

BSACI

Improving Allergy Care

through education, training and research

BSACI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8am – 9am, Saturday 18th October 2025

Meeting Room 2, ICC Wales,

Coldra Woods, Newport,

South Wales NP18 1DE

Minutes:

No of attendees: 40

No for quorate: 20

Minutes: Dr Shifa Shaikh

President: Dr Robin Gore

1. **President's welcome: (Dr Robin Gore)**

Dr Gore opened the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and welcomed the attendees.

Dr Gore expressed sincere gratitude to all BSACI members who devote substantial time and expertise to the Society to improve clinical standards and patient care. Special thanks were given to members of working groups and subcommittees, whose contributions were described as essential and representative of a collective effort. He acknowledged colleagues on the Senior Leadership Team for their vision, guidance, and continued support, noting that these contributions had been fundamental to the Society's ongoing success and growth. Sincere thanks were extended to the BSACI office staff for working tirelessly supporting clinicians with significant time pressures. Members who had responded to emails, consultations, and requests for feedback were also thanked, with Dr Gore noting that this engagement had been instrumental in helping the Society meet its strategic objectives. He emphasized collaboration,

resilience, and shared commitment as key themes underpinning the Society's progress during the year.

Apologies:

Professor Jürgen Schwarze and Professor Gillian Vance

2. Approval of the draft 2024 minutes:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been circulated by email several weeks prior to the meeting. A show of hands confirmed that no objections or abstentions were raised, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Presidents report: (Dr Robin Gore)

a) National Allergy Strategy Consultation, Strategy, and Implementation Support

Dr Gore reported on National Allergy Strategy activity undertaken during the year and confirmed that members across the Society had contributed actively to the development work. It was noted that members had been given six weeks to respond to a final consultation, and thanks were extended to those involved in consultation responses, project support, and stakeholder engagement. Council had agreed to support fundraising to fund a Project Manager post for a period of two years, with the specific purpose of supporting the implementation phase of guidance and strategic projects. This decision was formally noted by the membership and endorsed as a significant and positive outcome.

b) Growth of the BSACI Annual Conference

Dr Gore highlighted the substantial growth of the BSACI Annual Conference over recent years and reported that continued growth was anticipated in the future. It was noted that careful management of risk and sustainability would remain a priority as the conference continued to expand. Appreciation was expressed to the conference leads, Dr Joseph Jayasundera and Dr Constantinos Kotsapas and conference team for their work in managing growth while maintaining quality.

c) Allergy in the Military Guidance

The group had originally been established by Professor Tony Frew, subsequently taken over by Professor Andrew Whyte, and is currently chaired by Dr Steve Jenkins, Chair of the Adult Allergy Specialist Interest Group. The purpose of the guidance was described as addressing the assessment of allergic conditions in potential military recruits and supporting clinicians in understanding the unique and complex requirements of military service. The development of the guidance involved extensive collaboration with colleagues in the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as military services. It was confirmed that the guidance, together with editorial and graphical material, had been submitted to the Clinical and Experimental Allergy journal for peer review. Formal thanks were recorded to Dr Jenkins and all contributors.

d) Standards of Care Committee and Clinical Guidelines

Dr R Gore reported that the Standards of Care Committee (SOCC) has continued to make strong progress in the development of high-quality management guidelines, clinical practice statements and audits. He noted that the Lipid Transfer Protein Allergy guideline was published in March, while the NSAID guideline, accompanied by a graphical abstract, is awaiting submission to the CEA. He commented that the Oral Food Challenge Clinical Practice Statement is currently undergoing final review by SOCC, and that work on the Emerging Foods and Legume Allergy guideline remains ongoing, with a comprehensive literature review in progress. Dr R Gore further highlighted that the Local Anaesthetic guideline has been signed off by SOCC and is awaiting submission, and that the Cow's Milk Protein Allergy guideline is in the process of being updated. He added that a working group has now been established for the Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyps guideline, and that the Idiopathic Anaphylaxis writing group is drafting a pre-guideline survey for distribution to BSACI members.

