

## **The Nutrition Society**

### **MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY MEETING OF THE NUTRITION SOCIETY, A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

Held in the O'Reilly Hall, University College, Dublin

At 14.00 on Wednesday 13 July 2016

Professor Catherine Geissler, President of the Society, was in the Chair

**1(i) Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed members to the 5th Annual Charity Meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from Professor Harry McArdle and Dr Sue Bird. A minute's silence was held for recently deceased members – Professor H Isobel M Davidson and former member Professor John Garrow.

**1(ii) Minutes of 4th Annual Charity Meeting**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity meeting were approved by the meeting.

*The proposer was Professor Sue Lanham-New and the seconder was Professor Chris Seal.*

**2. Reports of the Trustees**

**2(i) The President**

The President (Professor Catherine Geissler) re-affirmed the six principle activities as being; (1) Publishing five internationally renowned journals; (2) Publishing Nutrition textbooks; (3) Dissemination of scientific information through publications and conferences; (4) Providing education and training; (5) Developing collaboration with nutrition societies worldwide; (6) Membership services. She provided the meeting with an overview of the key achievements and events of the year.

She concluded by thanking the members of the Trustee Board and the Council.

**2(ii) Honorary Treasurer**

Dr Kate Younger began by thanking the Journal Editors and the publishing team including Cambridge University Press. Then she spoke briefly on the accounts for the last year, which show property and other assets of £1,090,015, investments having increased in value, due in part to the investment of surplus cash, now at a total of £596,894 and cash and debtors of £537,113, all of which is very encouraging.

**3. To receive the approved annual accounts of the Society**

The accounts were received in full.

*The proposer was Professor Sean Strain and the seconder was Professor Judy Buttriss.*

**4. To elect the following Trustees: President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Publications Officer, Honorary International Affairs Officer.**

It was proposed by Dr Bernard Corfe and seconded by Dr Eileen Gibney that Professor Philip Calder, President Elect would become the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the Society; Professor Chris Seal (Honorary Treasurer) was **“elected unopposed”**,

Professor Basma Ellahi (Honorary International Affairs Officer) was “**elected unopposed**”, and that Professor Paul Trayhurn (Honorary Publications Officer) was “**re-elected unopposed**”, for a further term. The motion was carried.

Professor Geissler thanked the retiring trustees, Dr Kate Younger and Dr Paul Amuna, for their hard work and dedication.

5. **Election of Council members**

The President thanked Dr Margo Barker and Professor Alistair Forbes, retiring this year. It was proposed by Professor John Mathers and seconded by Professor Joe Millward that due to a lack of nominations, trustees would need to appoint new members at their next meeting and expressions of interest were to be solicited. The motion was carried.

6. **To transact any other Business of the Society**

No other business was submitted prior to the meeting.

The new Nutrition Society website was shown on the projection screen in its development stage for interest and comment.

Professor Philip Calder was introduced by the Chair and he personally introduced himself to the floor. He then thanked the outgoing President, Professor Catherine Geissler and drew the meeting to a close.

7. **Meeting concludes**

There being no further business, this concluded the meeting.