

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BIR

MINUTES

The Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the British Institute of Radiology incorporated by Royal Charter was held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 at 4pm. The meeting took place at the British Institute of Radiology, Audrey House, 16-20 Ely Place, London EC1N 6SN. The meeting was also available to access remotely via videoconference. The meeting was held for the purpose of transacting the following business. The Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2024 had also been available to members on the BIR website, and by post, where appropriate.

The President, Professor Stephen Keevil, provided the Notice convening the sixty-fourth General Meeting of the British Institute of Radiology incorporated by Royal Charter.

Attendees

Full Members: Professor Stephen Keevil, Dr Nicholas Screatton, Dr Simon Jackson, Dr Elly Castellano, Mrs Helen Hughes, Mrs Wendy Wilkinson, Dr Anjum Ahmed, Professor Helen McNair, Dr Amy Eccles, Dr Mike Kirby, Mrs Sheila Hassan, Dr Stephen Davies, Dr Jane Phillips-Hughes, Professor Adrian Thomas, Ms Liz Beckmann, Amied Shadmaan, Stephen Chalkly-Pereira, Keith Langmack, TC See, Agata Rembielak, Adrian Dixon, Geoff Charles Edwards, William David Evans, Harpreet, Rana, Freddy. Sue Marchant had been unable to attend but had read and noted the papers.

BIR Staff: Sara Purdy, Magda Howlett, Lucy Stewart, Tami Potten, Jane Moynihan, Nicky Blair, Chike Dunkwu and Daniel Blanchard

- 1 The Minutes of the sixty-second Annual General Meeting were approved.
(Appendix 1)

Matters Arising: Helen Hughes asked if we had been given a new Patron after the death of Her Majesty The Queen and Stephen Keevil advised that unfortunately this was not the case.

Proposed by: Dr Simon Jackson

Seconded by: Dr Elly Castellano

- 2 The report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2023 (**Appendix 2a**) and the summary report from the President, Professor Stephen Keevil (**Appendix 2b**) were submitted.

Report of the Trustees and President's Report:

Proposed: Mrs Helen Hughes

Seconded: Nick Screatton

The President's report was read out by Professor Keevil and is copied below:

Members of the British Institute of Radiology, I am very pleased to welcome you to our sixty-fourth annual general meeting (AGM). This is my second and final report as BIR President and I am delighted to say that it has been another busy and successful year.

Our heritage as the oldest radiological society in the world is of enormous importance to us, and to reflect this history, in a ceremony held on our 2023 Thames River Cruise, the Institute was formally presented with the Letters Patent granting our Coat of Arms by Christopher Fletcher-Vane, Chester Herald of Arms at the College of Arms. This prestigious event followed the granting of arms last year, symbolising a significant honour and recognition for our organisation. The new Coat of Arms reflects our heritage and values, marking a proud milestone in our history.

This year has also seen significant changes in our publishing arrangements as we successfully completed the transition to our new publishing partnership with Oxford University Press. This move will enhance the quality, reach, and impact of our publications, thanks to Oxford University Press's extensive global distribution network and renowned editorial expertise.

We were also proud to launch our new gold open access journal, BJR|Artificial Intelligence in January 2024. This journal will provide a dedicated platform for cutting-edge research in artificial intelligence within radiology, with its open access model ensuring ground-breaking studies are widely accessible, promoting rapid dissemination and knowledge sharing. More widely in AI we also introduced AI Roundtables – where the event and accompanying journal article provide valuable insights and help drive forward the conversation on artificial intelligence in healthcare.

Looking at our international collaborations, we further strengthened our ties through the development of reciprocal congress sessions with the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) in the USA and the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) in Europe. These sessions fostered cross-border knowledge exchange and highlighted the global impact of radiological advancements. Furthermore, The BIR World Partner Network continued to flourish, promoting collaboration with over 20 sister societies worldwide. Highlights included the World Partner Network breakfast at RSNA 2023, which provided a platform for sharing knowledge and strengthening international ties.

