



King's College London Dental Alumni Association

AGM

Minutes

Saturday March 7th 2020

1. Welcome

- Vincent Barrett, President of the KCLDAA, welcomed the approx. 80 members to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

- There were no apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the annual General Meeting held on Saturday 2nd March 2019

- The Minutes from 2019 AGM were accepted.

4. Matters arising

- There were no matters arising.

5. The President's Report

Vincent explained that he proposes no grand renovation projects in the style of Eric Whaites, his predecessor, but is keen to engage with the young Alumni: providing a seed for greater things to come.

- One of his initiatives was to set up Student and Young Alumni awards; this year's winners had been announced at the previous night's dinner, recognising the efforts of these talented young clinicians in three areas:

Amandeep Zakaria -Essay

Ben Neo- Case Presentation

Niki Keyhani - Single Tooth Restoration

He was grateful to Rupert Austin who had selected them, noting their high quality.

- Vincent explained that the Association is striving to improve communication with all Alumni, not just the Young Alumni; the Facebook account has been revitalised and an Instagram account created. A coordinator will be required on the Committee to manage these modern forms of communication.
- He was delighted by the exceptional quality of the presentations and workshops at the Alumni weekend.
- He explained that Matt Billington, current Student President, was producing a Dental Alumni App with other UK dental schools.
- A questionnaire, devised by the Committee, is due to be sent out to all Alumni asking for feedback on what they want from the Association. Alumni weekends take an enormous amount of planning and hard work and we need to know they are worthwhile.
- Vince asked Eric Whaites to report on his Floor 31/32 project. Eric thanked the Alumni for their donations explaining £250,000 target had been reached. The preferred contractor, ISG, has been engaged and documentation signed off. The final design and costs were to be presented to the investment board in a couple of months.

6. The Executive Dean's Report

Professor Mike Curtis presented slides with staff updates, academic promotions, student updates, Faculty updates and Alumni news. He highlighted that Peter Frost had been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Peckham, South London and this met with applause.

- Academic Promotions-He announced Dirk Bister, Guy Carpenter, Richard Cook, Karen Liu and Jane Setterfield have all been given Chairs and Rupert Austin was promoted to Senior Lecturer.
- Student updates-the Dental students are recognised across the whole KCL University as exemplary: with their work in the community, with Smile Society, etc and he thanked any students attending for achieving such an accolade.
- Faculty Updates-Floor 18 had been refurbished into the Academic Centre. A memorial service had been held for Professor Jack Rowe which was well attended and more of a celebration than one of mourning.
- Alumni news-Eric Whaites' Floors 31 and 32 redevelopments were well progressed.

Prof Stanley Gelbier and Alumni were aiming to install a Green Plaque outside the home of the Royal Dental School in Leicester Square, with the help of Westminster City Council. Those wanting to donate should contact Mike Curtis: Mike.curtis@kcl.ac.uk

- Kings College Dental School was now ranked #1 in the QS World ranking 2020.

7. Treasurer's Financial and Mentor Report

- Tarik Shembesh thanked the alumni and their guests for their generous donations the night before; the raffle raised £1185 and £2100 on the silent auction. He presented slides with further information.
- He explained there are 4 funds for Awards, Legacies and Endowments: Guys Forever, Dental Circle, Dental Fund and Dental Discretionary Fund.
- He invited Alumni to refer to King's Connect and to use this if considering Mentoring etc.

Vincent gave Tarik his personal thanks for his hard work on the committee.

8. Secretary's Report

Charlotte Spedding explained 4 council meetings had taken place last year with an average of 15 members attending. She thanked Eric and Vince for their support over the three years and she thanked Jennifer Elliott for taking on the role of Secretary of KCLDAA.

Vincent thanked Charlotte for her work as Secretary and welcomed Jennifer.

9. Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards 2020

Vincent announced that these Awards had been presented the evening before at the Alumni dinner.

- The winner of the Alumnus of the Year award was Dr Eric Whaites. The Distinguished Service award was awarded to Eddy Odell and had been collected by Peter Morgan on his behalf.

Vincent announced that Prof Stanley Gelbier had resigned from the committee and would be sorely missed. He asked the alumni to applaud Stanley for his long-term commitment to the Association.

Vincent thanked the hardworking, committed and energetic Committee members for all their support over the past year.

10. AOB

There were none.

11. Date of next meeting

- The next AGM will be held on Saturday 6th March 2021, with the Alumni dinner on Friday 5th March 2021.

