

FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

of the Royal College of Physicians of London



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The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine held on Friday 11th May 2018 at the Royal College of Physician of London.

MINUTES

1. Apologies: No apologies for absence were received by the Registrar.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: these were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not included on the Agenda.
3. Award of Diplomas to newly elected Honorary Fellows and Fellows and to successful candidates in the FFLM examinations: Diplomas have been awarded to the recipients listed in the Appendix to these Minutes, those in bold were present to receive their diplomas
4. President's Report; See printed report. Grateful to team at Faculty office staff and Senior Officers. Area to concentrate on Speciality Advisory Committee, part 1 submitted to Dept of Health, a great deal of support from many areas and groups. Hopeful of a positive response. No questions. Further, page 06 of report International Association of Legal Medicine FFLM making bid to host meeting in 2021.
5. Registrar's Report: Written report available. Just add highlights – firstly scope of work has increased over 3 years for example Membership of AoMRC, our specialist application, offer revalidation, new working groups. Appointing of Assistant Registrar, Alex Gorton will prove to be very useful. We are getting better known and Faculty's name moving up agendas. Second matter is GDPR, all organisations have had to assess how data is held and managed, taking advice from HR advisers, analysis of data we hold and reason we hold it and use it. Mentioned press and publicity activity and profile, twitter and Facebook and web site is being used more and more. Website not updated in 2018 but happy to receive comments. Important concerns raised about level of membership, seems to have stable system. Last renewal of subscriptions led to fall of uptake mainly in Forensic Physicians commonly due to change in commissioning of police custody health care did not see value of membership of Faculty. Changes in Membership reflects true 30 – 40 drop in Forensic Physicians. Considered making MFFLM exam easier but this was strongly rejected. Will specialist status improve prospects of Faculty as may commissioned by NHS all should help. Currently in holding pattern. Questions: None. One final matter: Huge thanks to Tessa and Charlene also include Jay who is on holiday. Gift presented.
6. Amendments to Standing Orders: List published earlier. Current text presented next to amended text. Procedures progress and develop. List of areas of change.
 - a. Affiliateship people who are not taking exam found variety of people apply. Affiliateship for those actively working in one of core functions of the Faculty. Important for our application for specialist registration. Dr Meng Aw Yong asked if

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- this would allow paramedics to become affiliates and this was confirmed providing they were registered. Change agreed.
- b. Associateship people not working in three core areas but interested in what we do. Possibly studying in law, medicine etc. Added Student Associateship. Dr Field : refer to three core areas need to add Dento-Legal advisers. Change agreed and will be added in this rule too.
 - c. Dento-Legal Advisers, Foundation Membership and Fellowship. Window to bring in members of this group in same way as Foundation Members and Fellows were included at inception of Faculty. Time limited to 2 years. Initially done through a Committee (see later). RCP approved at inception along with Forensic Odontologists, for some reason Dento-Legal Advisers were not accepted. Dr Stark asked if 2 years were sufficient. Discussed. Dr Butler and Mr Holden questions readily transferable. Dr Wall issue of DLA when he was President but Board decided not to push DLA. Concerned that 2 years is too little. Increase to 3 years by show of hands.
 - d. Honorary Fellowship wide description, do not need to be medically qualified. Preferred route is through examination and after 5 years can apply for elevation to Fellowship. Honorary Fellows not a side route to Fellowship. So simple tightening of rule for Honorary fellowship. No questions. Change agreed.
 - e. Changes to inclusion of DLA means that changes needed to VP (MLA) responsibilities to include them and so VP is now to “Legal Medicine Practitioners” VP (LMP). Change agreed. Dr Aw Yong asked about legally coroners, small cadre of medically qualified coroners. Faculty active in talking to Chief Coroner. If legally qualified coroner they can become Affiliates or Associates. Dr Cusack Ireland has maintained mixture, whether Medical Examiners might lead to re-alignment in future. Deferred until MEs established.
 - f. Membership & Fellowship Committee built out of old Fellowship Committee, suggest improvement of current “on line” applications so new Committee meets quarterly and has Paramedic and Nurse Affiliate members. Dr Green: steady flow of applications asked if quarterly is sufficient or of more frequent would be better, Suggested we start quarterly and see how that goes. Dr Makee: might you struggle to get paramedic membership of committee. Changes agreed.
 - g. Assistant Registrar, already mentioned. Accept brief job description. Dr Iyer how assistant registrar appointed. Advert initially to assist Dr Wilks but turned into substantive post. Then interview. 3 applicants but only 1 present for interview. Pointed out that initially Fellow was required but now Member is suggested . Change agreed
 - h. Immediate past President place on Board until new President elected. Change agreed.
 - i. Standing Orders : useful to reduce time required to post proposed changes as this fits better with timing of committee meetings.
7. Treasurer’s Report : The Treasurer presented Accounts and reports for the year . These are attached as an Appendix to these minutes. Dr Haines noted this year taken a relatively

