

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY OF IRELAND (OSI)
HELD AT 5:15PM ON FRIDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2017
IN THE RADISSON BLUE ST. HELEN'S HOTEL, DUBLIN A94 V6W3
MINUTES

Council: Stephen Murray, President, Chair
Ronan Perry, President Elect
Sharon O'Flynn, Treasurer
Darius Sagheri, Hon. Secretary
Paul Murphy, Scientific Secretary
Kate Counihan, Private Sector Representative
Claire Higgins, Public Sector Representative
Lornyn Dobbyn-Ross, Consultant Representative

1. **PRESENT:**
please see attendance form (Appendix I)
2. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE**
Apologies for the meeting were received from Owen Crotty, Dan Counihan and Sinead O'Hanrahan.
3. **SPECIAL REPORTS**
OSI Social Media Presence
The OSI Marketing Agent (Theresa Hannon) gave a brief overview on her role and invited members to submit and share photos & videos on their work in practice on the current OSI media channel (Facebook). Theresa aims to establish an OSI LinkedIn presents with regular content updates in the next months.
OSI Auxiliary Members
 - The Orthodontic Therapist Group Representatives (Sharon Hayes, Anne-Marie Connolly and Alma McNally) address the AGM and gave an overview on the work of the group
 - Anne-Marie Connolly, orthodontic therapist representative on the Dental Council (DC) Auxiliary Dental Workers Committee, informed the meeting that the committee is currently discussing a revision of the orthodontic therapist scope of practice with the effect to eliminate the need for direct supervision by an orthodontist registered in the orthodontic division of the register of dental specialists of the dental council. Ms Connolly made clear that she opposed this change at the committee meeting, but that she found it difficult to get support from other committee members. It was noted that no orthodontist is represented on the committee and the majority of committee members are dentists. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the president will write to the dental council in order to get clarification on the proposed changes and to voice the OSI's objection to this change. Furthermore, it was agreed that OSI members should contact DC committee members they know and voice their concerns.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the 2016 AGM, held on 18. November 2016, were approved and unanimously passed.
5. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**
No motions were proposed.
6. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**
Report of the President: The President addressed the AGM and delivered his report. The president's report was passed unanimously. The full president's report is available in the members section of the OSI website (Appendix II)

Report of the Treasurer: The Treasurer addressed the AGM and delivered her report. The treasurer's report was passed unanimously. The full treasurer's report is available in the members section of the OSI website (Appendix III)

Report of the Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary addressed the AGM and delivered his report. The membership secretary's report was passed unanimously. The full membership secretary's report is available in the members section of the OSI website (Appendix IV)

Report of the Scientific Secretary: The Scientific Secretary addressed the AGM and delivered his report. The Scientific Secretary gave an overview on his work for the present OSI Autumn Meeting and the progress in planning of the next OSI Spring Meeting 2018, which will be held in the Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel (Dublin) on 13. & 14.04.2018. Main speaker will be orthognathic surgeon Simonas Grbauskas (Vilnius), who will give a comprehensive overview on current orthognathic treatment modalities.

7. OTHER REPORTS

No other reports were presented.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

HSE Tender Initiative

Several issues with the HSE Tender for Orthodontic Services can to light and were discussed at the AGM:

- The HSE management structure that oversees the tender project changed some time ago and orthodontists who have been treating patients under the scheme have not been paid for approximately six months;
- Some members have not received any communication from the HSE after being appointed as successful tenderers;
- Some HSE based OSI members have been approached by the HSE to administer the tender scheme, but they have not been provided with resources and training to do so.

It was agreed that the president will write to the HSE, express the OSI's concerns in this matter and request information on how these issues will be addressed.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

DIY Orthodontics / Mail Order Orthodontics

The emergence of DIY Orthodontics / Mail Order Orthodontics was discussed, and it was agreed to monitor the development so that appropriate action can be taken. It was noted that the Dental Council published a statement (31.08.2017), which demonstrates that the Dental Council will not regulate / oversee DIY Orthodontics / Mail Order Orthodontics in its jurisdiction.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Society will be held in November 2018.

11. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 18:22