



# King's College London Dental Alumni Association

## AGM

## Minutes

Saturday March 2<sup>rd</sup> 2019

### 1. Welcome

- Eric Whaites, President of the KCLDAA, welcomed the approx. 70 members to the AGM.

### 2. Apologies for absence

- There were no apologies for absence.

### 3. Minutes of the annual General Meeting held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

- The Minutes from 2018 AGM were accepted.

### 4. Matters arising

- SJ Challacombe explained that volunteers for teaching are needed in Sierra Leone. Elective students will be required. Phantom heads are needed and ideas for funding this are required.

### 5. The President's Report

- Eric Whaites outlined the Floor 31/32 appeal, explaining Floor 31 is still currently derelict. He showed an artist's impression of the proposed Alumni Suite/space and announced that about £235k had been raised so far. He thanked everyone for their generosity. He explained that the survey showed some structural concerns and he is awaiting the new costings with respect to the RSJs in the ceiling of Floor 31/floor of Floor 32. . He explained that GSST charity were supportive of the plans and particularly the benefits that Floor 31 would bring to staff. He was hopeful that the Charity would make a financial contribution once costs had been finalised

- The overall project also involves the conversion of Floor 25 (Communications Tower) into a new Oral Medicine incorporating a multidisciplinary mouth cancer clinic involving Oral Medicine, Oral Surgery and Head and Neck clinicians.
- The new Alumni badge with the 4 shields was displayed and promoted for sale. Eric explained that the fuchsia pink background was the modern King's graduation colours (designed by Vivienne Westwood) replacing the original University of London olive green. It was hoped that each graduate this year would receive a gift of a badge/tie/ scarf from the Alumni Association, as a welcome.
- There is currently a lack of engagement with young alumni needing to be addressed by the incoming President
- The Alumni Dinner was oversubscribed this year and will be returning to a larger venue, probably a hotel, next year.
- The Executive Directors of the Trust are very supportive of the Dental Faculty and have invested heavily in clinical facilities in the last few years. The latest investment was in Floor 21. The new clinic was officially opened by the Chief Dental Officer for England in November 2018. Dental Circle members and senior Trust Executives were invited to attend.
- Eric thanked the council members for their support over the last 2 years particularly Charlie Spedding as Secretary and Tarik Shembesh as Treasurer.

## **6. The Executive Dean's Report**

- Mike Curtis explained that a new programme had been introduced which is a non-clinical Graduate programme on the Microbiome.
- The Faculty recognise the importance of promotion of academic staff and historically this was on the basis of Research. King's has recently introduced a new pathway - the Academic Education Pathway which recognises teaching and education.
- He highlighted 2 of many promotions: Shanon Patel was promoted from Hon Senior Lecturer in Endo to Hon Reader and Kathy Fan OMFS promoted from Senior Lecturer to Hon Reader.
- He referred to the IADR at Excel in July '18 where over 100 contributions were submitted from King's Dental faculty. This was an opportunity to meet with other Dental Institutions and Leads in research e.g. Korea and China. The relationship with Peking School of Stomatology was cemented. A visit to Beijing for the Joint Research Conference is planned. The Research expenditure has increased by almost 100%. With recent grants it should continue or exceed that level. Detailed Report to attach as Appendix A.

## **7. Treasurer's Financial and Mentor Report**

- Tarik Shembesh highlighted the Endowments and Awards: 9 electives had been funded, Appendix B attached.

## **8. Secretary's Report**

- Charlotte Spedding explained 4 council meetings had taken place last year with an average of 15 members attending. A wide range of matters were discussed including Alumni weekend and Floors 31/32 development.
- She thanked Juliet Ellwood for all her hard work with the organisation of the weekend; she explained feedback had already been positive and encouraged those attending to inform their colleagues and ensure that the Alumni office had their up-to-date email address for correspondence.

## **9. Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards 2019**

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

- The winner of the Alumnus of the Year award was Prof Nigel Hunt, Consultant Orthodontist at the Eastman and former Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Prof Michael Escudier (The current FDS Dean) had read out his message of acceptance of the award.
- The Distinguished Service award had been presented to Dr Pepe Shirlaw, Oral Med Consultant, whom colleagues held in very high esteem, for her roles in teaching, clinical work and as Clinical Director of the Dental Hospital for many years. A round of applause was given.

## **10. Inauguration of new President**

- Vincent Barrett was inaugurated President of KCLDAA and handed the Chain of Office by Eric Whaites.
- Vincent thanked Eric for his tireless hard work and asked the members for a warm vote of thanks to Eric, with applause.
- Vincent informed the members that his mission was to encourage Alumni to keep in contact with the Association and to engage the young Alumni.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

- The next AGM will be held on Saturday 7th March 2020.