

# DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1071732

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1998-09-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH DIFFICULT OR UNUSUAL AIRWAY PROBLEMS, BY THE CONDUCT OF COURSES, LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND BY ENSURING THAT DUE ATTENTION IS PAID TO AIRWAY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES IN THE TRAINING CURRICULA OF MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (B) TO PROMOTE RESEARCH AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES IN DEALING WITH AIRWAY PROBLEMS, AND TO PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH.

**Activities:** Advancement of public education in the science & practice of airway management. Provide research & development of new techniques.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£185,086	£143,716	-	-
2024-06-30	£178,718	£94,086	-	-
2023-06-30	£81,922	£67,069	-	-
2022-06-30	£65,744	£60,232	-	-
2021-06-30	£95,027	£60,352	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Alistair McNarry		2024-11-01
Dr Fauzia Mir		2021-01-26
Dr Ravi Bhagrath		2021-01-31

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# Accounts

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Income	89,609	61,698
Interest Received	1,356	1,629
	<u><b>90,965</b></u>	<u><b>63,327</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel expenses	28,764	7,612
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	22,581	39,615
DAS alert cards	1,647	2,825
Adept	-	35,671
Other professional services	47	35
Website	36,656	41,565
Bank charges	102	104
Accountants fees	1,080	1,140
Software	264	793
Postage and stationery	-	198
DAS prize	-	200
Legal Fees	1,050	-
Amplitude Clinical - Database migration Cardiff and Vale	15,500	-
Cardiff and Vale	7,005	
Conference party meeting penalty	26,520	
DAS Educational support to charity	2,500	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u><b>143,717</b></u>	<u><b>129,758</b></u>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Kent Health	1,121	4,276
Pentland Medical	610	200
Abbey Tours	31,298	71,000
Ass of Anaesthetist	-	32,195
Intersurgical Ltd	610	7,500
Karl Storz	5,000	
Conference partner	55,482	
	<u><b>94,121</b></u>	<u><b>115,171</b></u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<u><u><b>41,370</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>48,740</b></u></u>

**Difficult Airway Society  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
at 30th June 2025**

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	21,735			81,720
Cash at bank	7	567,690			501,917
		<u>589,425</u>			<u>583,637</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(1,080)			(990)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>588,345</u>		582,647
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>588,345</u></u>		<u><u>582,647</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6		8,124	-	14,972
Unrestricted Funds			559,566		486,946
Surplus/deficit for the year			41,370		84,632
Surplus brought forward			274,844		225,883
Movement in unrestricted funds			(295,559)		(229,786)
<b>Funds carried forward</b>			<u><u>588,345</u></u>		<u><u>582,647</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Fauzia Mir

Dated

*Fauzia Mir*  
10/12/25

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<b>4 Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
DAS 2020		35,200
Conference Partner		26,520
DAS start up 2022		20,000
DAS 2026	21,735	
	<u>21,735</u>	<u>81,720</u>
<b>5 Accruals</b>		
Sinclair Accounting Co Ltd	1,080	990
	<u>1,080</u>	<u>990</u>
<b>6 Restricted Funds</b>		
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	18	6,979
Cardiff 2012	7,700	7,591
Adept 1 Project	406	400
	<u>8,124</u>	<u>14,970</u>
<b>7 Bank Accounts</b>		
DAS deposit - Barclays acc 881	84,234	83,037
DAS Current - Barclays acc no 531	461,198	390,366
PayPal Account	14,134	13,544
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	18	6,979
Cardiff 2012 - Premium acc 006	7,700	7,591
ADEPT1 account	406	400
	<u>567,690</u>	<u>501,917</u>

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***Accounting convention***

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**3 Management Committees Remuneration**

The Management Committee were not entitled to and received no remuneration from the charity during the year.

## Quick recap

The meeting began with technical discussions about Zoom hosting and participant management, followed by updates about Ellen's teaching mission in Africa and a survey about ventilator practices. The main focus was the Difficult Airway Society Annual Members Meeting, where the group reviewed various organizational updates including new guidelines, committee changes, and financial reports. The conversation ended with announcements about scientific activities, new awards for airway management contributions, and upcoming events celebrating DAS's 30th anniversary in 2026.

