

FACULTY OF FORENSIC & LEGAL MEDICINE

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The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine held at the Royal College of Pathologists, London / Zoom on 10 May 2024 at 16:00 hours.

Minutes

1. Introduction: The President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and noted that there were attendees joining online as well as in person. The President advised that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the minutes.
2. Apologies were received from Dawne Garrett and Julia Neild.
3. Minutes of the 17th AGM held at the Principal Hotel in York / Zoom on 12 May 2023 were received and accepted as an accurate record with the following amendment:
 - An addition noting that the outgoing President, Paul Marks, formally handed over the Chain of Office to the incoming President, Bernadette Butler.
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. A query was raised regarding the accuracy of the FRCGP fee listed on page 16. The President advised that the figure would be reviewed and amended if necessary. The Treasurer's Report was subsequently approved.
8. Academic Dean's Report: published on FFLM website, no questions.
9. Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine (JFLM): Elsevier Report published on FFLM website, no questions. An update on the publishing landscape and the performance of the JFLM was provided by Katie Chan, Forensic and Legal Medicine Publisher at Elsevier.

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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.
11. David Jenkins Chair in Forensic & Legal Medicine: Prof Michael Freeman was appointed as the Chair for 2024-25.
12. Any Other Business:

Prof Denis Cusack, current President of the European Council of Legal Medicine (ECLM), provided an update on the work of the ECLM and mono-specialty recognition of Forensic and Legal Medicine at European level.

Prof John E Cooper and Mrs Margaret Cooper, Honorary Fellows of the FFLM, informed attendees that they were currently working on a new book titled "When Humans and Animals Clash: The Science and Law." They invited FFLM members with relevant experience in human-animal interactions to get in touch and share their insights for potential inclusion in the publication.

13. Date of the next AGM: Friday 09 May 2025 in Liverpool. The President noted that 2025 would mark the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the FFLM.

Meeting closed.