

**BRITISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY TRADE UNION MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 04 MAY 2022 AT CONFERENCE
ASTON, ASTON UNIVERSITY, BIRMINGHAM, COMMENCING AT 12:04**

57 Attendees

- **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Sam Aitkenhead, Julie Dowdney and Rebecca Pinches

- **Minutes**

The Minutes of the BOSTU AGM held on 11 June 2021 will be corrected on page two to state that John McBride is Regional Officer for North of England.

The minutes were proposed as otherwise a correct record by Krishan Parmar, seconded by Helen Haggerty and approved unanimously.

- **Chair's Report**

Veronica Greenwood presented the Chair's Report, noting the new structure of BOSTU, including a General Secretary, President and Executive Board and highlighting the continuing work done both supporting individual members and representing the membership nationally.

A member asked if the requests for support had risen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The numbers had dropped initially but risen once members started returning to work, with cases relating to hours and ways of working.

- **Accounts**

Steve Doughy presented the Accounts, representing Crossley's. BOS TU reported a surplus of in 2021.

There were no questions on the Accounts. Karzan Hughes proposed acceptance of the Accounts, Angela Carlin seconded, and the Accounts were unanimously accepted.

- **Executive Board**

Veronica Greenwood presented the list of BOSTU Executive Board Members.

- General Secretary: Sam Aitkenhead
- President: Deborah Podmore
- Executive Board Member: John McBride
- Executive Board Member: Joe Smith

- Regional Officer – South England: Samantha Green
- Regional Officer – Midlands and East: Rebecca Ellis
- Regional Officer – North of England: John McBride

There are currently 7 vacant seats.

Veronica Greenwood passed on the thanks of the General Secretary, Sam Aitkenhead to the members of the Executive Board and local representatives for their work on behalf of BOSTU.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12.11