

## **Minutes of the Worcestershire Medico-Legal Society AGM on Tuesday 29th September, 2015 at 7.15 pm at the Jenny Lind Chapel, City Campus, University of Worcester**

### **1. Election of officers**

The Chairman, Mr J. Duddington (JD) and the Secretary and Treasurer, Dr Lesley Ann Smallman (LAS) were re-elected for 2015-2016 (proposed: Dr Jonathan Leach seconded: Mr James Sommerville).

### **2. Committee members**

JD informed members and guests that the committee members were: Mrs Erica Burrows, Dr Tony Cole, Mrs Susan Jarvis, Dr Kelvin Laidlaw, Dr Jonathan Leach, Mrs Gill Porter, Mr James Sommerville and Dr Helen Taylor. These members were re-elected (proposed: JD, seconded: LAS).

### **3. Chairman's report**

JD gave his annual report. A copy of this is attached and had been previously sent to members. JD also informed members and guests that Dr Bernard Mason who was a founder member of the Society had now left the area to live closer to his family. He thanked him for his valuable contribution over the years.

### **4. Future meetings**

The programme for the next academic year (2015-2016) can be found on the Society's website: <http://www.worcestershiremedicolegal.com/>

### **5. Secretary and Treasurer's report**

LAS gave her report. A copy of this is attached and had been previously sent to members. There had been 35 members of the Society in 2013-2014 a drop in number from 42 in the previous two years, 2012-2013 and 2011-2012. This had remained stable with 36 members in 2014-2015. Three of these had been extended from the previous year as they had joined late. However, several non-members had attended single lectures and paid £10/£5 at the door. The accounts for the year were also presented. There was an overall loss this year, the first since 2008-2009. This was due to a decrease in membership fees and an increase in the amount spent on marketing.

### **6. AOB**

There was no other business.

Dr Lesley Ann Smallman  
Secretary and Treasurer