

Resilient Health Care Society

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

Monday 19 August 2024, 1200 CEST

The purpose of this meeting is 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 12:03 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 Elizabeth Austin was elected unopposed as the Adjuster

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

Quorum was ascertained, including 36 RHCS members present (online) and no written mandates for absent members (Article 9). The minutes were approved by the adjuster in 2023.

4. Report of activities:

Chairperson report. Mary Patterson presented a report on the previous 12 months' activities, including two webinars in November and January. The annual meeting was held in June in Stavanger, and included 38 talks, 23 lightning talks, one workshop, and attracted 72 registrants.

Secretary report. Robyn Clay-Williams presented the secretary report: there were four Executive Committee meetings in the last year. In terms of correspondence, 14 new member applications were received this year (9 arising from the Stavanger Meeting in June, and 6 additional applications via email) all of which were approved. This was Robyn's last meeting in the secretarial role, and she thanked the ExCom and RHCS membership for their support over the last three years.

Treasurer report.

Membership status update. Axel Ros presented the treasurer report (copy appended to the minutes).

- There are 83 current members, including one honorary member, 8 students, and one patient representative. We lost some members over the past 12 months who resigned or did not pay their annual fee.

- Annual accounts. Annual accounts were presented. The account balance as of 30 June 24 was SEK 61,634 (approx. USD 6000). Next year all payment invoices will be sent out in January 2025 and will need to be paid online, as the next meeting will not be until October 25.
5. Audit report on annual accounts by the Accountant. The scrutineer, Andrew Johnson, endorsed the treasurer report and recommended it be accepted by the society.
 6. Freedom from liability for the Executive Committee with respect to the accounts was carried.
 7. Election of committee members:

Election of Executive Committee (Article 10).

- Chairperson: Kazue Nakajima, elected unopposed. Kazue accepted the position of Chairperson, and thanked colleagues for their support, Mary and Erik for their leadership, and Jeffrey and Robyn for previous ExCom service.
- Secretary: Vacant, will be decided by the ExCom at their next meeting
- Treasurer: Axel Ros, elected unopposed.
- Members at large: Carl Horsley, nominated via pre-meeting poll, elected unopposed.

Election of Signatories (Article 3). Axel Ros and Kazue Nakajima were elected as signatories unopposed.

Election of the Nomination Committee (Article 10). A new member was needed to replace Carl. Robyn Clay-Williams was nominated by Axel Ros, elected unopposed.

8. Approval of the annual fee (Article 8). The annual fee continues to be set at 40 Euros for regular membership, 20 Euros for student membership, 10 Euros for patient representative members, 10 Euros for professional/individual members from LMICs, free for other members of LMICs (e.g. patients and their representatives, or students). We do not have members from LMICs at the moment.
9. Election of Accountant (Article 14). Andrew Johnson was elected unopposed.
10. Election of honorary members. No honorary nominations.
11. Outline of planned activities. A webinar is planned for September, and two additional webinars before the next summer meeting (early 2025, then end towards the middle of the year). Tarcisio Saurin provided a 2025 Meeting. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Resilient Engineering Association (REA) in Canela, Brazil. The venue chosen was the Tri Hotel Canela, and a contract with hotel will be signed in the coming weeks. No change in the logistics for attendees, who will fly to Porto Alegre then catch a bus or taxi to the site.

Various scenarios were proposed for program, and there is a meeting next week with REA to discuss. The conference website is: www.ufrgs.br/resilience

12. Other items – 2026 Meeting. We need to start planning shortly. Axel Ros suggested Ireland, England or the Netherlands might be suitable locations. Mary thanked Inger Bergerød and Lil Austin for organising the webinars, Siri Wiig and her team for the outstanding meeting in June, thanked Robyn Clay-Williams and Axel Ros for their service, and welcomed Carl Horsley to the ExCom team. Siri thanked Mary for her role as Chairperson of the Society over the last 3 check years, and encouraged others to nominate as host for future annual meetings.

13. Next meeting of the General Assembly. August 2025.

Closure Meeting closed 12:43 CEST