## Next steps

- Sneh: send email to Ellen and Imran about the Malaysia survey to get their thoughts before replying
- Ravi: keep a register of attendees at future meetings
- DAS committee: issue mini e-zine with new contact details when Muira Engage membership services transition happens
- DAS committee: develop statement of good practice in response to Regulation 28 order
- Airway leads: email awl.rcoa.ac.uk with updated details if they have changed roles or demitted/taken up office
- DAS committee: present Adrian Pierce Awards to Pere Hanari and Bernie Liban in person at one of the 30th birthday events
- DAS committee: present DAS Industry Award to Geraldine Kirch from Fisher & Paykel in person at Guy's event
- DAS committee: present DAS McEwan Medal to Barry Maguire at one of the DAS 30th birthday celebrations

## Summary

### Zoom Technical and Mission Updates

The meeting participants discussed technical issues related to Zoom hosting and attendee management, with Sajay agreeing to assist with renaming attendees. They also addressed the need for maintaining records of meeting participants, with Ravi acknowledging this was a new requirement for their organization. Ellen shared updates about her recent teaching mission in Africa, highlighting the progress made in training medical professionals in Malawi. The group briefly discussed an upcoming survey related to ventilator practices, with Sneh planning to follow up with Ellen and Imran for their input.

### DAS Annual Meeting: Guidelines Update

The Difficult Airway Society Annual Members Meeting was held on December 1, 2025, with Ravi presiding. The meeting covered the approval of last year's minutes, a report on the current executive committee, and updates from President Alistair, Secretary Ravi, and Treasurer Fawzia. Key highlights included the release of the 2025 guidelines for managing unanticipated difficult tracheal intubation in adults, after three years of debate, and the success of DAS roadshows in Nottingham and Birmingham. The committee expanded by four members and welcomed Mark Gabriel as the new resident representative, while thanking outgoing members for their contributions.

### **DAS 30th Anniversary Planning Update**

Alistair provided a comprehensive update on DAS activities, highlighting key developments and upcoming events. He announced that Muira Engage will become the new membership services provider from February 2026, with no expected changes for members. Alistair discussed contributions to Regulation 28 orders and the Difficult Airway Registry, which now has over 2,100 entries. He also previewed upcoming events celebrating DAS's 30th anniversary in 2026 across the UK and Ireland, including a webinar on the 2025 guidelines and various conferences and meetings.

### **Website and Treasury Updates Meeting**

The meeting covered updates on website development, which is ongoing with gradual improvements, and the e-phone registry. Ravi mentioned DAS's representation at international Railway Society meetings. Fauzia presented the Treasury report, highlighting a healthy account balance despite significant expenses on projects like the website and database migration. She discussed upcoming financial commitments, including eFuna registry and DAS database ongoing costs, as well as budgeting for DAS 26 and the transition to the new membership provider, More Engage.

### **DAS Professor and Fellows Updates**

Karim presented updates on DAS scientific activities, including direct grants, NIAA funding, and the DAS Professor award. He announced that Imran was awarded the DAS Professor of Anesthesia and Airway Management for 2025. Karim also introduced the new Fellows of the Difficult Airways Society program, with seven awardees in its first year. The society will open applications for DAS Professor and FDAS in March 2026.

### **Airway Management Awards Announcement**

The meeting focused on the announcement of several awards to recognize contributions to airway management. Alistair presented the Adrian Pierce Awards to Pere Hanari and Bernie Liban, the DAS Industry Award to Geraldine Kirch, and the DAS McEwen Medal to Barry Maguire. Ravi encouraged attendees to ask questions

and provided information about upcoming DAS events, including the annual scientific meeting in Wales in 2026 and various other events throughout the year.

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1071732**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF**  
**DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Graeme O'Callaghan**



**300 St Marys Road  
Garston  
Liverpool  
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**Chartered Accountant**



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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Income	61,698	76,034
Interest Received	1,629	570
	<u><b>63,327</b></u>	<u><b>76,604</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel expenses	4,793	9,755
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	39,615	26,768
DAS alert cards	2,825	2,922
NMA		10,200
Other professional services	35	35
Website	41,565	7,200
Bank charges	104	145
Guideline survey	2,819	1,714
Accountants fees	1,140	930
Software	793	144
Postage and stationery	198	
DAS prize	200	
CWM Grant		2,355
NIAA Grant		4,902
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u><b>94,086</b></u>	<u><b>67,070</b></u>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Karl Storz		5,000
Kent Health	4,276	318
Pentland Mediacal	200	
Abbey Tours	71,000	
Ass of Anaesthetist	32,415	
Intersurgical Ltd	7,500	
	<u><b>115,391</b></u>	<u><b>5,318</b></u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<u><u><b>84,632</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>14,852</b></u></u>

