

**BRITISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY TRADE UNION MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023 AT EUROPA
HOTEL, GREAT VICTORIA STREET, BELFAST, COMMENCING AT 14:29**

112 Attendees

As new Chair, Craig Murray asks Veronica Greenwood to Chair AGM, as Chair at the end of the financial year 2022.

Panel:

Veronica Greenwood, Chair BIOS

Julie Dowdney, Vice Chair of BIOS

Sam Aitkenhead, General Secretary of BOSTU

Rich Huzzey, BIOS Policy Officer, representing BDA Business management team

Craig Murray, Chair Designate

Steve Doughty, Crossley Accountants [via video call]

- **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

- **Minutes**

The Minutes of the BOSTU AGM held on 4 May 2022 were proposed as otherwise a correct record by Krishan Parmar, seconded by Declan McClements and approved unanimously.

- **Chair's Report**

Sam Aitkenhead presented the General Secretary's report, noting the continuing support BOSTU provide to members, including 21 formal cases in 2022, and national representation across four countries.

There were no questions on the General Secretary's report.

- **Accounts**

Steve Doughty presented the Accounts, representing Crossley's. BOS TU reported a surplus of £99,808 in 2022.

There were no questions on the Accounts. Greg Richardson proposed acceptance of the Accounts, Judith Gray 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 thanked the General Secretary, Sam Aitkenhead, 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 14.35.