



The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists was held at

1800hrs

on Monday 8th November 2021,
via Zoom Pro

The Chair convened the meeting at 1805 hrs and gave a welcome address focussing on the effect of COVID on the organisation and its members both personally and professionally and encouraging people to reach out for help when needed.

39 members were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from:

Dr Chris McCarthy
Jill Gamlin
Jenny van Maurik

2.0 To confirm the minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting on 30th November 2020.

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

Proposed: Colette Ridehalgh

Seconded: Matthew Daly.

3.0 Business Arising.

There was no business arising.

4.0 Correspondence

There were no matters of correspondence to raise.

5.0 To receive and adopt the Annual Reports.

(a) Chair's Report

Please see Chair's report on website.

(b) Education Report as per website

(c) Professional Development as per website

(d) Communications Report including Digital and Social Media reports as per website

(e) Website Report

(f) Professional Network / Diversity Report as per website



- (g) Research Report as per website
- (h) Knowledge Translation as per website
- (i) IFOMPT Reports

The Chair advised those present that all reports, apart from her own, had been made available to the membership prior to the meeting on the website. The Chair's Report was presented verbally by Helen Welch at the meeting and was published on the MACP Website later on the evening of 8th November 2021 after the AGM.

The Chair highlighted the two new routes to membership – portfolio route and accelerated portfolio route, the digital achievements with the development of a portal for portfolio development and submissions using Fourteen Fish. Helen Welch also highlighted some aims for the next year being MSK AP Accreditation, integrating the CPD digital platform for MACP members, continuation of exploring development of sub specialist groups and also the broadening of the affiliate membership category to include non-physiotherapists.

The latter was introduced as a key idea for 2022 but the chair stressed that the Committee would be seeking members views and that the category would change only with a formal vote.

The Chair asked any members interested in joining the Executive Committee or its sub-committees to contact the MACP office – admin@macpweb.org or approach her direct: chair@macpweb.org.

5.1 Members questions regarding the Committee reports.

No questions were posed

The Reports were received and adopted:

Proposed: Chris Mercer

Seconded: Samantha Simmonds

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report can be read in full on the website and was available to members a month before the AGM.

Claire Small highlighted that the MACP had had a good year financially due to the success of virtual CPD courses and that the income from subs has decreased over the last years and has been replaced by course income. However, the increase in course income was largely due to COVID and the MACP's successful delivery of a virtual CPD platform, but cannot be relied on going forward. Claire Small also mentioned that the renewal of the contract with Elsevier will be a key part of the 2022 strategy.

Claire Small explained that a lot more work is required from the administrative team with all the developments over the last few years and also that the Portfolio Routes to membership have 2 new contracted staff members.



The Research Committee has spent less money this year on bursaries and awards (due to low number of submissions) and a decision was made not to carry over awards from year to next year.

The MACP needs long-term viability for income stream – overall the expenditure has been less this year and a profit of over £70K has been made – thanks to the PDC however Claire Small emphasised the point that this income is unpredictable and not always achievable.

Claire Small announced that she will have completed 6 years at the end of the 21/22 membership year and will need to step down next November so the MACP will require a new treasurer from November 2022. It is really important that anyone who has an interest in this role contacts our Administration team (admin@macpweb.org) or Claire Small or Helen Welch. Claire highlighted that it is a strategic role that requires engagement with the activities of the MACP but not intense day to day work.

Re the rise in Membership Fees

Claire Small brought attention to the possibility of raising the annual membership fee by a suggested £10 – the first increase in 11 years. A vote was made during the meeting as a guide and advisory exercise, not a formal vote. 68% of those present at the AGM would support a rise, 11% would not support it and 21% were undecided.