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at 30th June 2024**

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	81,720		81,720	
Cash at bank	7	501,917		417,134	
		<b>583,637</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>498,854</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	5	(990)		(840)	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
			582,647		498,014
<b>Net assets</b>					
			<b>582,647</b>		<b>498,014</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6		14,970		50,123
Unrestricted Funds			486,946		367,011
Surplus/deficit for the year			84,632		14,853
Surplus brought forward			225,883		225,883
Movement in unrestricted funds			(229,786)		(159,856)
<b>Funds carried forward</b>					
			<b>582,647</b>		<b>498,014</b>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Fauzia Mir .....

Dated .....

*Fauzia Ahmad Mir*  
11/02/25.

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Conference Partner	26,520	26,520
DAS start up 2022	20,000	20,000
	<u>81,720</u>	<u>81,720</u>
<b>5 Accruals</b>		
Sinclair Accounting Co Ltd	990	840
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<b>6 Restricted Funds</b>		
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,979	6,885
Cardiff 2012	7,591	7,488
Adept 1 Project	400	35,751
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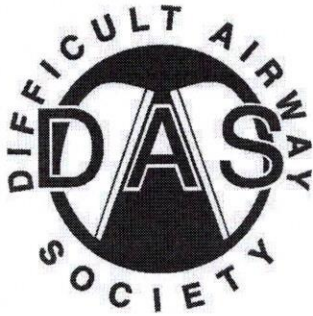
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## Minutes of the Annual Members Meeting

29th November 2024, 8:00-8:30am

Guildhall, London

### Present

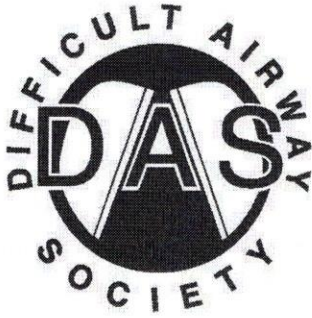
Imran Ahmad (IA)	DAS President
Ravi Bhagrath (RB)	DAS Honorary Secretary/Workshop Lead
Fauzia Ahmad Mir (FM)	DAS Honorary Treasurer
Alistair McNarry (AMcN)	DAS Professor
Kariem El-Boghdadly (KEB)	Scientific Officer
Kate Rivett (KR)	Lay Member
Gunjeet Dua (GD)	Education Lead
Abhijoy Chakladar (AC)	Surveys Coordinator
Craig Johnstone (CJ)	Joint IT Lead
Cyrus Razavi (CR)	Joint IT Lead
Achuthan Sajayan (AS)	Social Media Lead/Difficult Airways Database (DAD) Lead
Moon-Moon Majumdar (MMM)	Trainee Representative
Natalie Silvey (NS)	Trainee Representative

### In attendance

Olivia D'Souza (OD)	Association of Anaesthetists, Membership Administrator
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### Apologies

Tom Lawson (TL)	Education Lead
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## 1. Welcome and apologies - RB

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RB referred to last year's minutes, stating that electronic copies are available.

RB delivered a brief outline of the meeting.

## 2. Approval of last meeting's minutes - RB

There are electronic meeting minutes to be distributed.

At the AMM in Birmingham (29th November – 1st December 2023), 28 DAS members attended, representing less than 1% of total membership.

At the AMM in London (28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024), 11 members were in attendance.

RB recognised that DAS members need to be encouraged to attend future AMMs.

## 3. Executive committee - RB

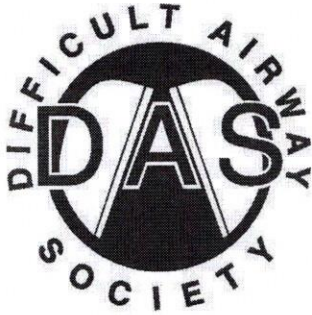
IA and RB are coming to the end of their terms on the DAS committee.

