

AGM Minutes Tuesday 10th June 2025

In Attendance	
Tom Cozens (TC)	STC Representative
Madhu Kannan (MK)	Chair & SAM Wales Representative
Becky Johnson (BJ)	Treasurer
Lliwen Jones (LJ)	Secretary
Carys Phillips (CP)	Education Lead
Marc Franklin (MF)	Education Lead
John Watts (JW)	Trainee Representative
Alice Hoole (AH)	Trainee Representative
Andrew Workman (AW)	Promotion & Recruitment Lead
Oliver Hodgkinson (OH)	ACCS IM Trainee Representative
Jo Botting (JB)	takeAIM Fellow
Hannah Palfrey (HP)	takeAIM Fellow
Helen Jones (HJ), Khine Kyaw (KK), Waqas Masood (WM), Faqrie Yuhazne (FY), Patrick Perryman-Owens (PPO), Mo Gaffar (MG), Inger Nag (IN)	WAPS members (Welsh AIM Higher Trainees)
Judith Oguguo (JO), Thamani Mazhani (TM), Sean Pollen (SP)	WAPS members (ACCS IM/IM Trainees)
Lucy Thomas (LT), Nerys Conway (NC), Wendy Munro (WM)	WAPS members (Consultants in AIM)

Apologies Noted	
John Hounsell (JH)	Immediate Past Chair

	Agenda	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome from elected council members (MK/RJ/LJ) - Confirmation AGM attendance is quorate - Apologies noted - Main aims of WAPS was reiterated – underpin training and education of AIM registrars in Wales, recruitment promotion and engage in Acute med in Wales 	
2	Previous Meeting (June 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Confirmation of minutes – no current amendments noted, members will be given one week to read due to short notice provision of minutes and will email WAPS account with any required amendments b. Strategic Planning Meeting Sept 2024 c. EGM held in Oct 2024 	
	b. Matters arising – done later	
3	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair (MK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarised highlights from the last year, new roles and general expansion. 	



	<p>b. Treasurer (RJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~£9000k in account - Symposium proceeds awaited ~£3000 - Training Week costs should be covered by above resulting in around £9500 in account - Any profit invested in training - If nightly rate for Training week exceeds study budget cap this will be subsidised by WAPS (not required this year) 	
	<p>c. Secretary (LJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarised expansion in Council since last AGM - inclusion of immediate Past Chair and co-opted roles of takeAIM fellows - Summarised educational events since last AGM - 4 training days, Training Week in progress - Symposium Cardiff April 2025 - well-received, combined with first SAMbassador day - WAPS involvement in Advanced Week of Education Society for Acute Medicine (AWESAM), first held in Anglesey March 2025, next planned Nov 2025 	LJ
4	<p>Constitution</p>	
	<p>a. Proposed amendments: Align IM (Stage 1) & ACCS IM Representative tenures to commence in Aug/Sept</p> <p>CP raised that it would be helpful for this coming year to bring applications forward in order for current ACCS trainees to demonstrate commitment to specialty for upcoming applications.</p> <p>VOTE to 'Align IM (Stage 1) and ACCS to Aug/Sept': ALL AGREED</p> <p>Constitution to be amended</p>	LJ
	<p>b. Other proposed amendments?</p> <p>Nil</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of how to engage IMTs (CP/HP) - IMT rep role in place, discussion of engaging IMTs via regional training days - 40-50 SAM members in Wales (MK), how can the society promote SAM membership within Wales - All to encourage any trainees interested in AIM to join SAM - TC discussed how scoring system for AIM applications is planned to change in future recruitment rounds with greater emphasis on Commitment to Specialty which can be evidenced by attendance at SAM/WAPS events and membership - Society name has already been translated in Welsh as 'Cymdeithas Meddygon Aciwt Cymru', logo to be designed - MK discussed how to develop membership - to be progressed in dedicated Membership Strategic Planning meetings - Strategic Planning meeting to be held earlier this year in order to shape Training year (July/August) - CP asked whether SAM Cardiff 2026 could count as future training days - to be explored via Education Strategic Planning meeting (ESPM). - TC encouraged all to submit abstracts for SAM Cardiff - Next AWESAM Nov 2025 - CP - asked regarding upcoming Trainee Rep role change. TC explained this is an STC role and co-opted to WAPS Council. STC will advertise for this. - CP - enquired whether travel costs can be reimbursed for trainees travelling to F2F events requiring overnight accommodation e.g. North Wales trainees attending SAMbassador day in UHW and Cardiff Symposium. MK/RJ - discuss in next ESPM 	All HP LJ LJ



	<p>whether can reimburse trainees paying in excess of £75/night for events outside of Training Week. OH raised question of sustainability if trainee numbers increase. RJ will calculate costings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MK raised possibility of increasing study budget, TC offered to rediscuss with HEIW- HP encouraged trainees to claim study budget whenever applicable- CP - Specialist Skills bursary, will be discussed in Trainee Forum- MK reminded members to keep LJ updated for F2F events in order to avoid unnecessary expenditure which could be otherwise invested in trainee education	LJ/RJ TC
6	Close and Next AGM – TW 2026	