



**Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the
Combined Services Orthopaedic Society held on
Friday 31 March 2023, Keble College, University of Oxford**

Committee

President	Mr S Hodkinson
Chairman	Col A Mountain
Treasurer	Lt Col T Wood
Secretary	Surg Lt Cdr P Bennett
Trade liaison	Surg Lt Cdr L Kilbane

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iCSOS Surg Cdr J Penn-Barwell, Col S Adams, Surg Lt Cdr P Bennett, Surg Lt Cdr T Stevenson

Apologies

Surg Capt John Berrtram
Col Mike Stewart
Lt Col Hugo Guthrie
Lt Col James Singleton
Surg Cdr Tom Crompton
Wng Cdr Peter Schranz
Major Sush Ramachandra

Professor David Hamblen
Professor Ian Pallister
Professor Tim Briggs
Dr Paul Watkins
Andrew Quaile
Sean Hughes

Present

Members

Col Scott Adams
Lt Col (Retd) Raymond Anakwe
Surg Cdr (Retd) Callum Arthur
Maj A Beaven
Lt Col Zine Beech
Surg Lt Cdr Pippa Bennett
Mr Mark Brinsden
Lt Col Andrew Bruce
Lt Col Ben Caesar
Maj Henry Chandler
Capt Henry Claireaux
Surg Cdr Tim Coltman
Professor Matt Costa
Surg Cdr (Retd) Michael Edwards
Lt Col Taff Edwards

Maj Neil Eisenstein
Lt Col Christopher Fetherston
Mr John Getty
Mr Rob Gregory
Col Damian Griffin
Surg Cdr (Retd) Paul Guyver
Lt Col (Retd) Brian Hamilton
Surg Cdr Chris Hand
Maj Charles Handford
Col David Hinsley
Lt Col (Retd) Christopher Hobbs
Lt Col Tim Holland
Capt Thomas Howe
Lt Col Simon Hurst
Lt Col Simon Johnson

Gp Capt (Retd) Jon Kendrew
Surg Lt Cdr Stratton King
Mr David Large
Wg Cdr (Retd) Irwin Lasrado
Lt Col Helen Mackay
Surg Cdr Steve Mannion
Lt Col (Retd) Stuart Matthews
Surg Cdr Jon Matthews
Surg Cdr Christopher McLean
Surg Lt Cdr Louise McMenemy
Lt Col (Retd) Carl Meyer
Maj Kirsty Milne
Surg Lt Cdr Richard Myatt
Col Paul Parker
Lt Col Tim Pearkes
Lt Col (Retd) Divya Prakash
Lt Col Arul Ramasamy
Sqn Ldr Pramin Raut

Maj Louise Robiati
Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Rossiter
Surg Capt Harry Rourke
Col Thomas Rowlands
Professor Hamish Simpson
Surg Cdr Steve Smith
Wg Cdr Ed Spurrier
Col (Retd) David Standley
Surg Capt (Retd) Sarah Stapley
Surg Lt Cdr Tom Stevenson
Maj Sarah Stewart
Maj Chun Tang
Lt Col Charlotte Tunstall
Lt Col (Retd) Nicholas Ward
Maj Sandy Wood
Lt Col Tom Wood
Lt Col K Brown

Non-members

Capt Tim Bage
Capt Abigail Bainbridge
Brig Ben Banerjee
Surg Lt Ethan Bateson
Flt Lt David Cain
Capt Matthew Cant
Professor Deborah Eastwood
Surg Lt Jonathan Edwards
Jose Friras-Bocanegra
Yousra Jamal
Gp Capt Dudley Graham
Mr Bob Handley
Dr William Hardie
Maj Gen Tim Hodgetts
Yi-Jhih Huang
Surg Lt Shiven Lakhani
Dr Spyridon Masouros

Capt Joshua McIntyre
Mr Jamie Mckenzie
Surg Lt Daniel Mills
Capt Kyung-Hoon Moon
Ioannis Moutsos
Capt Matthew Naeem
Act Surg Lt Christopher Paton
Professor Robin Paton
OCdt Robert Pyne
Mr Angus Reynolds
Mr Saumil Shah
Capt Rob Sinnerton
Capt Helen Smith
LTC Dan Stinner
Brig Duncan Wilson
Surg Lt Sally Elphick
Surg Lt Ben Atkin

Business Meeting

Introduction and apologies

1. The DCA welcomed members and thanked the local organising committee (LOC) for their efforts on organising a fantastic meeting. Apologies were noted.