FM will remain on the committee for a further two years.

RB noted the co-opted members of the committee to be:

- Professor O'Sullivan
- Dr Sudan - RCoA Airway Rep,
- Achuthan Sajayan – DAS registry and Social Media
- Kariem El-Boghdadly – Scientific Officer
- Abhijoy Chakladar – Survey Coordinator
- Gunjeet Dua – Education and Webinar Lead
- Craig Johnson – IT Lead
- Cyrus Razavi – IT Lead
- Moon-Moon Majumdar – Current Resident Representative
- Nisha Abraham-Thomas - Current Resident Representative
- Kate Rivett – Lay Member

## 4. President's Report – IA



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IA is to finish his term as President on the 1st January 2025 and was pleased to announce that Alistair McNarry has been elected as the new President of DAS.

RB has been elected as Secretary again for a second term. Around 10% of DAS membership voted in the election which is roughly the same as in previous years.

#### **4.1 DAS Professorship – IA and KEB**

IA announces the appointment of the DAS Professorship and noted the amount of work involved in this with recognition of it being a difficult, time-consuming process.

KEB elaborates that the process is rigorous and takes many months, noting that five - six DAS committee members review the application form, with a minimum of two external reviewers, and a minimum of two referees.

KEB announces that Alistair McNarry is now Professor McNarry and the Professorship is awarded with recognition of achievements and contributions to the speciality.

IA gives congratulations.

#### **4.2 DAS Education – IA**

DAS Education is led by KEB, GD, and TL.

IA noted recognition of three webinars run by GD in 2024, with healthy registration at each, and references webinars planned for 2025.

#### **4.3 DAS Publications - IA**

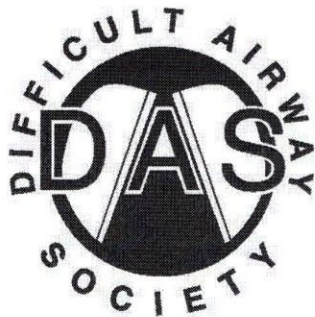
The DAS ethics guidelines/statement will be available on DAS website shortly.

IA noted that DAS's Spine Injury guidelines were published in Anaesthesia earlier this year, with other bodies.

#### **4.4 Intubation Guidelines - IA**

There will be an update on the Intubation guidelines at the 2024 ASM. IA noted there is less than a year before publication date.

IA noted work on other guidelines such as Ethics, and collaborative work with other societies on Paeds guidelines.



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### 4.5 Collaborations - IA

Last year DAS collaborated with all major airway societies. DAS (co)-organised RAM in Borneo and contributed to many global events in 2024.

WAAM will be taking place in Florence, 5-8th November 2025.

### 4.6 Patient Oriented work - IA

IA noted KR's phenomenal work on patient information which is available on DAS website.

### 4.7 Airway Leads – IA

Sandeep Sudan (SS) will be hosting an Airway Leads day in March 2025.

### 4.8 DAS Ventures – IA

IA noted further DAS ventures such as the Airway Database, Collaborative Webinars, DAS Fellows, and the ATOM Project.

### 4.9 Farewells - IA

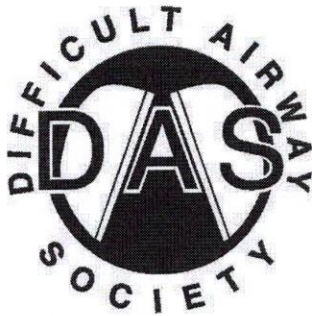
IA noted his thanks to committee members who have come to the end of their term

- Kate Rivett - her work as Lay member of the committee
- Abhijoy Chakladar – his work as Survey Coordinator
- Tom Lawson – his work as Education Lead
- Moon-Moon Majumdar – as Resident.

## 5. Secretary's Report – RB

### 5.1 Resident Representative

RB noted that as MMM is stepping down there was a rigorous interview process for the new Resident representative. Ten applications were received, five of whom were interviewed.



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RB was pleased to announce the appointment of Naomi Gostelow (NG) DAS's new Resident representative. Nisha Abraham-Thomas will be staying on the committee as Resident representative for a further year.

## 5.2 Awards – RB

RB noted that awards were presented at the DAS Gala Dinner. The McEwen Medal was awarded to Dr Mary Mushambi. The Adrian Pearce Award inaugural recipient was Mark Stacey.