There were several member questions/suggestions/ideas about a potential rise

- What are member numbers – how much of a difference would it make – 1000 members approx. therefore an extra £10,000 to offset costs of portal, rise in wages
- whether the Elsevier MSK journal being offered online instead of a hard copy would bring down the price paid to Elsevier (not necessarily as the agreement between MACP and Elsevier includes an agreed number of purchased journals whether online or hard copies)
- would the fourteen fish CPD portal be offered for free to full members – yes and charged extra to Associates/Affiliates
- Whether access to journal could be removed to make membership cheaper – again probably not due to the partnership with Elsevier
- Comment that membership to MACP is more expensive than any of the other Professional Networks
- Is it worth trying a "wait and see" approach before deciding – if membership numbers go up due to the benefits of being an MACP member for Advanced Practice roles - uptake might increase over the next 12 months.
- From Nadya German to Everyone: 07:02 PM
- MACP is more expensive but has such a high-quality journal too which other PN's don't have
- Sympathetic to the idea of increasing the sub fees - but in view of the CSP price hikes perhaps proceed with caution
- CSP goes up every year – the MACP has not gone up for years
- The healthy bank balance before now was as a result of previous executives doing a lot of unpaid administration work that is now having to be funded, so it is sensible to ensure that there is enough income to cover expenditure in the present day.



Results of advisory vote:
68% yes – support a rise
11% no – would not support a rise
21% undecided

6.0 Amendments to the Constitution

There were no proposed changes to the constitution.

7.0 To receive and adopt the Treasurers Annual Report and the Balance Sheet for the year ended June 2021.

Proposed: Claire Small
Seconded: Agneta Lando

8.0 To appoint auditors for the year ending June 2022.

Claire Small noted that Kirkwood continue to be used for bookkeeping which slightly lessens the burden on the MACP Administrator and adds a layer of financial integrity and to have an overview, understanding and knowledge of accounts.

Claire Small proposed that the MACP accounts for the year ending June 2022 be prepared by Kirkwood Wilson.

Proposed: Claire Small
Seconded: Agneta Lando

9.0 Presentation of New Members Awards

The Chair advised those present that there had been 48 new members who had joined the MACP in 2020-2021.

The new member certificates will be sent via post to the new members and the Chair looks forward to welcoming new members at future AGM's/conferences.

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

The following nominations were received for the vacancies on the Executive Committee:

Samantha Simmonds
Colette Ridehalgh
Gethin Lynch
James Rodger
Komal Bhuchhada

Each applicant left the virtual room while the electronic poll took place and each candidate was voted in unanimously to serve on the Executive Committee.

The chair asked for more people to step forward for Executive Committee and sub-committee roles.

The following members were standing for re-election on the Executive Committee:

N/A

The members present at the AGM agreed to accept the above nominations by an electronic poll were duly elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Chair thanked Jayne Davies, FMACP, for her amazing contribution over the years to the Executive Committee.

11.0 Awards and Bursaries

CPD & Education Awards

Level 1 Winners:

Glen Davies
Katy Williams
Matthew Guillatt
Jonathan Thacker

Level 2 Winners:

Anna Jenkins

Level 3 Winners:

Matthew Low

MSc/PgD Student Bursaries:

Achilleas Paliouras
Ben Riley
Gemma Fitzgerald
Jamie Tsui
Jonathan Thacker
Kevin Tucker
Nick Palmer

Elsevier Presentation award

Zoe Bater –one year's free online journal

Research Awards

Level 1 Winners:

Dr Aled Williams

Student Research Awards:

Emma Robinson (University of Hertfordshire)
Raffaella Kurz (University of Brighton)
Matthew Virden (UCL)
Matthew Piff (University of Birmingham)

Elsevier Award

Rachel Chester

There were no nominations for honorary fellows.

12.0 A.O.B.

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

The Chair thanked all the EC 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 – who have evolved as the organisation has evolved

The Chair thanked the Sub committees and asked for members to step forward for Executive Committee, Sub-Committee, PDC, Regional Representative and also Rheumatology CIG roles. Please email admin@macpweb.org if you are a member who can help with any of these roles.

13.0 Date of next meeting.

To be arranged but will be late October/November. If the AGM can be physical, we will also include an online option to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm