

The 57th Annual General Meeting of the Musculoskeletal
Association of Chartered Physiotherapists was held at
1830hrs
on Monday 3rd November 2025,
via Zoom Pro

The Secretary convened the meeting at 1830 hrs

66 members were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from:

Agneta Lando, Dionne Ryder, Laura Finucane, Roger Kerry, Jayne Davies

2.0 To confirm the minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting on 6th November 2024.

The members present were invited to accept the Minutes as a correct record.

Proposed: Matthew Low

Seconded: Darren Smith

3.0 Chair's Report

(a) Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal overview of the year presenting the aims for 2026 and achievements during the last year

Please see the Chair's report on website for full information. Key topics covered were:

(b) Communications Report including Social Media report as per website.

(c) Research Report as per website

(d) Professional Engagement report as per website

(e) Committee for Education and Approval report as per website

(f) Knowledge Translation report as per website.

(g) Professional Networks, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion report – as per website

(h) Professional Development Committee as per website.

(i) CPD portal report as per website.

(j) Digital Report as per website.

(k) IFOMPT Report as per website.

The Chair thanked the Secretary, Victoria Ryan and Vice Chairs, Gethin Lynch and Colette Ridehalgh for their support during the year.

To receive and adopt the Annual Reports.

Proposed: Lisa Roberts

Seconded: Ross Mallett

3.1 Members questions regarding the Committee reports.

- **Alison Rushton:** The report mentioned that 2 programmes leading to membership have been lost – is there any more information on this and why? The Chair responded

that there is a slide coming later in the presentation summarising the result of some research that was carried out looking into this particular matter.

- The **administrator** read out a comment in the chat from Lisa Roberts which read: Just to say a huge thanks to all of the committees for the great work that has been achieved this year

4 Treasurer's Report

As per the report on the website

There were no member questions regarding the Treasurer's report.

The remainder of the Treasurer's report was per the report on website

- To receive and adopt the Balance Sheet for the year ending 2024 and to approve accountants, Kirkwood Wilson, for year ending June 2025

Proposed: Claire Small

Seconded: Carol McCrum

5 Membership numbers and trends

The Chair reported that trends remain static although associate membership has risen due to portfolio route. It was confirmed that the MACP is managing some challenges due to some of its HEI routes (sadly) closing and as Alison Rushton kindly brought up just now, it was asked at the last AGM to explore this trend through the CEA. Some summary comments from this feedback were displayed on a slide and some key points mentioned:

- Funded FCP/ACP routes creating competition.
- Additional HEI work required to host an MACP course.
- Above combined = less demand. Less demand = more reason for HEIs to drop us.
- MCP a barrier for those on the HEI routes - some due to myths & misconceptions, others don't see value, others the logistics.
- When MCP is a barrier, funded FCP/ACP routes provide an alternative.
- Associate membership numbers - £80 per annum cost is a *significant barrier*. The MACP is looking to reduce this figure for the 2026 membership year.

Essentially the placement challenges and competition through advanced practice and FCP offering alternatives to MACP courses – this is the nature of what was fed back to the Committee.

6 Presentation of New Members Awards

The Chair displayed all the new members from the past 12 months on the screen and congratulated all the new members.

The new member certificates will be sent via post to the new members.

The Chair advised those present that there had been 20 new members who had joined the MACP in 2024-2025.

7 Education and Research Awards

The chair read out the names of all the award winners – see full presentation on website for the year 2024 – 2025. The award winners will receive a certificate that will be sent via post.

8 To elect new and re-standing executive committee members.

Re-standing

Komal Bhuchhada, Victoria Ryan, Matthew Low, Darren Smith, Tim Noblet

Standing

Sharon Chan-Braddock, Ross Mallet

The above members were removed to the zoom waiting room whilst the votes were launched through the zoom meeting. All 5 members were unanimously supported for standing/re-standing.

The members were re-admitted to the meeting and congratulated on being successful and thanked for their commitment and dedication to the MACP.

It was announced there are 3 co-opted committee members this year:

Amy Selby who will be shadowing Victoria Ryan to take over the role of Secretary in 2026

Kayathiri Nadesan who will be shadowing David Alderson to take over the role of Treasurer in 2026

Andrea Linser who is co-opted in to the new role of a second Knowledge Translation officer focussing on conference delivery

And Victoria Ryan will be shadowing Neil Langridge as Chair this year, ready to take over as the new MACP Chair from November 2026. Thank you Vicky and all the co-opted members.

9 Award of Honorary Fellowship of MACP

There was 1 successful nomination for Honorary Fellowship of the MACP. The Chair was delighted to welcome the new Fellow:

- **Helen Welch**

See Chair's transcript for details of Helen's nomination by **MACP Members Chris Mercer and Colette Ridehalgh**.

The new fellow will be added to the Honorary Members page of the website and is warmly welcomed and congratulated on joining the group of MACP Fellows

Helen Welch gave a wonderful speech thanking the MACP for the Fellowship award, mentioning her inspiration through her career coming from many MACP members and mentors. Helen mentioned she is also developing a course leading to MACP membership in Northern Ireland. Congratulations to Helen – there were many comments of support in the Chat function.

10 AOB

The Chair thanked all the award reviewers for their time this year.

The Chair thanked all the Executive Committee members for their hard work, achievements and time they have devoted to the MACP this year.

The Chair thanked the administration team – Katie Holmes and Emma Hornby

The Chair thanked the Sub committees.

11 Date of next meeting.

Will take place on Monday 16th November 2026, via the zoom platform, 6.30pm-8pm

The AGM closed at 7.25pm

Post meeting addendums:

- After the meeting, Claire Small (FMACP) mentioned that the appointment of the Auditors/Accountants for the upcoming financial year 25-26 had not been officially proposed and seconded. Claire offered to be the proposer and Carol McCrum the seconder.
- Mindy Cairns (FMACP) mentioned that in the past the names of the members who proposed and seconded anyone for a Fellowship are usually read out in the AGM. The MACP members who nominated this year's Fellow were Chris Mercer and Colette Ridehalgh