

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BIR

MINUTES

The Sixty-second Annual General Meeting of the British Institute of Radiology incorporated by Royal Charter was held online from 9 September 2022, closing for comment 12 September 2022 at 4pm. The meeting was held for the purpose of transacting the following business. The Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2022 had also been available to members on the BIR website, and by post, where appropriate.

The President, Dr Sridhar Redla, provided the Notice convening the sixty-second General Meeting of the British Institute of Radiology incorporated by Royal Charter.

Attendees

Full members: Helen Hughes, David Wilson, Sri Redla, Stuart Green, Daniel McGowan, Mohammed Ali Shah, Jane Phillips-Hughes, Andrew Craig, Simon Jackson, Scott Hanvey, Patricia Morgan, Anne-Marie Taylor, Stephen Keevil, Andrew Jones, Andrew Nanapragasam, Kannan Rajesparan and Sue Marchant.

Staff: Simon Thompson, Magda Howlett, and Lucy Stewart.

- 1 The Minutes of the sixtieth-first Annual General Meeting were approved.
(Appendix 1)

Proposed by: Dr David Wilson

Seconded by: Dr Stuart Green

- 2 The report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2022 (**Appendix 2a**) and the summary report from the President, Dr Sridhar Redla (**Appendix 2b**) were submitted.

Report of the Trustees:

Proposed: Dr David Wilson

Seconded: Dr Stuart Green

The President's report is copied below:

It is with immense pleasure and satisfaction I present my final report as the President of the BIR. This year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the British Institute of Radiology. It has been a time of reflection as we look back at our journey over the years.

The past two years have been like no other. These just happened to coincide with my tenure as the President. But despite unprecedented times with an unexpected turn of events, we have seen a sustained period of growth and success on all fronts.

The year was capped by the BIR team being shortlisted for the Membership Organisation of the Year at the Memcom Awards in September 2021 (equivalent to the Oscars for Membership Organisations), and winning the Highly Commended Award. The BIR Team was shortlisted for the Education Team of the Year as well. A huge congratulation to Simon Thompson for winning the CEO Leadership Award.

All four BIR journals have done exceedingly well, with a whopping 29% increase in the number of full-text articles downloaded by readers. Our flagship journal, *BJR*, has also seen its impact factor go above three for the first time in its history and just as it completes 125 years since the first journal was published.

Membership continues to grow with a 21% increase over the last three years, reaching an all-time high of 3,671 in March 2022. A good proportion of new members are from overseas, partly thanks to the big increase in online resources and partly due to the increasingly international nature of our events.

Education has seen a busy year with a record number of delegates attending the 35 events hosted by the BIR. We have returned to a face-to-face format for some of our flagship events whilst continuing to increase our virtual offerings. Delegate satisfaction continues to be high with 97% rating events 'excellent' or 'very good', for which I would like to thank all the organisers and speakers for their contributions and the BIR Education team for working relentlessly in the background and constantly making improvements.

The year also saw the second joint publication with our World Partnership Network members, *Innovations in Imaging and Radiotherapy: A More Connected World*, which provided perspectives from leaders from our 21 member societies. We also collaborated with the American Society of Nuclear Medicine, the International Association of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology, and Apollo Radiology International (India) to organise highly successful events.

The BIR finances are in a good state and for the third year running ended up with a surplus, which the council decided to invest in future growth. We would not be able to achieve this without the support of our Corporate sponsors who have always been with us through thick and thin. I would like to sincerely thank each and every member of Team BIR and all the trustees on the BIR Council for their commitment and for steering the ship in the right direction. I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the various Special Interest Groups, Branches and Committees for their commitment to the cause. My special thanks to the Editors and reviewers of the journals, all the speakers at various events throughout the year, and the contributors to our online library and resources for sparing their valuable time to support the imaging and oncology communities.

As I sign off, I look back at my time at the BIR with great pride for what we have achieved as a team and warmly welcome our new President, Professor Stephen Keevil.

