



## **Minutes of APS AGM 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 1pm via Zoom.**

**Meeting was led by the Chair of APS, Jo Craig**

### **Minutes of 2019 AGM**

These were accepted

### **Chairman's report**

Jo thanked Mark for all his efforts as chair.

Jo outlined how 2020 has been a year that no-one expected. The Academy has been challenged by the impact of Covid-19 but also seized the opportunity to operate differently, in a virtual environment, becoming more connected and focused. A members only part of the website was now available. Although Pharmsci was cancelled, programme will be carried forward to 2021 and webinars have also started with more planned. She then covered the current areas of focus, Membership, International Reach, Newsletter, APS Accreditation Process and Operations Model. Detailed information can be found on the powerpoint presentation accompanying the meeting.

The Board acknowledged Jayne Lawrence's award in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

### **Treasurer's report**

Jo presented Financial report and acceptance of accounts. The APS made an £836 profit\* in 2019/20 (viz prior years 2018/19 £18k; 2017/18 £54k; 2016/17 £28k; 2015/16 -£40k). The Board will undertake a final review the 2019/20 FY accounts at the next Board meeting and file shortly afterwards. Jo explained that the difference in profit against previous years was due to a delay in receiving some of the sponsorship monies and to the costs incurred in starting up a different operational model.

For 2020/2021, APS is forecasting a c£3.3k loss recognising the limitations which the Covid pandemic places on our income generating activities. We currently look on track to meet the budgeted position

### **Appointment of Accountants**

Proposed continues with NMF Accounting and Bookkeeping Services, there were no objections

### **Change to board of Directors**

Thanks were given to Fran Greco, Jayne Lawrence and Helen Barker. The Board will seek nominations and appoint two more Directors during Q4 2020. Applications are encouraged from a wide range of diversities.

### **Any other business**

There having been no AOB submitted by due date the meeting was closed