Tom Warner (TW) welcomed members of the ABN and opened the annual general meeting. Ordinary members were instructed to log their attendance to allow quorate.

1. Council

1.1 Election of President Elect 2021-23, President 2023-25
1.2 Election of Honorary Secretary Elect 2021-2022, Honorary Secretary 2022-2024
1.3 Election of Council member 2022-2026

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2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Virtual 20 May 2021

The minutes were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting.

Proposed by: John Woolmore
Seconded: Geraint Fuller

3. Nominations for Membership of the Association

Lay trustees, Stanley Fink and Elisabeth Baltay were thanked for their invaluable support and guidance on many matters across the time served.

Council members were introduced and the recently elected members; Nicola Giffin, Jeremy Rees and Anjum Misbahuddin were confirmed.

TW thanked the following Council members:
- David Burn (DJB) as immediate past president for his support and success in managing the ABN during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Jon Sussman as Honorary secretary who will be succeeded by Lucy Kinton. His support in managing consultations and addressing crucial issues within the ABN and in neurology.
- Arani Nitkunan for her support on the board as a council member who progressed the EDI committee and was an active member on the ABN Quality committee.

160 new membership registrations were confirmed and approved.

4. President’s Report

4.1 In memoriam

A two-minute silence was held for the below members:

- Ashok Raman
- Richard Greenhall
- Aelwyn Davies-Jones
4.2 General Update
TW announced some achievements over the past year:

- 61 clinical consultations in the last year. Many thanks to the ABN Advisory Groups who contributed. This is much lower than the pre-covid but is slowly increasing.
- Successful year for the Clinical Research Training Fellows.
- The re-designed website has increased viewership.
- An increased number of Twitter followers.
- ABN’s online Annual Meeting ‘Connections’ in May 2021- 656 virtual delegates. Autumn one day meeting, 115 in-person & 104 virtual delegates. 91% of delegates were very satisfied with the event - Carolyn Gabriel.
- Co-working with GIRFT and CRG to develop acute neurology pathways – successful - Cath Mummery.
- Significant contribution to safety with invited service reviews together with RCP in a number of areas, including major review in Belfast - Chris Kipps
- Matt Jones has revolutionised the education committee. New system for ABN approval of post/peri CCT advanced clinical training fellowships. - Supported the Neurology SAC in submitting the final new Neurology higher specialist training curriculum. – ran very successful student days.

TW acknowledged each council member for their hard work.

Important for next year and beyond:

- **ACTION:** Looking out for regional and local issues with the new shape of training curriculum.
- Committee of EAN want more British neurologists to stand for posts in the EAN – TW says the ABN would support more representation with them.
- **ACTION:** To think about how the ABN can use its resources to help other countries with training neurologists.

Future meetings:

- Autumn meeting in London
- 2023 Joint meeting with INA in Belfast
- 2024 Edinburgh

5. Honorary Treasurer’s Report

Neil Robertson (NR) presented the 2021 accounts.

Summary of finance audit and risk committee:

- Started a review of the structure in terms of reference of the FAR committee
- Implementing some rule changes
- Reviewed and restructured to help the ABN risk profile.
- Started to develop an annual budget management strategy.
- Negotiating a potential co ownership of PN with the BMJ.
- Rebalanced investment strategy for potential co-ownership but also reduce some of the risks that we find ourselves in a high interest environment.
- £870k income / expenditure of £706k / still have an operational surplus.
- Investments and reserves have increased.

Key points of the accounts:

- Expenses of events are reducing since the pandemic.
- 300k to a multi asset fund to mitigate inflation also to build reserves for the potential of PN co-ownership.
- Maintained a reserve policy of 1/2x annual expenditure.
Future challenges for 2022:

- Inflation pressures
- Potential UK recession
- Develop an investment strategy
- Protect existing income sources – risk is sponsors
- Maintain fellowship fund
- Consider cost of co-ownership of PN
- Develop sustainable office support for accounting and audit mechanisms

Resolutions:

- Consider an adopt annual accounts –
  Proposed: Trevor Pickersgill
  Seconded: Ralph Gregory

- Reappoint Griffin Stone Moscrop & co as auditors
  Proposed: Khalid Hamandi
  Seconded: Trevor Pickersgill

- To authorize the directors to agree
  Proposed: Channa Hewamadduma
  Seconded: Geraint Fuller

6. **Honorary Secretary's Report**

Jon Sussman (JS) gives Honorary Secretary's report.

7 proposed rule changes – combined to 4 votes
1. Make it more straightforward to join organisation
2. No more need for council to approve new members - registered with GMC is enough
3. Increase number of lay trustees from 2 to 3 – limit membership for 2 terms of 3 year so there’s a turn over
4. Remove the requirement for people standing for election to posts to have supporters for their nominations to enable anybody to participate to increase diversity to reduce blocks of involvement in the council and committees.
5. Roles of honorary treasurer meeting secretary and honorary secretary cannot re-stand at the end of their terms - Trevor question – a member can only stand for the position once
6. Committees chair second terms – no election to avoid being challenged by others whilst half way through doing a good job
7. Increase the number of lay trustees who can attend the finance, audit and risk committee to 3

Proposed: Pam Shaw
Seconded: Oliver Bandmann

Proposed: Nick Ward
Seconded: Helen Grote

Proposed: Oliver Bandmann
Seconded: Holger Allroggen

Proposed: Jeremy Chataway
Seconded: Mary Reilly

**ACTION:** Rule changes to be implemented.
7. Date of the next Annual General Meeting:  May 11 2023, Belfast

AGM concluded at 15:00.