

## HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2022

#### The President, Dr Robina Coker in the Chair

Present: Dr Helen Graham, Dr Tony Roques, Dr David Horwell,  
Dr Jenny Dove, Dr Philip Ind, Dr Elizabeth Price, Dr David Treacher, Dr Alison Twigley, Ms  
Marilyn Davey, Dr James Bingham, Dr Michael O'Brien, Dr Moyna Barton and Dr Peter  
Bennett

In attendance: Cdr Mike Flynn (Exec Sec)

Apologies:

Ms Catriona Head

#### ITEM ONE – INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

1. The President welcomed members to the Council meeting and noted the apology.

#### ITEM TWO MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 May 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers. The Minutes were approved, signed and will be posted to the website.

#### ITEM THREE – MATTERS ARISING

3. There was one item arising from the last meeting as follows:
  - a. Para 15a – President-Elect (Desig) for 2023. There remains a vacancy for this position. The nominee would be President of the Society in 2025. Councillors were asked to consider candidates and to approach either the President or the Exec Sec with nominations.

#### ITEM FOUR – FINANCE

4. The Exec Sec presented the status of the Society's investments. The balance with Barclays Wealth is £99,787 (31 Aug 22). The General Fund balance is £44,305. **Council were content with the investments.**
5. The Exec Sec then presented the Budget Statement for August and September 2022. There had been little financial movement since the start of the financial year on 1 Aug 22. Some funds were held from the cancelled function on 27 Sep 22 which inflated the income. Expenditure was exactly as planned. **The Council were content with the statement and operating finances.**
6. The Exec Sec then sought approval for the Annual Report and Accounts which had been circulated. **Council were content to approve the Annual Report and Accounts for presentation to the Membership at the AGM in Nov 22. They are already posted on the website.**

## **ITEM FIVE –REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE HARVEY CHAPEL IN ST ANDREW’S CHURCH HEMPSTED**

7. The Society had received an unsolicited request for assistance with the large amount of funds necessary to repair and refurbish the Harvey family chapel in St Andrew’s Church which, amongst other installations, contains a sarcophagus with remains of Dr William Harvey. Council discussed the request and voted to provide £1000 in assistance for the sarcophagus and asked that the church be made aware of other Harveian Societies, including the one in Canada. **The Exec Sec will write to the Church and send the funds, noting the advice provided.**

## **ITEM SIX – DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR 2023 - UPDATE**

8. The President-Elect commented on some minor changes to his proposed programme for 2023. Responding to opinion, he had reduced the number of COVID-based lectures and the programme has been widened as requested. He was awaiting one further title. The President-Elect has also booked the Governor’s Hall at St Thomas’ Hospital for the Annual Dinner. The Exec Sec requested that the booking for the dinner now be handed to him to start arrangements. **Council were very content with the proposed programme.**

## **ITEM SEVEN – CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 14 DECEMBER 2022**

9. The President confirmed that the Christmas Lunch would take place at 1230 for 1pm on 14 December 2022 at Lettsom House. The President has arranged for a Harpist and a Magician to provide the entertainment.

## **ITEM EIGHT – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

15. There were four items of Other Business:

a. The President mentioned the cancellation of the informal event on 27 Sep 22 and stated that this would not be a regular function, it not having proved popular.

b. The President reminded Council that the next meeting, and the meeting in January 2023 would be held at lunchtime. Timings would be 1200 for 1215 with the lecture starting at 1315.

c. Dr Michael O’Brien, having been the Honorary Archivist for many years informed the Council that the records of the library and paintings were now all in order and had been recently checked. The documents in the basement were properly boxed and, whilst not indexed, were sorted into subject areas. Dr O’Brien stated that with in good order, he now wished to resign as Honorary Archivist. The President and Council accepted this resignation and asked that a formal vote of thanks be recorded to Dr O’Brien for the extent and efficiency of the work he had undertaken. Council will now seek a replacement Hon. Archivist, will advertise the post at the AGM and hope to appoint his successor.

d. Dr Roques enquired about moving the Harveian meetings in the calendar as they fell very close to meetings of the Medical Society of London. Council discussed this briefly but it was agreed that it was impractical to alter the meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

**ITEM NINE –DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

16. **The next meeting of Council will take place on 8 February 2023.**

Dr Robina Coker BSc, MB, BS, PhD, FRCP  
President