In relation to audit activity, Dr R Gore stated that a programme of pre- and post-guideline audits is planned across multiple allergy topics, with the NSAID pre-guideline audit completed and post-guideline audits for Pollen Food Syndrome and Egg Allergy, followed by a pre-guideline audit for the Local Anaesthetic guideline, scheduled next. He also noted that Expressions of Interest have been circulated to members for upcoming projects, including a guideline on Allergic Rhinitis and two clinical practice statements on Food Allergy Testing and on best practice, governance and leadership of allergy alert coding, and encouraged members to apply. Dr R Gore concluded by expressing his thanks to the Co-Chairs, Dr Isabel Skypala and Dr Susan Leech, and to all members of the Standards of Care Committee and associated writing groups for their leadership, commitment and ongoing contributions.

e) Service Standards for Paediatric Allergy

Dr Gore reported that Professor Paul Turner led the development of the Service Standards for Paediatric Allergy in the United Kingdom through the BSACI Paediatric Specialist Interest Group. He noted that this was a collaborative initiative between the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and the British Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI), establishing service priorities for Paediatric Allergy Care accreditation across the UK. Dr R Gore highlighted that the standards identify 17 strategic priorities and represent several years of sustained work. He concluded by expressing the Society's sincere gratitude to Professor Turner and to all contributors involved in the development of the BSACI Paediatric Service Standards.

f) Global Symposium 2026:

Dr R Gore reported that the BSACI Global Online Symposium will celebrate its fourth year in 2026 and continues to represent a highly valued international collaboration with the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), the World Allergy Organization (WAO) and the American Academy of

Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). He noted that, for 2026, the Japanese Allergology Society has been invited to participate as a guest partner. Dr R Gore expressed gratitude to Dr George Gkimpas, who leads the symposium, and to all contributors involved in its ongoing development, and emphasised the importance of ensuring the date—Friday 23 January 2026—is firmly noted in members' calendars. He further highlighted that this successful collaboration has resulted in BSACI leading the development of a new global consensus statement on Shellfish Allergy in partnership with EAACI, WAO and AAAAI.

g) Nurses Special Interest Group:

Dr R Gore reported that, working in partnership with external collaborators, the Nurses Specialist Interest Group has continued to deliver an annual online study day. The second study day took place in April 2025 and was attended by 125 participants. Owing to the success of these events, he advised that the study day will, in 2026, be delivered jointly with dietetic colleagues. Dr R Gore further remarked that the nurse mentorship programme was launched earlier this year and has been met with excellent engagement, resulting in 12 mentor–mentee pairings. He expressed his gratitude to James Gardner, who has led the Nurses Group over the past two years and will be stepping down from the lead role following the conference at the conclusion of his tenure. Dr R Gore also welcomed Rebecca Batt as the incoming BSACI Nurses Lead.

h) BRIT:

