annual Report and Accounts 2014, as published on the Faculty website.

   In particular the President pointed out the Director’s report and audited accounts in the report and asked for permission that these be taken as read. This was given.

   The President noted that 2014 was a year of significant change and he noted some highlights from 2014 including the opening of the Faculty Diplomate membership to nurses and the admission of the Faculty as a full member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges enabling FSRH to have a seat at many tables in which SRH had not formerly been represented.

   The President also noted that work on the development of the FSRH’s ‘Vision’ for SRH care was continuing and this document would be published in 2015. He reported that following a staffing restructure in 2014, some further investment in staffing will take place in coming months with the appointment of two policy roles to support the Faculty’s influencing work in each part of the UK. The modernisation of FSRH continued in 2014 and included investment in a new database and website redesign and ongoing work reforming governance.

   Dr Diana Mansour, Honorary Treasurer, gave her report on the Faculty’s finances. She reported that Council approved the draft annual report and accounts at their March meeting delegating the final approval to herself. She pointed out that there was a copy of the signed accounts and report on everyone’s seat. She explained that these are a healthy set of accounts with a surplus in unrestricted funds of nearly 36K, an excellent result taking into account the planned expenditure for modernising the Faculty during 2014.

   The Treasurer noted that income had slightly increased over the previous year as a result of improved retention of members and income from the eKA. £105K was spent on restructuring to improve efficiency and service offered to members during 2014.

   The Treasurer reported that utilising restricted funds meant they were slowly decreasing in value, as planned. A further £40K was received from Health Education England to develop the Faculty’s e-learning available to all NHS staff.

   The Treasurer reported that a review of cash holdings in light of low interest rates had taken place and an additional £1,000,000 was invested through JP Morgan. Investment market value had increased from £1.3m in December 2013 to £2.3m in December 2014.

   Acceptance of the report and accounts was proposed by Dr A Kasliwal and seconded by Dr P McGough and carried unanimously by those present. (Proxy: 19 for, 0 against).
2. To re-appoint BDO LLP as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

Accepted. Proposed by Dr N Bryant and seconded by Dr A Kasliwal.
(Proxy: 19 for, 0 against).

3. To adopt the annual subscription rates as from 1 January 2016

The following annual subscription rates as from 1st January 2016 were adopted.

- £200 (Full rate) for Fellows and Members
- £97 (Full rate) for Diplomates
- £75 for Associates

with a reduction of £5 for those paying by direct debit and a continuation of the reduced subscription for those Fellows, Members and Diplomates earning less than £22,000 from ALL medical activities.

Accepted. Proposed by Dr A Ischebeck and seconded by Dr N Acladious.
(Proxy: for 18, 1 against)

4. To elect Council members in accordance with the ballot

The President noted that there were two vacancies for Member/Fellow representatives with Dr Jenny Heathcote and Dr Janet Barter having completed their respective terms of office.

From the four nominations received Dr Jenny Heathcote and Dr Janet Barter were re-elected by membership as representatives of the Member/Fellows.

With regards to the appointment of Faculty Officers, Dr Amanda Britton had completed her term of office and the President thanked her for the very significant contribution she had made to the Faculty over the last 5 years. In particular he paid tribute to her work in implementing the Peil Report and Quality Training Project. It was announced that Dr Catherine Armitage had been elected unopposed to this vacancy and was therefore duly elected Vice President, General Training and Honorary Secretary. The President highlighted that this means there continues to be two GPs among current FSRH Officers.

5. Special Resolution to make an amendment to the objects of the FSRH

The President reported that the change to the charitable objects of FSRH was to simplify the list of issues contained in the first object to ensure this does not become out of date in the future. This change was recommended by the Governance Working Group and agreed by Council. The resolution was then read out in full:

“That having obtained the prior written consent of the Charity Commission under section 198 of the Charities Act 2011 to the amendment of the objects, the Articles of Association of the Faculty be, and are hereby, amended as follows:
In clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association (forming part of the Articles of Association of the Faculty) delete paragraph (1) and substitute new paragraph (1) as follows:

“to advance medical knowledge concerning sexual and reproductive health care;”
The President noted that this object currently continues to read a list including contraception, sterilisation and planned and unplanned pregnancy, well woman screening and management of sexual health.

Acceptance of the change to the charitable objects was proposed by Dr A Kasliwal and seconded by Dr T Masters and carried.

Accepted (Proxy: for 19, 0 against)

6. **Scholarships and Awards**

These were read out by Dr Catherine Armitage, Honorary Secretary/Vice President General Training.

**Margaret Jackson Essay Prize**

A joint first prize was awarded in 2014 to:

Kundun Iqba
The Impact of Romance Novels on women’s sexual and reproductive health

and

Ruth Harris
Complexities and challenges of transition to adult services in adolescents with vertically transmitted HIV infection

The second prize was awarded to Miriam Hillyard for her essay, “What is normal anyway? – Changing perspectives on female sexual dysfunction”.

Third prize was awarded to Ben Chisnall for “Another pill scare – The environmental impact of the combined oral contraceptive pill”.

**David Bromham Memorial Award 2014**

This has been awarded to:

Rudi Pittrof and his multi-disciplinary team from Burrell Street Sexual Health Centre in London

*For their project on*
Providing sexual health services for patients with severe drugs and alcohol problems

**Honorary Fellowships**

These were awarded at the Annual Scientific Symposium in Belfast on 3rd April 2014 to:

Audrey Simpson  
CEO of the Family Planning Association, Northern Ireland

Kathy French  
Specialist nurse in Sexual and Reproductive Health

Dona Milne  
Deputy Director of Public Health in Lothian Health Board