



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Skin

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Minutes of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin AGM Meeting

14th July 2021 at 3:30 PM

Meeting held virtually on Zoom

14.7.1 Welcome and Introduction

Apologies for absence

Lord Clark of Windermere and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff.

Sir Edward Leigh opened the meeting welcoming all who could attend stating this would be a short meeting to reconstitute the APPG on Skin.

He paid tribute to the Dame Cheryl Gillan MP who was an officer of the group until her sad death earlier in the year. The new secretariat the Dermatology Council for England was introduced represented by the chair Geoff Holmes.

14.7.1 Update on the secretariat

Geoff Holmes noted that Decideum were unable to continue as the secretariat for the group a function they have performed since its inception. The Dermatology Council for England has agreed to take on this role moving forwards.

14.7.3 Election of Officers.

The APPG on Skin reformed with the following Officers elected: Sir Edward Leigh MP (Chair), Mary Glindon MP (Secretary), Baroness Masham of Ilton (Vice Chair), Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (Vice Chair)

Sir Edward Leigh commented that we should look for some more officers and members especially amongst those newer to Parliament.

Action for Secretariat.

14.7.4 Financial Statement

The financial statement for the year ending May 2012 produced by Decideum was agreed by the chair and is posted on the APPGS website.

Moving forwards as the new Secretariat is an unpaid position it is unlikely that the group will exceed the thresholds for declaration of finances.

14.7.5 On Going Projects

Sir Edward Leigh noted that he was still applying for a Parliamentary debate utilising the evidence from the last report by the APPG Mental Health and Skin Disease. The aim of the report was to gain insight into the state of mental health services available to patients with skin conditions in the UK and the psychological impact of these conditions.

Geoff Holmes advised the meeting that the APPGS advisory Board would be meeting over the summer and would produce a list of activities for the upcoming sessions.

14.7.6 Closing Comments

Sir Edward Commented that we need at least one large event per session to maintain visibility for the group and to help with member recruitment.

14.7.7 AOB and Next Meeting.

There was no AOB.

The next meeting will be advised.