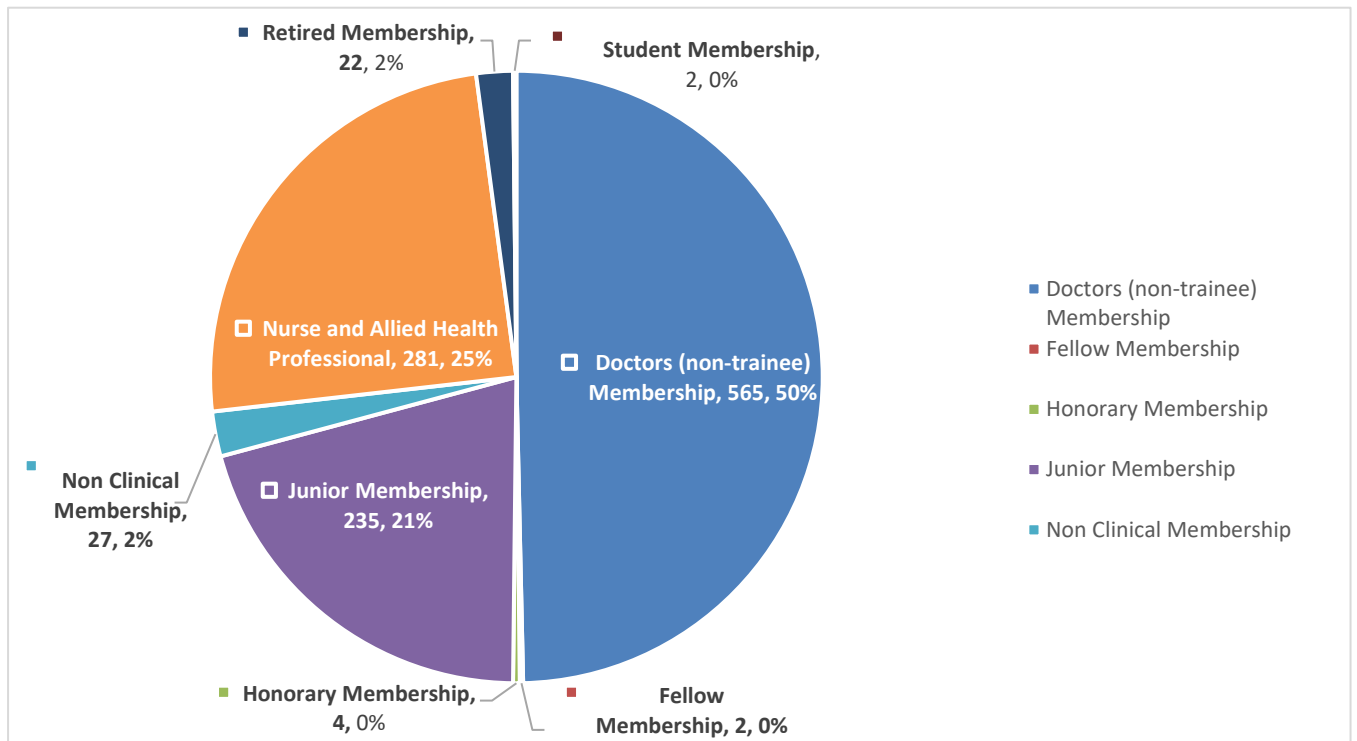
Dr R Gore reported that the first BRIT paper addressing health inequalities was published in Clinical and Experimental Allergy (CEA) this year. He explained that BRIT—the BSACI Registry for Immunotherapy—continues to represent a cornerstone of the Society's commitment to advancing evidence-based allergy care. Since its launch in 2018, the BRIT Registry has enabled BSACI members to systematically record data on patients undergoing allergen immunotherapy (AIT), with engagement increasing steadily over time as its value has become more widely recognised across the membership and the broader allergy community. Dr R Gore highlighted that, in collaboration with partners in the National Allergy Strategy Group (NASG), BSACI is leveraging insights generated from BRIT to inform and support the development of the UK National Allergy Strategy, with the aim of driving meaningful improvements in allergy care nationwide. He further noted that the second BRIT report has recently been published, with additional publications in development focusing on venom and aero-allergen immunotherapy, and that consideration is being given to expanding the registry to include food oral immunotherapy in response to growth in this area. Dr R Gore concluded by expressing sincere gratitude to Dr Michel Erlewyn-Lajeunesse and all members of the BRIT Committee for their sustained commitment and tireless work in delivering the ongoing success of the registry.

4. Secretary's Report: (Dr Claudia Gore)

- The Secretary reported that 135 new members had been approved since 1st August

2024 - 31st July 2025, bringing total membership to 1,138. The broad professional composition of the membership was noted. Proposed changes to membership category titles were explained, including renaming “Nursing and Allied Health Professional” to “Clinical (Nurses, AHPs and Other Professionals)” and renaming the “Junior” category as “Training and Early Career Scientists.” These changes were approved unanimously. A proposed five per cent increase in membership fees for the 2026–27 subscription year was also approved without objection.

