Points from Council

President, Sally Simpson, welcomed all members to the Council Meeting which was held on Friday 18 January 2012 at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham.

The agenda covered the following points which are pertinent to all BSDHT members:

**Appointment of Directors.** The President had previously circulated information to Council members with reference to the Appointment of Directors. The President informed the Council that all members of Council are eligible to become Directors of BSDHT.

**Council Members Elected onto the Executive Team.** Council members elected Michaela O’Neill and Diane Hunter as the Representatives of Council on the Executive Team. Council members fully supported the President’s proposal to co-opt Deborah Sheather onto the Executive Team. Deborah Sheather is currently acting as conference co-ordinator following the retirement of Ann Craddock and will continue in the role until the Business Development Manager is recruited.

**Honorary Treasurer’s Report**

**Remuneration Guidelines.** Members of Council supported the Honorary Treasurer’s proposal to increase the remuneration scales by 1.5%. BSDHT is very mindful of the difficulties in negotiating an salary increase in the current economic climate, but stress that the remuneration scales are purely ‘guidelines’ devised to assist members.

**Editor’s Report**

**Annual Clinical Journal of Dental Health.** The Editor reported that the launch of the Annual Journal of Dental Health at OHC Bournemouth had been well received. All members should have received their copy. Any feedback from members about the new journal would be welcome.

**DH Contact.** The last two issues of DH Contact have appeared on line. The majority of members appear to be satisfied with this method of accessing DH Contact. Members who have not received notification about DH Contact are asked to forward their email address to enquiries@bsdht.org.uk

**Regional Group Co-ordinator’s Report.** The Regional Group Co-ordinator delivered a powerpoint presentation clarifying the role of the Regional Group Co-ordinator. She explained the origin, the original remit and duties, and highlighted the achievements attained to date; she also explained how the role has evolved since its inception. Future plans for the role include a Training Day for the benefit of Regional Committees, continuing to build the “pool” trade sponsors for regional groups and furthering links with the schools and student membership.

The role is currently under review by the Executive, including the job description and its funding.

**Tutor’s group Representative’s Report.** The Tutor’s Group Representative and the President are working together on initiatives to raise the profile of the benefits to students of becoming members of BSDHT. The President has appointments to meet with both the Tutor’s Group and the Directors Group in the near future.

**OHC Bournemouth 18/19 November 2011.** Members have provided some valuable feedback from the OHC 2011. Council discussed the feedback and how this will impact on the planning of OHC 2012.

**OHC Liverpool 9/10 November 2012.** Planning for the OHC 2012 is well underway. The organizing committee is looking to attract quality speakers who have not been exposed to the Regional Groups to ensure fresh and new themes. There are plans to provide more workshops and to avoid clashes with the general presentations. The committee is also going to review the format of the evening social
event in order to make it more attractive for members.

**GDC Reviews/Direct Access.** Margaret Ross, past President, continues to represent BSDHT on the GDC Scope of Practice Working Group. The President and President-Elect have provided feedback and taken part in workshops with the GDC, representing BSDHT on the Fitness to Practice Review of Guidelines, the Standards Review Workshop and CPD Review. The President will soon attend the GDC for a meeting regarding the proposals and plans for Revalidation of registrants.

**Business Development Manager.** The Personal Specification, Job Description and remuneration for the proposed Business Development Manager have been finalised. The post will be advertised in BSDHT Publications, on the BSDHT Website and in selected dental press. Interviews will take place on 22 June 2012.

**BSDHT Trademark, Logo and Accreditation Scheme.** Elected member, Michaela O’Neill, has obtained on behalf of BSDHT a Trademark, to protect the BSDHT Logo. A separate Logo has been designed and Trademark awarded, to identify BSDHT Accreditation Scheme. The Accreditation Scheme was launched at OHC Bournemouth 2011, and will be awarded, upon request to educational material considered to be of good quality and of a standard relative to the needs of Dental Hygienists/Therapists.

**Future Society Objectives.** The President stated that the majority of the Executive Teams for 2010/2011 major objectives have been achieved or are progressing. The Executive Team would like Council Members to ask Regional Group members what issues are important to them and how they should like their Society to further support them. The President is currently pursuing the difficulties around the purchase, use and sale of prescription only medicines and has appointments with the Chief Dental Officer (England) and Senior Medicines Information Pharmacist at the Department of Health to initiate discussions on behalf of members.

**Patient Group Directive.** The template for the Patient Group Directive is available on-line, as an advice sheet for members to download.

**Regional Group Feedback On-line.** There have been requests from Regional Groups for members to feedback about their meetings on the BSDHT website. This is an issue that Executive Team are exploring and will be discussed at the next Executive team meeting.

**Working without a Dental Nurse.** There are growing concerns from members about the legal, ethical and personal safety aspects of working without assistance. The President will address this issue with the GDC. A question on the issue has been posted on-line and all members asked to respond, which will provide an idea of the scope of this issue.

**Events and Meetings**

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