

Minutes of the 55 meeting of the BDA Wales Board held on Tuesday 11 May 2021, via Microsoft Teams from 09:30 – 12:00

Present:	Rhiannon Williams (RW) Caroline Bovey (CB) Sioned Quirke Rhian Wilyeo Alice Read Chris Cashin Penny Doyle	Board Vice Chair Board of Directors Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
In Attendance:	Sandra Tyrrell (ST) Amanda Squire (AS) Steven Austin (SA)	BDA Policy Officer for Wales BDA Policy Officer for Wales BDA National Employment Relations Officer

Item	<u>ACTION</u>
55/1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> Apologies received from Kate Harrod-Wild, Victoria Prendiville and Beca Lyne-Perkis.
55/2	<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Minutes approved and agreed accurate
55/3	<u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u> 'To action' list, Caroline to be removed from this list due to workload and constitution. Suggested that we should ask for input based on expertise- await feedback. Suggested that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'For information' should be via health board and for info to all staff. 'For comment' via the board with a strategic focus.• Go back to board constitution regarding role of the board and align with WDLAG.• To focus on country board, WDLAG and specialist interest groups roles and remits.
55/4	<u>Chairman's Update</u> Kate remains unwell No update from Rhiannon as all information has been previously circulated.

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Board of Director Update

Key points from Caroline:

Country Board Directors met to discuss what each Director needs to share with Country Boards. New approach to operations - details to follow.

National professional indemnity insurance - companies hadn't been proactive in changes resulting from Brexit. No insurance company will cover any overseas work. Will need separate cover for each country they work in. All AHPs are facing the same issue. 9.5.21 final date for current insurance tender round.

ACBS: new consultation due out to be circulated

Vacancies to BoD: Chair of Scotland Board and new Chair for June 2022.

Honours Committee: Sue Kelly and Sian O'Shea are new members.

Successful award ceremony. All details in DT and Ezines.

AGM: 7 June in the evening. Actively ask to join this event. Details are in Dietetics Today and will receive the link after application. Elsie Widdowson lecture follows, lecture speaker is Susan Price

HMRC: Updates to member data base that HMRC has awarded a refund for BDA

Scotland Board has joined the Scotland Food Coalition

Academy of Nutrition strategic plan reviewed by board
Paper submitted to BoD needs to align with the strategic plan
Strategic plan to be launched at AGM on 7 June.

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Membership of Board

No change.

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Covid

Numbers reducing. No further updates from Health Boards.

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Workplan

Agreed last time. To await launch of Strategic plan in June for review of workplan in Autumn

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Policy Officer Feedback

ST: election work/ hustings complete, no great changes post-election result

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Education update

AS: All students passed placement successfully due to exceptional support from trainers.

Streamlining letter to HEIW read and amended AS to send to RW for sending on behalf of the board.

Work undertaken by BDA on students seeking placement overseas discussed.

Several factors to feedback by AS:

- Differing practice and remit of Dietitians in different countries
- Insurance not covering outside UK
- Travel restrictions remain and likely will continue
- Supporting students may be extremely difficult

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Trade Union

SA: Lifting of restrictions and easing of interactions. Risk assessments continue to be in place.

Immigration rules are more stringent as a result of Brexit and COVID.

Vaccinations are ongoing and now Autumn top up vaccination programme.

CCG and structure for staff in England. Pay Wales is waiting to see how England goes, due out in June.

Virtual stage 1 union reps training course running in 9 June (4 weeks) and stage 2, 25 June (4 weeks) all booked up.

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Social Partnership and Public Procurement Bill

No update required.

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AOB

RW: Concerns in the Health Board regarding changes to ordering and distributing nutritional products and impact on the profession. Steven Pickard in procurement services to all HoS. Central sourcing team are supporting conversations and pharmacy are giving an extension until the end of the financial year until local agreements are put in place. To remain on the agenda in WDLAG- not affecting all Health Boards, as some are retaining distribution via pharmacy services. No action required by Board.

CC: Committee members required for South Wales Branch committee, particularly seeking wider distribution. CC to draft a letter for all members and HB leads.

CC

RW: A deficit of applicants of all bands of employment at the moment, particularly Band 6 and 7 and fixed term contracts noted.

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Next Meeting

13th July next Wales Board Meeting instead of 6th July, to align with BoD.