The Renal Association
Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 29 June 2018
Location: Harrogate Convention Centre
Time: 16.00
Chair: Indranil Dasgupta (ID)
Minutes by: The Renal Association Secretariat

Present:
Present trustees: Indranil Dasgupta (Honorary Treasurer), Graham Lipkin (President Elect), Donal O’Donoghue (President), Bruce Hendry (Past-President), Neil Sheerin (Honorary Treasurer), Phil Kalra (Academic Vice President), Paul Cockwell (Clinical Vice President)
Total Number of Attendees: 57

1. Welcome Indranil Dasgupta, Honorary Secretary
ID welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting, Resolution 1
ID asked members to approve the minutes from 2017 AGM. Minutes (Resolution 1) were approved with no corrections.

3. President’s report - Donal O’Donoghue, President

4. Planning for the future - Graham Lipkin, President-Elect
GL detailed the RA’s mission and supporting statements; Improving lives by supporting professionals in the delivery of kidney care and research. The focus for the next 6 months was outlined; Implement RA Governance Review, Revise the Rules of the Association, New Strategy – Consultation. GL asked members to participate in a listening exercise and complete feedback cards distributed in the meeting or to e-mail the Secretariat. GL highlighted that the RA should reflect member needs and that there were a number of key opportunities in the future.

5. Treasurer’s report - Neil Sheerin, Resolution 2

![Treasurer's Report - Neil Sheerin](image1)

![Treasurer's Report](image2)

![Renal Association Income 2017](image3)

![Renal Association Expenditure 2017](image4)
NS asked members to approve the annual report (Resolution 2) for year ending 2017. Members approved the annual report.

6. **Honorary Secretary’s report Resolutions 3, 4 & 5**
   ID presented the membership figures below.

   **Honorary Secretary’s Report – Indranil Dasgupta**
   **Current membership** 1050

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ID asked that members approve the appointment of Rare Disease Chair Danny Gale (Resolution 3) and confirm the appointment of 2 newly elected executive members (Resolution 4), Richard Hull and Debasish Banerjee. Members approved these appointments. ID extended his thanks to outgoing post holders.

ID asked that the membership approve the appointment of new members (Resolution 5) to the association. Members approved the appointment of new members.

7. **Special Business Resolutions 6, 7, 8 and 9**
   ID asked members to approve Resolution 6 which was detailed in the formal notice of AGM. The resolution proposes to update the language and format of the Renal Association’s
Articles. The proposed changes were sent out in full in the notice of AGM. The membership voted by majority to accept the resolution.

ID asked members to approve Resolution 7 which was detailed in the formal notice of AGM. The Trustees sought approval to amend the terms of tenure for the existing board of trustees.

- President; Elected for 2 years, option to extend for 1 year
- Vice Presidents (Academic and Clinical); Elected for 3 years, option to extend for 1 year
- Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary; Terminology removed
- Ability to appoint additional RA member trustees
- BAPN President to become Vice President of the RA

The members approved resolution 7 by a majority vote.

Resolution 8
ID sought approval to recruit additional board members from outside the membership who will bring much-needed specialist experience in areas such as governance, management, marketing, finance and charity governance and regulation. These roles will be for a maximum of two terms of three years with trustee roles held by the membership forming the majority of the board. This resolution will ensure the board has the skills and experience required to deliver the organisation’s objectives.

The members approved resolution 8 by a majority vote.

8. Questions to the Panel: David Hughes (BAPN President), Paul Cockwell (Clinical Vice President), Phil Kalra (Academic Vice President), Fergus Caskey, (Medical Director, UK Renal Registry)
   No questions were asked of the panel.

9. Handover of Presidency
   The Trustees thanked DOD for his significant contribution as Renal Association President, highlighting key achievements in governance and engaging renal trainees. GL took up the post of President of The Renal Association.

10. AOB
   No AOB was raised.