

SACH AGM
held at Stirling Royal Infirmary
on Tuesday 26 October 2004

Derek Brown welcomed members to the AGM. Worship was led by Isabel Whyte.

Attending

Sandra Bell, Derek Brown, Margaret Browning, Murray Chalmers, Helen Christie, Gina Chua, Fred Coutts, Sue Duncan, Joanne Finlay, James Grier, Michael Hickford, Muriel Knox, Chris Levison, Anne MacDonald, Malcolm MacRae, Kitty McDonald, Pat McDonald, Fergus McLachlan, David Mitchell, Gillian Munro, Joyce Nicol, Ken G Russell, Keith Saunders, Hilda Smith, Linda Stevens, Monica Stewart, Iain Telfer, Stuart Webster, Isabel Whyte, David Young

Apologies

Jacqui Adams, Jim Allardyce, Bob Bell, John Brewster, Margery Collin, J Stanley Cook, Ken Coulter, Marian Cowie, Jackie Cozzi, James Falconer, Liz Gibson, D Ritchie M Gillon, Tom Gordon, Anne Harper, Judith Hugget, Alison Hutchison, Philip Kerr, Margaret Kitson, Cameron Langlands, Edward Lewis, Stuart Macdonald, Ian McDonald, Andrew McMillan, Andrew Moore, Anne Mulligan, Mark Rodgers, Sylvia Spencer, Liz Stenhouse, Marjorie Taylor, Barbara Urquhart, Alison Wagstaff, Ann Watt

Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 8 October 2003 were approved, proposed by Joanne Finlay and seconded by David Mitchell.

President's Report

Derek Brown reported on the work of the Executive over the past year. (copy of report attached). Membership figures were as follows: 153 members of which 37 whole-time, 87 part-time and 28 associate.

There were questions and discussion following Derek's report. Issues raised were direct employment (especially the implications for sessional chaplains); Registration and the closer co-operation of chaplaincy associations in Scotland.

David Mitchell reported that the AHPCC Executive had welcomed the joint approach of AHPCC and SACH to the various bodies with an interest in chaplaincy in England in order to promote greater understanding and recognition of the valuable work being undertaken which will benefit chaplains throughout the UK.

Derek proposed a day meeting in the spring to look at some of these issues in greater detail.

Treasurer's Report

Keith Saunders presented the accounts for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004. (copy attached). Year-end figures were similar to those of last year. The main expenditure from the General Account came from the day-to-day running costs of the Association and from publication costs for the Journal. Keith reminded members to apply for grants from the Training and Development Account. There had been fewer requests for grants, although one had been received and granted recently. The premium for Professional Indemnity Insurance

had remained the same for the third year running. There had been one or two difficulties with the system for collecting subscription payments. Despite this, the end-of-year balance was healthy.

Derek thanked Keith for all that he had contributed to the work of the Executive over the past four years.

Report on the Journal

David Mitchell reported on the Journal. Volume 7 No 2 was the most recent edition. David and Georgina Nelson were now in their 5th year as joint editors. Both had questioned whether it was good practice to continue in post. However they had been encouraged by the editorial board to do so and both were indeed happy to do so. The Journal continued to receive very positive feedback. David thanked Fred Coutts for his work of putting the Journal on-line. Each volume was made available on-line three months after publication and there had been no detrimental impact on subscriptions. The Executive was thanked for all its support. During the year it had agreed to fund a referencing package costing £100. This had proved to be very valuable. Printing costs continued to be low. There had been two resignations from the Board and members were invited to consider suitable applicants. Following a meeting last year with his opposite number in CHCC, it had been agreed that both parties would try to work more closely together. Due to ongoing publishing problems in CHCC this had not been possible.

Derek thanked David and the other members of the editorial board for their work.

Scottish Chaplaincy Associations Questionnaire Report

Chris Levison reported on the results of the survey which had been carried out to gauge support for closer co-operation of SACH, CHCC and SAHPC. (see report attached).

Elections

Derek began by thanking the following members who had completed their terms on the Executive: Keith Saunders, Joanne Finlay, Iain Telfer and Stuart MacDonald (resignation).

President

Derek was willing to continue in post. There being no other nominations, he was duly re-elected.

Secretary

Monica was willing to continue in post. There being no other nominations, she was duly re-elected.

Treasurer

Linda Stevens was nominated and there being no other nominations, she was duly elected to the post.

Ordinary members

Iain Telfer was re-elected. Dawn Allan and Andrew Thomson were also nominated and elected.

Membership Secretary

Margaret Clark, chaplaincy secretary at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, had agreed to take on the work of membership secretary. Derek thanked Andrew Moore for his work and for continuing as Membership Secretary after he had moved from the Training and Development Office.

Derek introduced the afternoon session. Dr Harriet Mowat spoke on Ageing, Healthcare and the Spiritual Imperative.

The day concluded with tea and coffee.