Current BSACI Membership



i. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS' LIST

The list of 135 members was shared with the current members prior to the AGM were approved.

ii. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY CHANGE

The society proposed and approved changing the 'nursing allied health professional' category to 'clinical (nurses, allied health and other professionals)' to be more inclusive and updated the 'junior' category to 'training and early career scientists', with revised descriptions to reflect career stage rather than age. This was approved by a show of hands.

iii. MEMBERSHIP FEE

A 5% increase in membership fees for 2026/27 was proposed and approved, with the rationale that the society remains affordable and the new rates were circulated to members for transparency. This was approved by a show of hands.

5. Treasurer's Report: (Dr Runa Ali)

The BSACI financial year runs from August 2024 – July 2025

Dr Runa Ali presented the year-end financial summary, proposed budgets for the coming year, and conference financials, with members approving the income, expenditure, and auditor reappointment, and addressing questions about reserves and asset management.

- I. **Year-End Financial Results:** The society reported a healthy profit of £59,139 for the year ending July, reversing a previous deficit, with income and expenditure figures detailed and compared to prior years.

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	(2024 ACTUAL)
INCOME	£587,046	£632, 817	£45,771	£562,382
EXPENDITURE	£620,155	£573,678	£46,477	£605,815
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(£33,109)	£59,139	£92,248	(43,433)

- II. **Budget Proposals for 2026:** Proposed budgets for the next year included an income of £722,430 and expenditure of £710,639, projecting a modest surplus, with any shortfall to be covered by reserves, which stand at over £1 million. Dr Ali mentioned that these reserves are to safeguard the Society's financial stability and fulfil our objectives. The BSACI hold unrestricted financial reserves sufficient to cover the total operating costs for a period of 18 months.

	<u>2025/6</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budgets</u>	<u>(2024/5)</u> <u>Actual</u>
Income:	£722,430	£632, 817
Expenditure:	£710,639	£573,678
Deficit/Surplus:	£11,791	£59,139

- III. **Conference and Symposium Financials:** Conference income and surplus

exceeded expectations, with record delegate numbers and increased abstract submissions, while the global symposium also reported a profit, reflecting growth in both events.

BSACI 2025 Conference Budgets

	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	VARIANCE	2024
INCOME	£346,307	£491,819	£145,512	£384,132
EXPEND	£326,041	£370,465	£44,424	£288,079
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£20,266	£121,354	£101,088	£96,053

Global Symposium 2025 Budgets

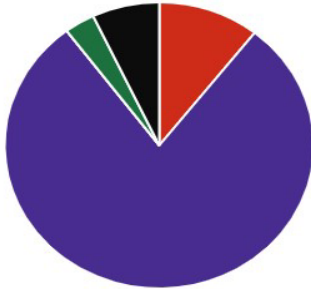
	BUDGET	ACTUAL 2025	VARIANCE	ACTUAL 2024
INCOME	£13,000	£43,279	£30,279	£28,933.33
EXPEND	£27,362	£27,362	£0.00	£21,304.37
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(14,362)	£15,917	£30,279	£7628.96

Actual Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st July 2024 published on the charity commission website. These figures are of combined income and expenditure including investments.

Income and expenditure

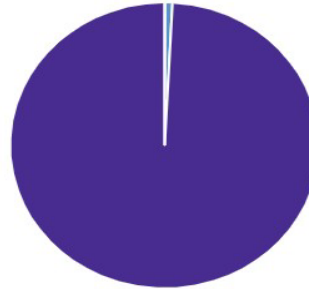
Data for financial year ending 31 July 2024

Total income:
£954,445



Donations and legacies	£101.03k
Charitable activities	£755.88k
Other trading activities	£0
Investments	£30.41k
Other	£67.13k

Total expenditure:
£897,961



Raising funds	£7.33k
Charitable activities	£890.64k
Other	£0

- V. **Members were invited to vote on the re-appointment of our accountants SAWIN & EDWARDS by a show of hands**

6. RATIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

I. INDUSTRY POLICY

- BSACI work with a range of industry partners to help support our activities. Activities which are supported by industry are published each year on the BSACI website for transparency.
- On the rare occasion where only one sponsor has offered to support an activity, under our current industry policy, BSACI is not able to continue with that activity.
- Therefore, BSACI wish to amend the wording of the policy

from:

To ensure there is no perceived bias, the BSACI will not accept funding from a single company to support our work, there will be a minimum of two companies for each activity.

