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**Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, held online on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 17:30**

1. Welcome

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Observance of a period of silence in memory of members who have died

Members present observed a period of silence in memory of Dr Peter Brock, Dr Leslie Fowler and Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from 15 members.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 November 2019

These were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Resolution - Appointment of External Auditors for current financial year

Members were asked to cast their vote using the online voting form for the re-appointment of Sayer Vincent as external auditors for the financial period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and to authorise the Board of Trustees to agree the level of remuneration.

6. Trustee Elections and Appointments 2020

The Registrar advised that during 2020 Dr Peter Feldschreiber was appointed as the Treasurer, Dr Assem el Baghdady as a co-opted member, Dr Gerry McKay as the RCPSG Representative and Dr Angela Thomas as the RCP Edinburgh Representative. Mr William Payne and Professor Alan Cribb were appointed as Lay Trustees for a second term.

The Officers thanked Dr Tim Crook and Dr Lalitha Mahadavan who stood down as Trustees in 2020 and Dr Isla MacKenzie who stood down after serving two terms of office as RCP Edinburgh Representative.

7. Fellowship Committee 2020

7.1 Fellowship

The Registrar reported that Dr Susan Brook, Dr Usman Farooqui, Dr Lionel Hadjadjeba, Dr Arseniy Lavrov, Dr Iqbal Minhas, Dr Ado Hadejia Muhammad, Dr Alastair Paice, Dr Nishanthan Rajakumaraswamy, Dr Priti Rastogi, Dr Tahir Saleem and Dr Marc Watson were elected to Fellowship by the Board on 1 July 2020.

7.2 Honorary Fellowship

The Registrar reported that Dr Andrew Frankel and Dr Gareth Morgan were awarded Honorary Fellowship by the Board on 1 July 2020.

7.3 Honorary Membership

The Registrar reported that Mrs Elizabeth Langley, Dr Gurdval Kalsi and Dr Ravi Rao were awarded Honorary Membership by the Board on 1 July 2020.

8. President's Annual Address 2020

Professor Tim Higenbottam, President, reported on how SARS-CoV-2 virus has brought pain, disruption and taken lives but its challenge has caused all of us to change and collaborate. He discussed its impact on FPM, how FPM has changed the way it works, and celebrated FPM's achievements. The President concluded by introducing FPM's new Treasurer Peter Feldschreiber who summarised FPM's financial position.

9. Chief Executives Update

Dr Marcia Philbin, Chief Executive, reported on the work of FPM and its priorities for 2021. The priorities include the launch of the new PMST curriculum, a digital upgrade, planning for membership growth and the embedding of FPM's values within ways of working. Dr Philbin concluded by reading two poems in tribute to our NHS colleagues.

10. Open Session for Questions on Received Reports

The President opened the meeting for questions and a member expressed concern over the forecast financial deficit and suggested that FPM needed to raise awareness of what we offer and of membership. While the Officers agreed that awareness could be better, they argued that FPM had already changed and that we would begin to see dividends over the coming year. The focus will be on encouraging pharmaceutical physicians to join FPM and for this to translate into income.

A member asked about admitting non-physicians as members. The President noted that the resolution to admit non-physicians was defeated but confirmed that working together and building a broader church were still important objectives. Engaging with non-physicians brings a wealth of medical related science to FPM and we need to consider how to incorporate them in to what we do, for example by having qualifications designed for non-medics.

A member noted that FPM is now holding virtual events, some of which have been free with very high numbers attending, and asked why FPM is continuing to charge a fee to attend some events. The Officers argued that it was important for FPM to retain the capacity to earn income from events while supporting science and practice. The event programme has both free to attend and paid for events and both are very well attended, any fee charged represents good value for money and FPM works hard to keep costs to a minimum.

The Officers were asked if they had reconsidered the need for a physical building. The Officers felt it was important for FPM to have a 'home' as part of our identity, but we do need to consider how we use the space going forward if there are to be less physical meetings and events held at FPM.

A member asked how FPM planned to ensure collaboration across the various regions and asked for an update on our objective to be more outward looking. It was noted FPM is one of the few international bodies working in pharmaceutical medicine and there must be huge potential to increase membership from outside of the UK. The Officers agreed FPM needed

to be proactive and will be seeking new collaborative relationships for the mutual benefit of both parties, and noted that online meetings and events lends itself to FPM achieving a more global reach.

11. Result of the resolution put to the vote

Members present and those who had voted by proxy approved (43 for, 3 no indication) the re-appointment of Sayer Vincent as external auditors for the financial period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and to authorise the Board of Trustees to agree the level of remuneration.

12. Any Other Business

None received.

13. Date of Annual General Meeting 2022

The date of the 2022 Annual General Meeting is to be announced.

14. Close of Proceedings

The President thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.