

FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

of the Royal College of Physicians of London



The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine, held on Friday 01 May 2015 at the Bournemouth Highcliff Marriott Hotel.

MINUTES

1. Apologies: an apology was received from Professor Carol Seymour.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: these were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda
3. Award of Diplomas to newly elected Honorary Fellows and Fellows: citations were read by the Registrar. Honorary Fellowships were awarded to Professor Keith Rix and Mr Clive Constable. Ordinary Fellowships were awarded to Dr Emma Cuzner, Professor Felicity Goodyear-Smith, Dr Stephen Hempling, Dr Jennifer Holmes, Dr Kathryn Leask, Miss Vanessa Machin, Dr Tom O'Gorman, and Mr Paul Wood. Drs Kuzner, Holmes and O'Gorman were present to receive their certificates.
4. Award of MFFLM examination certificates: the Registrar reported that the following had achieved Membership by examination: Medico-legal advisers: Dr Gordon McDavid, Dr Ellen O'Dell, Dr Sarah Townley and Dr Shelagh Turvill; Sexual Offence Medicine: Dr Jenny Waters; General Forensic Medicine: Dr Thomas Ashley-Norman. Dr Uma Kulkarni had been successful in the examination for the Diploma in the Forensic and Clinical Aspects of Forensic Assault. No recipients were present to receive their certificates in person.
5. Registrar's report: the Registrar presented his written report for approval. He referred to the changes in Standing Orders, approved by the Board for recommendation to the AGM, and set out in his report. These were formally approved. It was regretted that full membership trends were not available due to website development, but the general trend in the categories of membership and affiliates was downwards. A great deal of effort had been made to relocate the FFLM office, following an offer of £50,000 to terminate the old office lease prematurely. The move to Alie Street in the Aldgate area of London had been successfully completed. The full report is available on the Faculty's website.
6. Treasurer's report: the Treasurer presented the Accounts and Report for the year ending December 31 2014. The Faculty's financial position showed a surplus, even excluding the sum received for terminating the office lease. The Treasurer confirmed the reduction in subscription income due to a fall in overall membership, but emphasised that the income from examinations had increased. He recommended a rise of 1.3% in subscriptions, based on a link with Consumer Price Inflation. This was approved. The full report is available on the Faculty's website.

7. Academic Dean's report: the Academic Dean presented his report for approval. He stressed the role of the Academic Committee, which received reports from the following subcommittees: Forensic Science, Training and Education, Research, Conference, and Curriculum. It also received reports from the Chief Examiner's Committee and the Sexual Offences Forum. The Academic Dean identified a particular area of concern - the low pass rate for Part 2 of the Membership examination in General Forensic Medicine. The Diploma of Legal Medicine had its first examinations sat in June and December 2014, and the Diploma in the Forensic and Clinical Aspects of Forensic Assault had been transferred to the FFLM from the Society of Apothecaries. The full report is available on the Faculty's website.
8. European Council of Legal Medicine: Professor Denis Cusack gave an update on the ECLM.
9. Editor's report - Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine: the full report is available on the Faculty's website.
10. Award of David Jenkins Chair in Forensic and Legal Medicine: the recommendation that the 2016 lecture should be given by Professor Guy Ruty was approved.
11. The new President, Dr Jason Payne-James, was inaugurated by the outgoing President, Dr Victoria Evans, and presented with his badge of office. The Treasurer, Dr Daniel Haines, and the new Registrar, Dr Michael Wilks, were also inaugurated.
12. There were no items of any other business.
13. The date of the 2016 AGM was given as 06 May 2016, at the Royal College of Physicians of London, and would follow the David Jenkins lecture.