To:

To ensure there is no perceived bias, the BSACI will always try and seek funding from more than one company for each activity.

This change was approved by a show of hands.

II. GP ROLE ON COUNCIL

- It was agreed the Society needed an alternative structure for in the way in which it engages with primary care. Members of the former BSACI Primary Care Committee found attending formal meetings periodically challenging.

The BSACI Senior Leadership Team explored new ways to support primary care in allergy. A survey was conducted, followed by a meeting in Harrogate (2024) with primary care colleagues.

Based on feedback, BSACI proposes appointing Primary Care Representative(s) to the BSACI Council.

- These representatives will:
 - Engage with primary care professionals and the wider BSACI community.
 - Ensure a primary care voice is present in Council discussions.
 - Help shape improvements in primary care aligned with BSACI's strategy on workforce, education, and services.

This was approved by a show of hands.

7. Vice President Nominations:

Nominations for vice president roles in education and training, workforce, and services were uncontested, resulting in Professor Gillian Vance, Mrs Lucy Common, and Dr Louise Michaelis being re-elected for another term.

8. CEA Report: (Dr Robin Gore on behalf of Co-Editors)

The CEA journal, under the editorial team led by Dr Robert Boyle and Professor Mo Shamji, reported progress in impact factor, increased submissions, and expanded publication output, with a focus on social media and podcast outreach to broaden engagement.

9. Conference Report: (Dr Joseph Jayasundera and Dr Constantinos Kotsapas)

Conference Highlights & Theme

- The conference was held at a new venue in Wales, supporting growth and enabling record levels of delegate participation.
- This year's theme — "Learning from the Past and Looking to the Future – Together" — focused on addressing health inequalities and strengthening collaboration across the allergy community.
- Delegates submitted a record number of abstracts, reflecting the increasing engagement and research activity within the field.
- Continued success with virtual events and scholarship schemes broadened accessibility and supported early-career professionals.

Scientific & Educational Programme

- The President's Plenary explored disparities in allergy care and featured an invited Member of Parliament, highlighting national attention and advocacy for improved allergy services.
- A new co-badged session with EAACI enhanced international collaboration and shared learning.
- Accredited through EACCME, the programme met high educational standards for continuing medical education.
- Introduction of junior chairs supported professional development and encouraged future clinical leaders.

Technology, Engagement & Innovation

- An improved BSACI mobile app enhanced the delegate experience, enabling better navigation, engagement, and access to live updates and session materials.

Awards & Future Planning

- Multiple awards were presented, recognising excellence in research, clinical practice, and emerging talent.
- Dates and themes for the next year's conference were confirmed, with a continued focus on the future of allergy care.
- Gratitude was expressed to the organising committees, speakers, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

2025 vs 2024 – Comparative Metrics

Key Participation Metrics

- Delegates: 855 (2025) ↑ from 777 (2024)
- Abstract submissions: 189 (2025) ↑ from 173 (2024)
- Speakers: 53 (2025) ↓ from 89 (2024)

Social Event Attendance

- Sunrise Shake: 41 (2025)
- Welcome Reception: 237 (2025) ↓ from 251 (2024)
- Gala Dinner: 231 (2025) ↑ from 196 (2024)

Industry & Exhibition

- Exhibitors: 27 (2025) ↓ from 28 (2024)
- Industry Symposia: 9 (2025) ↑ from 7 (2024)

10. Any Other Business: (Dr Robin Gore)

None

12. Date of the AGM 2025: (Dr Robin Gore)

The next AGM will be held on Saturday, 13th October 2026, at the ICC Wales.