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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ABCD (DIABETES CARE) LTD Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6:00pm

Twelfth **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ABCD (Diabetes Care) Ltd** ("the Company") took place at the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6:00pm.

32 people attended the meeting all of which were members, and one proxy vote had been submitted. The meeting was declared quorate.

Professor Ketan Dhatariya, chair of ABCD introduced himself to the membership and welcomed all to the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were reviewed and approved as being an accurate and true reflection of the proceedings.

Ketan Dhatariya reflected on the achievements of the association 2022. He highlighted activities in 2023 including:

- Refresh of branding and website
- Launch of the Diabetes Update Programme received positive feedback and will be running again in 2024.
- ABCD webinars continue to be a valuable tool for learning.
- The ABCD Annual Conference in Edinburgh on 6th September 2023.
- DTN Events and Educational resources continue to be key resources of the ABCD website.
- The Research Grant Programme in collaboration with Diabetes Care Trust now in its third year.
- Launch of Dragons Den, which will support small grants for teams upon successful pitching to the "Dragons".
- The British Journal of Diabetes (BJD) now available open access online.

Ketan reported on the valuable work of the successful national audit programme which provides important real-world data. He advised the executive and the committee represent ABCD through many organisations, regionally, nationally, and internationally. He explained that the ABCD life-long learning scheme continues to provide education and training to members throughout their careers.

Ketan outlined the associations plans for 2024 as follows:

- Explore the opportunity expand ABCD's reach internationally and develop an Associate Membership for non-UK residents (Ireland, India, Egypt, and others)
- Ensuring that EDI is incorporated into all of ABCD's meetings and events. Collaboration with DUK and PCDS on workforce
- Obtaining BJD PubMed listing.

He encouraged all members to get in touch if they needed support and assistance from ABCD.

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Ketan extended a special thanks to all ABCD's corporate sponsors without whom it would not be able to deliver the programmes that benefit its members.

The accounts of the ABCD (Diabetes Care) Trust Limited, Diabetes Care Trust (ABCD) Limited and BJDVD Limited were laid before the membership.

Dr Dipesh Patel and Dr Dinesh Nagi, previous chairs of ABCD were presented with awards to honour their contribution to the association.

The following resolutions were put to the membership and unanimously passed:

- a) To elect Dr Kate Fayers as Meetings Secretary of the association and as a trustee of Diabetes Care Trust (ABCD) Ltd
- b) To re-appoint Haines Watts LLP (Leeds) as accountants to the charity until the completion of the next annual general meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

The following special resolution was put to the membership and unanimously passed:

- a) To amend the wording of section 41.2 of the organisation's articles of association from "The notice shall specify the time, date, and place of the meeting, the general nature of the business transacted and the terms of any resolution to be proposed at it."
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"The notice shall specify the time, date, and place of the meeting or in the event of the general meeting to be held via electronic means, the video conferencing access details, the general nature of the business to be transacted and the terms of any resolution to be proposed at it."

By order of the directors (Company Number: 727037)

**Professor Ketan Dhatariya** Chair of the Association