Minutes from 2022 meeting and matters outstanding

2. The minutes have been available on the CSOS website since shortly after last year's meeting. These were reviewed and no matters outstanding were identified. The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

Treasurer's report

3. Presented by Lt Col Wood.
 - a. Financial year end 2021/22 account balance £42,031.05
 - b. 2022 meeting resulted in credit of £14,205.30
 - i. Total income from 2022 meeting £24,605.68 including reimbursement of trainee fees from Defence Medical Academy (DMA) of £3,582.
 - ii. Total expenditure from 2022 meeting £10,400.38.
 - c. 2023 meeting projected finances anticipate being in credit due to commendable amount of sponsorship raised by Surg Lt Kilbane
 - i. Total income of £29,787.90
 - ii. Total expenditure projected to be in region of £25,000
 - d. Non-meeting costs
 - i. Website build one-off cost of £1,069.68 with annual hosting cost of c.£288, which fluctuates slightly year on year due to being billed in USD. It was agreed that the new website is of high quality with excellent functionality and that these costs are worth the current expense.
 - ii. Additional membership area on website £352.64 per annum.
 - iii. Banking charge from HSBC of £60 per annum. Some concerns were raised by a member about using HSBC for the business account.
 - e. Summary
 - i. Account balance likely to be in region of £45-50,000 after all costs from 2023 meeting have been settled. This will leave the Society in a healthy position as it goes into its 50th Anniversary year where high meeting costs are anticipated.
 - ii. An audit of the accounts is due: the Treasurer asked for recommendations for an accountant to undertake this.

Membership update

4. Surg Lt Cdr Bennett presented an update on the Society's membership. No definitive list of members had been maintained: work has been ongoing over the last twelve months to contact individuals eligible for membership. Difficulties have arisen due to conflicts between individuals entitled to membership and those on email distribution lists from prior meetings. Having separate membership categories assigned when individuals register on the website would facilitate a contemporaneous membership list. Previously agreed categories for full membership of the Society and current numbers registered are:

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| a. Serving officers of consultant level | 22 |
| b. Serving orthopaedic trainees ST3 + | 19 |

- c. Retired officers 59
- d. Reservists 22
- e. Civilian advisors / invited members 29

5. The secretary was contacted by several individuals this year asking if they could attend iCSOS and CSOS despite not being eligible for membership in the above categories: these ranged in seniority from medical students to CT2 trainees. These individuals were encouraged to attend and it was agreed that the Society should be as inclusive as possible. Two additional membership categories were proposed:

- a. Associate membership for medical cadets with an interest in orthopaedics, foundation year doctors, general duties medical officers and core trainees. This was proposed by Col Mountain, seconded by Professor Simpson and passed unanimously.
- b. Allied membership for allied health professionals including but not limited to physiotherapists, occupational therapists, MSK radiologists and rehabilitation specialists. This was proposed by Col Mountain, seconded by Lt Col (Retd) Nigel Rossiter and passed unanimously.
- c. The secretary will work on the website categories to ensure individuals are changed from associate to full membership when eligible. Work will need to be done on disseminating eligibility for allied membership to those who may be interested.

Travelling fellowship

6. Members were reminded that a business fund of up to £1,000 is available to trainees and consultants for a travelling fellowship. Criteria and application details are to be uploaded to the website: military relevance will need to be emphasised. TOR and application process is being refined by Def Prof T&O.

7. Col Mountain proposed changing the name of the fellowship to the Mike McErlain Travelling Fellowship in posthumous memory of and to honour Lt Col Michael McErlain RAMC. This was seconded by Col Paul Parker and passed unanimously. DCA to liaise with Mike's widow to check that this is in accordance with the family's wishes.

Administration for future meetings

8. CSOS 2024. This will be a two day meeting over 9-10 May in London. The proposed venue for Thursday is 7 Rifles Army Reserve Centre in Kensington. The proposed venue for Friday is the National Army Museum followed by a Mess Dinner at the Royal Hospital Chelsea with some of the Chelsea Pensioners as Honoured Guests. A venue for an after party is being sought.

- a. Thursday will remain a trainees' day with the focus shifting from the traditional instructional day to sessions on preparing to become a consultant.
- b. Three sessions on Friday will focus firstly on the history of CSOS and the conflicts members have been involved in; secondly a session on life after leaving the Service; and thirdly, a review of academic and research outputs over the previous fifty years.

9. CSOS 2025. No volunteer was forthcoming at the meeting to host the event. DCA was approached after the meeting by Col Griffin and Lt Col Wood who have expressed an interest to host CSOS 2025 in Warwick.

Any other business

10. Availability of military accommodation for CSOS 2024 in London was raised. It is likely that non-availability chits will be required and members will need to source civilian accommodation.

11. Permission has been attained once again by the DCA from the DMA to reimburse trainees the cost of attending CSOS providing funding approval was sought at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. Reimbursement will occur via the Treasurer in due course.

12. An alleged underspend of DMA budget and consequent increase in approval of training courses was suggested by a member. DCA confirmed that although he too had heard of a surplus of funding this often does not translate into trainees' applications being approved for courses that are not on the SOTR.

P M Bennett
Surg Lt Cdr RN
Secretary to CSOS

6 Apr 23