Dr Sridhar Redla
BIR President

Proposed: Professor Stephen Keevil

Seconded: Dr Stuart Green

For additional information the Annual Review is available on the website.

- 3 The report from the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Andrew Craig, was submitted (**Appendix 3**)

The Treasurer's report is copied below:

Members of the British Institute of Radiology (BIR), this is my sixth and final report as Honorary Treasurer of the BIR. I am reporting on the financial year for the 12 months to 31st March 2022. The Institute recorded an operating surplus of £110,950, which compares with an operating surplus of £725 for the 12 months to 31 March 2021. A net surplus of £403,123 for the 12 months to 31 March 2022 in comparison to a net surplus of £741k in the previous year. This shows that the investment portfolio grew significantly, though not as steeply as the previous year, which included the post-COVID market bounce back.

Income for the 12 months to 31 March 2022 was £1.995 million compared to £1.684 million in the 12 months to 31 March 2021. The principal sources of revenue are publishing (£1.027m), education (£493k), membership (£276k) and dividend income from the investment portfolio (£153k). Expenditure for the year was £1.88 million for the 12 months to 31 March 2022 compared to £1.68 million for the 12 months to 31 March 2021. The principal areas of expenditure were publishing (£858k), education (£556k), membership (£329k) and BIR video courses (£99k).

There was an exceptionally good performance in operations, adjusting to the challenging environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recording operational surplus. The value of the investment portfolio has increased during the year.

Key developments in the year included:

- Successful incorporation of online virtual events alongside face-to-face events, with the Annual
- Congress achieving record income and the Education division growing its financial contribution
- Increase in paid membership to record levels
- Continued steep increase in readership of BIR journals
- Improvement in the Impact Factor of the BIR’s flagship journal, BJR, to its highest ever level
- Significant growth in Open Access publishing
- Launch of an additional, accredited BIR video course following the launch of this new series the previous year
- Continued development of the successful BIR World Partner Network: a collaboration with sister societies throughout the world.

Andrew Craig
Honorary Treasurer

Proposed by: Dr Daniel McGowan

Seconded by: Dr Jane Phillips-Hughes

4 Election of Officers and Council members for the Session beginning 1st October 2021.

President	Professor Stephen Keevil	2022/2024
President Elect	Dr Nicholas Screaton	2023/2024
Vice President (Education)	Dr Simon Jackson	2020/2023
Vice President (External Affairs)	Ms Helen Hughes	2022/2025
Vice President (Publishing)	Dr Elly Castellano	2022/2025
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Daniel Pounder	2022/2025
Honorary Secretary	Dr Kannan Rajesparan	2020/2023
Ms Shasta Hafeez	2020/2023	
Dr Christina Messiou	2021/2024	

Mrs Wendy Wilkinson	2021/2024
Dr Teik Choon See	2022/2025
Dr Anjum Ahmed	2022/2025
Mrs Nicola Blackler	2022/2025

The election of the Trustees for 2022/23 was approved by the AGM.

Proposed by: *Dr Simon Jackson*

Seconded by: *Professor Stephen Keevil*

5 Auditors to the Institute

The President thanked Sayer Vincent for undertaking the audit of the 2020/21 Accounts and proposed their reappointment to audit the 2023 Accounts.

This was approved by the AGM.

Proposed by: *Dr Daniel McGowan*

Seconded by: *Dr Jane Phillips-Hughes*

6 It was announced that the following members had been elected for Fellowship in 2022

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| • Professor Stephen Keevil | Dr Mike Kirby |
| • Dr Kannan Rajesparan | Dr Shaunak Navalkisoor |
| • Mr Andrew Craig | Dr Elly Castellano |
| • Mr Russell Lodge | Mrs Wendy Wilkinson |
| • Dr Dan McGowan | Dr Jim Zhong |
| • Dr Rosalind-Given Wilson | |

7. It was announced that Professor Katja Pinker-Domenig and Professor Habib Zaidi have been elected for Honorary Fellowship in 2022.

8. Any other business

There were no further matters for discussion and the meeting was closed at 4pm on 12 September 2022.