The Honorary President welcomed people to the meeting, and announced that this was the second AGM of the Moorfields Association.

1. MINUTES OF THE AGM on 13th FEBRUARY 2015
The minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the MA held on the 13th February 2015 had already been submitted to members and no amendments had been suggested.

2. APOLOGIES Formal apologies were received from David Boase, Roger Buckley, David Gartry and Peter McDonnell

3. THE HONORARY PRESIDENT’S REPORT.
The Honorary President reminded the audience of the mission statement of the Association ‘The Association will promote educational and social activities for current and past clinical staff of Moorfields Eye Hospital’ and restated the criteria for membership.
Sadly he had to report that four people associated with Moorfields had died within the past year – Michael Banes, a senior optometrist and member of the MA Committee, Evan Cameron, John Harry the pathologists and Nigel Young. Members stood in silence for a few moments in their memory.

Two new members of the Management Committee were recommended to the audience – Michael Falcon replaces David Boase who completes his six years on Committee and was thanked for all his work, and Andrew Milliken replaces Michael Banes. The new appointments were approved by a show of hands. The ex officio position of the Chief executive Officer remains unfilled following the retirement of John Pelly until his replacement takes up his office later in the year.

The Honorary President spoke of the three main objectives of the MA: **information, education and the fostering of a ‘spirit of community’**, and, as in previous years, he reviewed each of these components.

**Information:** The Meeting was reminded that Susan Hoyal, the MA Administrative Secretary had a desk in the Friends of Moorfields’s Office on Thursday afternoons and that the e-mail address of the Association was: mas@moorfields.nhs.uk and to access the MA website one should visit Moorfields Eye Hospital/Association: http://www.moorfields.nhs.uk/content/moorfields-association

The importance of an up-to-date mailing list for MA members is essential to enable the Administrative Secretary to communicate easily with individuals and with members of the Association in general. Much information is put onto the MA website, including twice-yearly newsletters, announcements of meetings, reunions, bursaries and obituaries. In 2010 the website began publishing a rolling programme of reports from the Special Services at Moorfields - Glaucoma, Refractive Surgery, Strabismus and Neuro-ophthalmology, Vitreo-retinal, Corneal, Adnexal, A&E Services, Cataract and Medical Retina Services. In 2015 the website had a report from Anaesthetics (Sandip Amin) and one from the Orthoptic Services (Chris Timms) is still in preparation. These complete the reports on eleven services and one from the Department of Optometry will be published in the autumn. From 2017 onwards each report will be updated in turn, the first beginning with Glaucoma.

**Education:** The educational and social value of the Alumni Scientific Meeting (the 36th) is well established. The new Moorfields Museum and Archive Room have great potential for academic research into the history of Moorfields and ophthalmology in general. In 2015 the MA gave the sum of £6,000 as six bursaries for
clinical staff (one an optometrist) to participate in national and international congresses and to visit post-graduate centres. The criteria for applications were listed. **Applicants for bursaries in 2016/17 should submit requests to the Administrative Secretary by May 31st for consideration at the July MA Management Committee meeting.** Information about these bursaries is published on the MA website.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** – nominations should also be submitted by June 30th. In 2015 the award was made to Professor Peter Watson and the citation was given by David Boase later in the day

**Social events:** The fostering of a ‘spirit of community’ is an important aspect of the Moorfields Association. A photograph was shown of the Residents’ Winter Dinner held in February 2015 at the Medical Society of London where the guest speaker was Richard Packard who talked about the history of cataract surgery with particular reference to the contribution from Moorfields. A photograph was also shown of the City Road reunion held in October at the same venue with the Professor Daffyd Thomas the neurologist as guest speaker who gave an amusing talk about his dealings with ophthalmologists. This was followed by Declan Flanagan who discussed the current situation and the future of the hospital. The MA also subsidised the annual Consultants’ Dinner which had taken place a few weeks previously.

4. **HONORARY TREASURER’S REPORT**

Peter McDonnell being absent at a College Meeting, the annual accounts which had been verified by an independent check were presented by the Honorary President. On 1st January 2015 the MA balance stood at £49,028 and on 31st December 2015 it was £39,930. It stood at £42,119 on February 29th 2016.

**Income** for the year was £18,462. Subscriptions totalled £5,525 (cf. £5,325 in 2015). Receipts from those attending the social events (including the Consultant’s Dinner) came to £2,630. The private patients’ levy from Consultants raised £9,770 up until March 2015. **The next request for contributions is being be sent out in March 2016 to cover the period from April 1st to September 30th 2105 and subsequently requests will be made six monthly until further notice.**

Further income of £537 included the sale of books, ties, other insignia and interest on the saving account.
Expenditure for the 2015 financial year was £27,560. Outgoings included bursaries totalling £3,500 (two further grants are to be paid in the current financial year) and a £5,000 grant to the John Lee Fellowship. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists also received a donation of £1,500 towards the financing of Hugh Williams’ update of his DVD on the origins of intra-ocular implant surgery.

Administration costs of £7,106 reflected office expenses, as the MA employed two secretaries until the end of April 2015 to complete the merger with the Moorfields Surgeons’ Association. An advance deposit for the 2016 Consultants’ dinner and the costs of the Residents’ Winter Dinner and the City Road Reunion Lunch came to £4,539. The popular gift of the Arsenal season tickets (£4,000) to members of the non-medical staff at MEH was continued and other payments of £1,915 included the costs of designing and producing the World War 1 commemorative board, the honorarium for the High Holborn Lecture (£250), a contribution to the residents’ skills lab and purchase of cricket equipment to replace missing items and to organise the hospital cricket match.

Following the report the Honorary President spoke briefly about plans for the present financial year: It was anticipated that £27,000, the same amount as in 2015, would be spent on MA activities – at least 40% of this on grants and bursaries which supported education for and by Moorfields alumni at all stages of their careers; 35% on social activities and the remaining 25% on administration and other expenses. This should be balanced by the Association’s income if the further six-monthly contributions from the Consultants remain at the same level.

5. HON. ARCHIVIST’S REPORT. Richard Keeler reported that the School of Nursing were moving from their location in the main building of Moorfields. He was asked whether the display items and archive could be looked after in the MA Archive Room. He then showed images of some of the interesting artefacts including samples of the forty fundus paintings. He said that Wendy Franks was nearly finished with recording the 1400 paintings in the Collection which would be on the UCL data-base later in the year with open access via the Library network.

During the year a Zeiss Nordenson fundus camera (1932) complete in a box was found in the engineering department of the Institute. This is now displayed in the cabinet in the library with the rest of the Moorfields Collection.
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** Before closing the meeting the Honorary President reminded the audience of the benefits of membership of the Association. Not only were there financial savings on a number of events including the annual scientific meeting and the offer of various social gatherings and reduced prices for books and insignia, but there was the honour of being associated with, arguably, the most famous eye hospital in the world.

7. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** The dates of the next Management Committee Meetings were Thursday, July 14th, 2016 and Thursday, October 27th, 2016. The date for the 2017 AGM was yet to be arranged and will be announced to members later.

   The President ended the meeting by again expressing his gratitude to Susan Hoyal for all the work she had carried out for the Association. He also thanked Stephen Dunham, our accountant who retired in January 2016, Declan Flanagan and James Acheson: two of our very supportive ex officio Committee members, Richard Keeler for all the work he does on our Archives and, finally, Peter McDonnell, the Honorary Treasurer.

The Meeting closed at 1330 hrs.