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small step backwards largely due to unexpected increase in expenditure and these may continue for a few years. Funds significant so we can cope but look forward to is Specialist status. Losses unexpected include legal fees for HR processes, pay sum for first full years cost AoMRC, ISO 9001 accreditation, literature about Faculty that is now being used. Fees for membership at different levels increase this year by 5% to maintain solvency. Dr Jones identify where cost of exam are? Dr Haines exams expensive to run but they need to be of high standard. Some years income exceeded costs, last year they lost a little. Dr Seymour identified 5(c). as item in accounts. No further questions.

8. Academic Deans Report. Academic Dean presented her report. Update new Deputy Chief Examiner Dr Christine Greenshaw. Thanks to Drs Stark & Hall. When we get specialist status, exams will be crucial. Work related to apprenticeships and the Health & Justice Trail blazers group. Thanks to examiners, exam pass rates are good, but nobody obtained membership in GFM but both candidates in SOM were successful. No MLA candidates. Licentiate exam needed for MLA and possibly DLA. Conference has been a success and thanks to Dr Iyer. Subcommittees have been active and successful. Many thanks to Faculty office staff for all their help. Extensive publications on web site. Web learning and Dr Hull getting things organised. Other matters including Custody Early Warning Scores (CEWS), TASER etc. Questions: Dr Green thanks to those who helped Torture Group, Dr Cusack greetings from European Council for Legal Medicine and IALM. Dr Scott: Asked about application for speciality status to assist with workforce planning, possibly next 4 months. Time by which qualifications will be needed. People fulfilling role at present without Licentiate or Membership need to know for work force planning. Prof Seymour. May take quite some time.
9. Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine: Full report on Faculty and Elsevier websites. Impact of Journal increasing while other equivalent journals are declining. Receiving many submissions for publication. Prof Tim Thompson has been appointed as new editor. Modest income which will hopefully continue. No questions
10. David Jenkins Chair: Suggestions made to Committee but no decisions made.
11. AOB : None
12. Date of next AGM: 10th May 2019.

Meeting closed

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Appendix 1

Honorary Fellows

Dr Guy Norfolk
Prof Nigel Eastman

Fellows

Dr Alain Vella
Dr Farah Yusuf
Dr Liliane Field
Dr Linda Teebay
Dr Sonya McCullough
Dr Ainsley Kassie
Dr Vasudeva Murthy C.R.
Dr Rudo Masanzu
Dr David Wearden
Dr Frances Cranfield
Dr Wendy Kuriyan

Certificates

MFFLM (SOM)

Dr Emmeline Brew-Graves
Dr Sarah Whiteman

LLFM (SOM):

Dr Jo Curran
Dr Sheelagh Cooke

DLM:

Dr Rebecca Adlington
Dr Kamran Ahmed
Dr Olujimi Aina
Dr Mohamed Amin
Dr Sukhnedu Banik
Dr Susan Bewley
Mr Michael Bowen
Dr Emmeline Brew-Graves
Dr Joshua Brostoff

Dr Deryn Evans
Dr Terry John Evans
Dr Virginia French
Dr Valerie Godfree
Dr Laura Gordge
Dr Peter Haigh
Dr Ashad Hannan
Dr Christopher Harrison
Dr Michal Kaim
Dr Shamir Karmali
Dr Kapil Kashyap
Dr Fawzia Khalid
Dr Joseph Klaus
Dr Alfarah Kunwar
Dr Sarah Lee
Dr Mather Lord
Dr Benjamin Lucas
Dr Annabelle MacGregor
Dr Adfal Reza Maridzuan
Mr Thomas McCaffrey
Dr Zoran Momcilovic
Dr Robin Murray
Dr Maryam Naeem
Dr Myooran Nathan
Dr Caroline Osborne-White
Dr Rishin Patel
Dr Gabrielle Pendlebury
Dr Ian Pope
Dr Shwan Rashid
Mr Pete Renwick
Dr Jennifer Sharp
Dr Philippa Singer
Dr Pranveer Singh
Dr Hiang Boon Tan
Dr Bethan Walker
Dr Gavin Wilson
Mr George Wright

(Names in BOLD indicates certificate collected in person)