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The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine held at the Royal Liver Suite, Liverpool / Zoom on 09 May 2025 at 17:00 hours.

Minutes

1. Introduction: The President opened the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and welcomed all attendees, both those present in person and those joining online. The President confirmed that the meeting was being recorded to support the preparation of the minutes and noted that 2025 represented the FFLM's 20th Anniversary.
2. Apologies were received from Prof Denis Cusack and Prof Paul Marks.
3. Minutes of the 18th AGM held at the Royal College of Pathologists in London / Zoom on 10 May 2024 were received and accepted as an accurate record.
4. Award of Diplomas to newly elected Honorary Fellows, Fellows and successful FFLM examination candidates: Diplomas were awarded to the recipients listed in Paper 3 of the AGM paperwork.
5. Registrar's Report: published on FFLM website, no questions.
6. Amendments to the Standing Orders: published on the FFLM website. It was noted that no questions had been submitted prior to the AGM regarding the proposed amendments and questions were invited from the floor. The AGM approved the changes to the Standing Orders listed in Paper 5 of the AGM paperwork.
7. Treasurer's Report (including Trustees Report): published on FFLM website, no questions.
8. Academic Dean's Report: published on FFLM website, no questions. The Academic Dean thanked the Chief Examiner and the Examiner team for their hard work and encouraged members to consider joining the Examiner team.
9. Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine (JFLM): Elsevier Report published on FFLM website. An update on the publishing landscape, the performance of the JFLM, and future plans was provided by Katie Chan, Forensic and Legal Medicine Publisher at Elsevier. A question was raised regarding the reasons for the decrease in the Impact Factor. It was noted that the average number of submissions had fallen, citation levels were lower, and there had been a general decline across the field.



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10. President's Report: published on FFLM website, no questions. The President thanked the Senior Officers, the FFLM membership, and the FFLM office staff for their continued support and stated that it had been an honour to serve as their term of office came to a close.
11. David Jenkins Chair in Forensic & Legal Medicine: Dr Peter Green was appointed as the Chair for 2025-26.
12. Any Other Business: no further items of business were raised.
13. Date of the next AGM: Friday 08 May 2026 in London.

The outgoing President, Dr Bernadette Butler, formally handed over the Chain of Office to the incoming President, Dr Alex Gorton.

Meeting closed.