In terms of events, the BIR Annual Radiology and Oncology Meeting first launched four years ago and remains a key annual fixture, growing in popularity and influence. This year, the 'patient voice' element has developed particularly strongly, emphasising the importance of patient perspectives in radiological and oncological practices. Our continued presence at the UK Radiological Congress (UKRO) was marked by a joint stand with the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) and the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR). This collaboration showcased our commitment to supporting and advancing the field of radiology within the UK.

In Education, following the successful launch of our new video course series in 2020, this year the CT Essentials course was launched. We successfully expanded our offerings with additional accredited BIR Video Courses over the years. These courses have been well-received, providing accessible and high-quality education to professionals in the radiology community.

All of these achievements underscore our commitment to innovation, education, and international collaboration, reflecting a successful year of growth and progress for the BIR.

Professor Stephen Keevil

BIR President

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

3 The report from the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Dan Pounder, was read out by Dr Elly Castellano on his behalf, and copied below. (***Appendix 3***)

Members of the British Institute of Radiology (BIR), this is my second report as Honorary Treasurer of the BIR. I am reporting on the financial year for the 12 months to 31st March 2024.

Income for the 12 months to 31 March 2024 was £1.997 million compared to £2.181 million in the 12 months to 31 March 2023.

The principal sources of revenue are publishing (£888k), education (£599k), membership (£315k), BIR video courses (£27k) and dividend income from the investment portfolio (£160k).

Expenditure for the year was £2.2 million for the 12 months to 31 March 2024 compared to £2.21 million for the 12 months to 31 March 2023. The principal areas of expenditure were publishing (£653k), education (£1,018m), membership (£378k) and BIR video courses (£102k).

At an operating level, the Institute recorded a deficit of £208,254 for year ending 31 March 2024, which compares with a deficit of £29,927 for the 12 months to 31 March 2023. The Institute recorded a net surplus of £221,429, in comparison to a net deficit of £248,383 in the previous year.

During the challenging time of extremely high inflation, the team did well at reducing the planned deficit. The value of the investment portfolio significantly increased during the year.

I would like to thank Magda Howlett, the Institute's Director of Finance and Operations, for managing the BIR's finances during the year, and Sayer Vincent for this year's audit work.

Daniel Pounder
Honorary Treasurer

Proposed by: Dr Nick Screaton

Seconded by: Dr Jane Phillips-Hughes

4 Election of Officers and Council members for the Session beginning 1st October 2023.

President	Dr Nicholas Screaton	2024/2026
Vice President (Education)	Dr Teik Choon See	2024/2027
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	Revd Dr Mike Kirby	2024/2027
Mrs Wendy Wilkinson	2024/2027	
Mrs Nicola Blackler	2022/2025	
Professor Helen McNair	2023/2026	
Dr Amy Eccles	2023/2026	
Dr Amrita Kumar	2024/2027	
Dr Sheila Hassan	2024/2027	
Dr Peter Strouhal	2024/2027	

The election of the Trustees for 2024/25 was approved by the AGM.

Proposed by: Elizabeth Beckmann

Seconded by: Dr Stephen Davies

5 Auditors to the Institute

The President thanked Sayer Vincent for undertaking the audit of the 2023/24 Accounts and proposed their reappointment to audit the 2025 Accounts.

Proposed by: Dr Amy Eccles

Seconded by: Helen Hughes

6 It was announced that the following members had been elected for Fellowship in 2024:

- Dr Christina Messiou
- Dr Shaista Hafeez
- Dr Amrita Kumar

7. It was announced that the following members had been elected for Honorary Fellowship in 2024:

- Professor Marco Durante
- Professor Margaret Hall-Craggs
- Professor Andrea Rockall
- Professor Issam El Naqa
- Professor Heang-Ping Chan
- Professor Andrew Nisbet
- Dr Hilary Moss

Proposed by: Professor Adrian Thomas

Seconded by: Dr Mike Kirby

8. Any other business

There were no further matters for discussion and the meeting was closed.