

Resilient Health Care Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17 August 2022, 08:30 CEST

The purpose of this meeting was to review and report on the activities of the RHCS over the previous 12 months; and elect committee and signatory members, set membership fees, and review planned activities for the forthcoming year.

Agenda items as follows:

1. Opening:

RHCS Chairperson Mary Patterson opened the meeting at 8:45 CEST.

2. Election of Chairperson, Secretary and Adjuster of the protocol for the AGM:

Mary Patterson was elected unopposed as the Chairperson, Robyn Clay-Williams was elected unopposed as the Secretary, and Berit Axelsson was elected unopposed as the Adjuster.

3. Pre-meeting administration (quorum) and approval of minutes:

Quorum was ascertained, including 42 RHCS members present (26 in-person and 16 online) and no written mandates for absent members (Article 9). Mary Patterson moved that the minutes be accepted, and Jeffrey Braithwaite seconded, Carried.

4. Report of activities:

Chairperson report. Mary Patterson presented a report on the previous 12 months' activities including webinars, ExCom meetings, and planning for the summer meeting.

Secretary report. Robyn Clay-Williams presented the secretary report: there were seven ExCom meetings held over the previous 12 months, and 15 new members were recruited.

Treasurer report. Axel Ros presented the treasurer report (copy appended to the minutes).

- Membership status update. 69 members
- Annual accounts were presented. Janet Anderson queried the issue with bank transfers and asked what we will do with the money. Action for ExCom.
- Scrutineer (Andrew Johnson). Andrew Johnson endorsed the treasurer report and recommended it be accepted by the society. Moved Janet Anderson, seconded David Vaughn, Carried.

5. Election of committee members:

Election of Executive Committee. (Article 10). Ellen Deutsch reported from the NomCom that everyone will continue in their positions this year, to maintain some stability following COVID, but positions will be staggered from next year. The NomCom recommended that the position of Chair Emeritus be created, and Erik Hollnagel invited to fill the position (Carried).

- Chairperson: Mary Patterson, elected unopposed (Carried)
- Secretary: Robyn Clay-Williams, elected unopposed (Carried)
- Treasurer: Axel Ros, elected unopposed (Carried)
- Members at large: Siri Wiig, Jeffrey Braithwaite, Kazue Nakajima, all elected unopposed (Carried)

Election of Signatories (Article 3). Axel Ros and Mary Patterson were elected as signatories unopposed (Carried)

Election of the Nomination Committee (Article 10). Ellen Deutsch advised that membership of nominating committee will be changing, as she needs to step down due to professional commitments. NomCom suggested Tarcisio Saurin as the new member. Tarcisio was nominated by David Vaughn, seconded by Ruth Baxter, carried.

6. Approval of the annual fee (Article 8). The annual fee was set at 40 Euros for regular membership, 20 Euros for student membership, 10 Euros for patient representative members, and 10 Euros for members from LMICs. We do not have members from LMICs at the moment. Rob Robson explained the rationale for the LMIC varied fee – to diversify membership. Carl Horsley suggested that the membership application requirements are overly complex at the moment, and we may want to simplify if we want to attract additional members. Caroline Canfield suggested that membership fees be put towards maintaining the website.

7. Election of Accountant (Article 14). Andrew Johnson was elected unopposed (Moved Ellen Deutsch, seconded Janet Anderson, carried)

8. Election of honorary members (this section was recorded; written copy of the citation appended to the minutes). Erik Hollnagel was nominated for election as an honorary member of the RHCS by the ExCom. Mary Patterson read the citation, seconded Ellen Deutsch, carried.

9. Outline of planned activities.

Discussion on format and content for future meetings.

- Need a pre-meeting or pre-conference workshop for the next meeting
- Overall agreement that we need longer general discussion time
- A student forum was proposed, like an REA meeting, where students can discuss work with a mentor

- It was agreed that we need to clarify RHC concepts (what it is, what it is not), so that we are not confused with others. It was proposed that presenters show direct links to RHC principles as part of their abstract.
- A 4-day meeting was proposed, however this might be a barrier for clinicians to join. An alternate was to consider break-out sessions to help condense the program and allow more time for discussion.
- Some alternate ideas on how to break up the meeting were offered by Ellen Deutsch. These included speed mentoring (a very rapid ~10min table to table to present ideas to different mentors) and simulation (and debriefing the simulation to talk about RHC principles that emerged).
- It was suggested that webinars held during the year could present work, then the conference consist of discussion around themes
- Carolyn Canfield stressed the importance of face to face meetings, but talked about the need to leverage modern technology to mitigate climate change and due to expense of travel – webinars are a good solution. Axel Ros suggested yearly face to face meetings combined with webinars over the year.

10. Discussion on future of the RHCS. Session will be held in the afternoon.

11. Other items. No other items were presented.

12. Next meeting of the General Assembly. Next meeting August 2023.

Closure 10:04