



The 56th Annual General Meeting of the Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists was held at

1830hrs

on Monday 4th November 2024,
via Zoom Pro

The Secretary convened the meeting at 1830 hrs

60 members were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from:

Helen Skehan
Claire Small
Lewis Rawson
Helen Welch
Chris Mercer

2.0 To confirm the minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting on 6th November 2023.

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

Proposed: Colette Ridehalgh

Seconded: Darren Smith

3.0 Chair's Report

(a) Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal overview of the year. Please see the Chair's report on website for full information. Key topics covered were:

- Year to date achievements (Company status, portfolio route, clinical Interest Groups –SOMM and PPA)
- CPDMe – introducing a new CPD portal to replace FourteenFish which didn't meet the needs of our members. The transition process being worked on.
- Priorities for the coming year – launching a new CPD portal, International membership, bedding in the new portfolio routes

(b) Education Report as per website.

(c) Professional Development as per website. Amazing number of courses delivered including some new courses and some face-to-face courses

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

(e) Digital Report as per website. Continued to consolidate website streamlining administrative procedures

(f) Professional Engagement report as per website – great webinars

(g) Research Report as per website – nurturing research conference and new awards



- (h) Knowledge Translation as per website.
- (i) IFOMPT Report as per website – key achievement Basel conference.
- (j) MACP Evolve/14 Fish report on website.

To receive and adopt the Annual Reports.

Proposed: Matt Low

Seconded: Gethin Lynch

3.1 Members questions regarding the Committee reports.

Nicola Heneghan asked if the Universities who have closed courses have given reasons for their decision and emphasized that it is very sad to see such well-regarded courses close

- The Chair replied that the only university to be closing a route since last AGM is Coventry and other than it being a cost-based decision there has been no other feedback from the course lead.
- Colette Ridehalgh confirmed that when Brighton announced it was ceasing the MACP route a few years ago it was because of costs.

Nicola Heneghan asked if seeing as the reasons are likely cost-issues with running the route – whether new courses (eg Liverpool Hope) or any courses in the pipeline are fully briefed as to the difficulties of making the MACP route viable given the current climate.

- The Chair replied that this was likely part of their business plan and the MACP had not been involved in those discussions.

4 Treasurer's Report

Overall, the income was healthy. The Treasurer summarised key expense areas for the upcoming financial year – ones which is likely to rise, some which will stay the same and some which will reduce.

Legal fees will rise due to extra work needed for the final stages of changing /confirming the MACP legal status and accounting fees will rise this year due to prices going up.

Treasurer confirmed he has started a low-risk investment strategy and the progress of this will be represented on next year's accounts

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 for year ending June 2025

Proposed: Andrew Cuff

Seconded: Laura Finucane

5 International Membership category vote

The vote took place using the zoom platform. All votes received on the night were in support of the new category. The vote was ratified on morning of 5th November 2024 so that



Administration could ensure all votes received were from Full Members. 36 votes were received and all 36 were from Full or Honorary members and all supported the creation of an international category. 1 other vote was received via email (Claire Small) and 2 were noted verbally from executive committee members (Darren Smith, Gethin Lynch) who were on the zoom call but didn't manage to post their vote before the poll closed.

Final number of votes received for the proposal of the International Membership category: 39 votes, all supporting the new International Membership category.

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 were sent via post to the new members.

The Chair advised those present that there had been 22 new members who had joined the MACP in 2023-2024.

7 Education and Research Awards

The chair read out the names of all the award winners – see full presentation on website for the year 2023 – 2024.

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

Re-standing

- Colette Ridehalgh
- Samantha Simmonds
- Gethin Lynch

Standing

- Richard Stanley

The above members were removed to the zoom waiting room whilst the votes were launched through the zoom meeting. All 4 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

9 Award of Honorary Fellowship of MACP

There were 2 successful nominations for Honorary Fellowship of the MACP. The Chair was delighted to welcome the 2 new Fellows:

- **Dionne Ryder**
- **Andrew Bennett**

He thanked both new fellows for their dedication to the profession and read out excerpts from their nominations. This information is available in the Chair's report on the website.

Each new member was invited to say a few words and acknowledge their nomination.



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

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.

Final questions invited from members:

Alison Rushton asked if the drop in new full members reflects the loss of existing routes.

- The Chair replied that he would research this more before answering

Alison Rushton asked in relation to the loss of routes and hence low new member numbers – whether international courses are struggling with clinical mentorship –and if digital placements might help. Could digital placements become part of an active strategy – a way to offer support to existing programmes in the UK to help reduce the cost of the course?

- The Chair replied that this is being considered and developed.

Ann Tomson asked about digital/online placements as there is a variety of research going into this area.

- Tim Noblet (IFOMPT rep) replied that digital placements have been reviewed and we will be exploring how these could be part of enhancing the routes to membership and reducing costs.

11 Date of next meeting.

3 November 2025, 6.30pm, virtual on the Zoom Pro platform.

