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**ARNS Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 11th May 2023**

**Queens Hotel, Leeds**

Welcome

Alison Hughes (AH), ARNS Chair, welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting 2023.

AH introduced the other members of the ARNS executive Board committee; Joanne King, Sarah Kearney, Maria Parsonage, Iain Wheatley and Karen Heslop-Marshall.

Ask ARNS Survey

AH informed that an ‘Ask ARNS’ survey had been circulated to the membership, asking for feedback regarding a proposed ‘Ask ARNS’ monthly webinar session open to all members to discuss pertinent issues in respiratory care. AH requested that all members complete the survey if they have not already.

Bursary Report

AH advised that nine bursaries had been awarded by ARNS in 2022, to a total amount of £5,173.26.

AH informed that two bursary applications have been received to date in 2023.

AH reminded those in attendance of the process to apply for an ARNS bursary, and the benefits of doing so.

Name Change

AH informed that the ARNS executive Board committee have discussed and agreed to change the organisation name from ‘Association of Respiratory Nurse Specialists’ to ‘Association of Respiratory Nurses’ following feedback from nurses, who felt that they weren’t specialists. AH confirmed that the acronym will remain as ARNS. AH advised that the name change will officially launch at the ARNS Conference 2023 on Friday 12th May 2023.

No objections to this proposal were received.

Farewells

AH gave her thanks to Karen Heslop-Marshall, Lindsey Welch, Louise Lomas, Debbie Roots and Kerry Mills, whose tenures as sub committee members have ended.

Welcomes

AH welcomed Christine Loveridge, Elaine Bevan-Smith, Maria Smith, Helen Morris, Rachel Daly, Leanne-Jo Holmes and Kayleigh Brindle to their new roles as ARNS sub committee members.

ARNS Executive Board Committee Changes

AH informed of the below changes to the ARNS executive Board committee members:

* Alison Hughes – Outgoing Chair of ARNS
* Joanne King – Incoming Chair of ARNS
* Maria Parsonage – Incoming Vice Chair of ARNS
* Karen Heslop-Marshall – Outgoing Chair of Research & Education Sub Committee
* Kate Lippiett- Incoming Chair of Research & Education Sub Committee
* Beverley Bostock – Incoming Chair of Respiratory Disease Sub Committee

Sub Committee Member Changes

AH advised that Aleksandra Gawlik-Lipinski is in the incoming Vice Chair of the Research and Education Sub Committee.

AH advised that Emma Rickards is the incoming Vice Chair of the Respiratory Disease Sub Committee.

Treasurer’s Report

SK informed that the ARNS accounts are healthy and there are no concerns. SK advised that a copy of the accounts is available for members to read should they wish to, and to contact ARNS Secretariat should they wish to view these.

New Sub Committee Posts

AH informed that a COPD Lead role is currently being recruited, and interviews for this position are being held in the coming weeks.

AH advised that a Pleural Lead role has become available, and will be advertised following the ARNS Conference 2023.

Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

*Next meeting: May 2024*