



Society for Cardiological Science and Technology Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30th April 2020, 6:30pm

Online Zoom Webinar

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SCST panellists:	Catherine Ross (CR) Joanne Ashton (JA) Nolan Stain (NS) Harriet Walters (HW) Mark Squirrell (MS) Eileen Wass (EW) Jude Skipper (JS) Helen Twemlow (HT)	Su Baxter (SB) Brian Campbell (BC) Sarah Cooper (SC) Duncan Sleeman (DS) Heather Herbert (HH) Jacqui Howard (JH) Chris Llewellyn (CL) Cynthia Simon (CS)
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Minutes

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1	Apologies for absence: None received.	
2	Minutes of 2019 AGM & matters arising: Matters arising: PGD development has been delayed due to COVID-19 so Four Country consultation has not yet taken place. The work is currently suspended with no date as yet for resumption. STP funding – this issue has been addressed and we are currently in the early stages of work with NHS England in relation to PTP funding. Representation of non-medical professionals within BCS – as President of SCST CR represents SCST on the Council of BCS but not the Executive Committee. BCS has been working over the past year to re-examine the structure and composition of its groups. Poll – Voted to accept minutes of previous meeting (unanimous)	
3	Presentation of Annual Report: SCST President, CR, spoke to the meeting about the purpose and work of SCST, the achievements of the last year and plans for the future. In particular it was highlighted how SCST was working to influence policy affecting our profession through collaboration and involvement with a number of other organisations and bodies. The inaugural SCST Excellence Awards were presented at the National Update Meeting (NUM) in November 2019 allowing us to celebrate the success and contribution of our members to the field of cardiac science. Lifetime achievement award – Jacqui Howard and Jean May. Fellowship of SCST – Su Baxter COVID-19 will impact on how we innovate and deliver our services in a 'new'	



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	<p>world' faced with challenges as yet unknown. Thanks go to all those who contribute to the work of SCST; their dedication and commitment is very much appreciated and valued. A particular mention to those on Council for the work they do on behalf of the society.</p> <p>Poll – Voted to accept the Annual Report (unanimous)</p>	
4	<p>Election of members of Council: This year there were more nominations than vacancies on Council so an election was held. We are pleased to confirm that the following members have been elected to serve on Council for a three year term:</p> <p>Eileen Wass Jude Skipper Duncan Sleeman Mark Squirrell</p> <p>We can also announce that Heather Herbert has been co-opted to serve on council to lead on the formation of a new network of departmental heads.</p> <p>Welcome and congratulations, and thanks to all those who stood for election.</p>	
5	<p>Presentation of Accounts: Treasurer's Report delivered by JA. Income slightly higher than in the previous year. Net worth of the society now £173K. The majority of income has been generated through examinations and course fees although it is noted that there has been an issue in relation to non-payment of invoices, in the main by hospital trusts and the society has been required to write off some debts. The plan is to move to a position of having 18 months operating costs in reserve. The functionality of the new website will assist in reducing costs – going forward we are moving to online bookings and payment for all courses and examinations.</p> <p>Thanks to the SCST Scottish and Northern Irish branches for providing their accounts.</p> <p>Poll – Voted to adopt the Annual Financial Statement and Accounts of the Society (unanimous)</p> <p>Poll – Voted to retain the services of Whitley Stimpson as the society's auditors (unanimous)</p>	
6	<p>Questions submitted from membership: Statutory regulation – where are we with the campaign for statutory regulation and how do we compare with Physicians' Associates who go straight to Band 7 after qualification?</p> <p>CR responded – a route to statutory regulation as a Clinical Scientist exists currently both through the Scientist Training Programme (STP) and the</p>	



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	<p>Equivalence process offered by the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS). Work is ongoing within government to review regulatory frameworks. Statutory regulation is not related to banding.</p> <p>Exercise Testing Guidelines – Has there been any progress in updating the ETT standard and who is undertaking this?</p> <p>HW responded – HW has been leading the update of the ETT guideline with assistance from SCST colleagues. The initial plan to update has been superseded by the decision that a full rewrite is required to ensure relevance to current practice. This has meant significantly more work but it is hoped that a useful, relevant and informative guideline at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>CR – COVID-19 may impact on our ability to provide a face-to-face NUM but updates will be forthcoming and we will deliver virtually if needed.</p> <p>SB – an enormous thank you to all for everything that they do and for taking the changes in their stride.</p> <p>Thanks to our outgoing president, Catherine Ross, who has served in that role for 5 years. Her dedication, commitment and effort have been much appreciated.</p>	
8	<p>Closing remarks – Catherine Ross, SCST President</p>	

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm