



Faculty of Dental Surgery – AGM Report

Dental Membership and Global Engagement Board (DMGEB)

In 2017/18 the work of the Dental Membership Services Board has mainly focused on the distribution and monitoring of awards and the application for Membership through the non-examination route. The most obvious change is from Dental Membership Services Board to Dental Membership and Global Engagement Board – aligning our committee to those of other faculties.

However, a committee is much more than a name and it is the members that count and I am very lucky on that count. Drs Patricia Black, David Brunton and Greig Taylor had all completed their time period on the board and I thank them for all the help and support they have provided over the year. I would also like to thank Fahad Alwasi who, having now passed his MFDS, is no longer eligible to be our trainee representative. We had an excellent response to our advert for new members with 21 applicants. It was obviously not possible for all applicants to sit on the Board but following telephone calls with all applicants we have identified roles they can perform for the College. I would like to welcome Dr Alison Cairns, Dr Philip Friel, Mr Ken Scoular, Ms Joanna Rees and Dr Pdraig O’Ferraigh to the Board.

Dental Awards

The Dental Awards meeting was held in May 2018. All awards were highly popular with many applications for each award category.

The following awards were granted:

- TC White Young Researcher Award – 1 successful candidate with a total value of £10,000
- TC White Travel Grant Award – 3 successful candidates with a total value of £5,140
- TC White Observership Award – 2 successful candidates with a total value of £3,800
- UK Undergraduate Award – 4 successful candidate with a total value of £2,000

Reports were received from a number of past recipients. These are available on our website and I would encourage you to read them as they demonstrate the value of the awards to the education and training of the recipients.

The DMGEB will be reviewing the criteria for the awards to ensure that the educational benefits of the awards extend beyond those of the recipient. In addition, with the recent availability of professional standard recording on site at the College, recipients are now encouraged to record a video which can be used to promote the awards.

Membership

Since the last AGM and up until August 2018, the DMGEB has processed 29 non-straightforward Proposals for Membership applications and recommended 20 via the non-examination route. In addition, Mr Muir Brown and Mr Ewan Olavarius have processed 117 straightforward Proposals for Membership, with 92, concluding. The Board is grateful to Mr Muir Brown (Depute Head of Membership and Governance) who continues to approve those candidates with reciprocal qualifications enabling the Board to focus on those requiring more detailed scrutiny.

I have been working closely with Membership services and the Dental Office Bearers to develop a more objective process for considering proposals for Membership and Fellowship via the non-examination route. We have aligned the advertised criteria with the application form and the decision making form. This is work in progress and will be continually reviewed.

The overall membership/fellowship numbers continue to increase with numbers as of 1st September being

499	Student members (444 in previous year)
21	Associate members (41 in previous year)
326	Affiliate members (247 in previous year)
1855	Members (1672 in previous year)
739	Fellows (752 in previous year)

A focus for next year will be strengthening links with the dental schools and general dental practitioners.

Regional Advisors and Dental School Tutors

Dr Christine Goodall leads on the development and functions of the Regional Advisors role. We are currently advertising for Dental School Tutors who will link with the regional advisors to strengthen the profile of the College. There have been a number of applications for the tutor posts with applications closing soon. The regional advisor post in South West England is currently vacant.

DMGEB Developments

Like all committees we need to look at how we work and this year was no exception. We have reviewed our terms of reference and these now align closely with the One College strategy. Four working groups have been established within the committee: awards, equivalence, membership benefits and e-group looking at how we can support members online. These groups are now established with leads for each work-stream and I am looking forward to these groups developing over the next year.

Promoting Membership of the Faculty – Faculty of Dental Surgery Exhibition Stands

Our membership team continues to be very active attending numerous local, regional, national and international events promoting the work and benefits of Membership/Fellowship of the Faculty

Finally, the committee would like to specifically thank Lyn Cranwell, Julia McKenzie, Ewan Olivarius, Melanie Sinclair, Catherine Lorimer and Muir Brown as well as all the membership service staff for their work, support and advice throughout the year.

Mr Andrew Forgie
Interim Director of the Dental Membership and Global Engagement Board
September 2018

Thank you to Andrew for his comprehensive report and for acting as Interim Director during my absence. I would like to formally acknowledge his vital role in keeping the momentum of previous work going, and for coming up with some innovative ideas for improvements.

There have been a number of new appointments to DMGEB this year, and I hope to meet most of them in person at the forthcoming meeting in September.

I believe I am the first Dental Office Bearer to take a period of maternity leave and would like thank the College, particularly Mr Muir Brown and Professor Graham Ogden, for their support and welcome back to the world of work. Also to our wonderful Dental Faculty secretaries, Lyn Cranwell and Julia McKenzie, for getting me back up to speed so quickly.

I look forward to working with the new Board in developing ideas for 2018-19, and to keep you updated with them in due course.

Ms Lynnsey E Crane
Director of DMGEB