## 5.3 Constitution – RB

The DAS constitution has been updated following a review scheduled every five to seven years. It has been six years since the last review took place; this involved updating terminology and clarity. The Executive Committee worked together over the summer with AMcN contributing significantly to the process of updating the constitution.

## 5.4 eFONAr Registry – RB and AMcN

The registry is close to going live in the next couple of months, following many unexpected problems along the way. Proper ethical approval gained in England and Wales, with Scotland and Northern Ireland believed to follow.

RB thanks AMcN for the update.

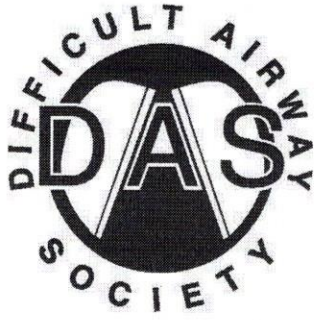
## 5.5 2024 Trainee Infographic Competition – RB

RB commended the Trainee Infographic Competition winners, Dr Marcus Hands and Dr Jan Hansel. Other entries praised for high quality.

## 6. Treasurer's Report – FM

FM presented the figures from the end of the financial year (30th June).

The main expenditures were the new DAS website, the new CRM system delivered by VeryConnect, designed to provide a safer, more confidential system for holding DAS user data. A further expenditure was on the DAS Database which will provide a secure platform for patient data.



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## 6.1 DAS ASM - FM

The DAS London ASM 2024 is a fully booked event, with 700 delegates which is the maximum capacity.

FM noted that the next DAS ASM 2026 will be held in Wales.

## 6.2 DAS Membership - FM

FM noted that DAS Membership is currently at a total of 2447. In 2024 DAS have received 346 new members.

## 7. NEW DAS WEBSITE - RB

The new DAS website is live with new content being added and developments still taking place. It is a much nicer, fresher, easier experience for members to join and navigate.

CJ and CR were thanked for their work

## 8. Scientific Officer Report – RB

RB notes that KEB had to leave to attend another meeting, so RB presents KEB's report.

### 8.1 DAS Fellows

RB noted that this will be going live and both on the website and emailed to all members.

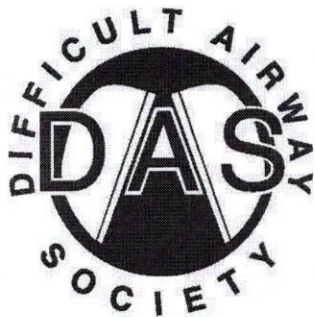
### 8.2 National DAS project

This project is still ongoing with updates to come, and progress still being made.

### 8.3 DAS Grants

Three DAS direct grant applications made this year, one for £1000 which was rejected, one for £5000 in interim stage, and one for £14,000.

RB welcomed ideas for future grants and to contact KEB.



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### 8.4 NIAA Grants

One large and one small grant awarded.

### 9. Meeting Summary – RB

RB summarises the meeting noting, WAAM 2025, an increase in DAS memberships, website development, the eFONAr registry, a new executive and new resident member.

### 10. AMcN – Thanks

AMcN records the societies gratitude to IA and notes his hard work and the phenomenal job he has done. AMcN noted that IA will be Past President for the next year.

Closing remarks and thanks delivered by RB.



**DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1071732

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity number  
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Difficult Airway Society

Accounts

30th June 2023

**Difficult Airway Society**  
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for year ended 30th June 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Income	76,034	61,862
Interest Received	570	21
	<u><b>76,603</b></u>	<u><b>61,883</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel expenses	9,755	1,902
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	26,768	24,172
PUMA App	-	984
DAS alert cards	2,922	-
NMA	10,200	-
Other professional services	35	35
Ballot Expenses	-	1,032
Website	7,200	897
DAS Card	-	3,153
Bank charges	145	177
Guideline survey	1,714	-
Prizes	-	1,140
Accountants Fees	930	840
Software	144	-
NEC	-	12,600
Postage and stationery	-	99
First Feed Media	-	2,808
JB Coleman	-	9,599
Thyroid guidelines	-	795
CWM Grant	2,355	-
NIAA Grant	4,902	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u><b>67,069</b></u>	<u><b>60,233</b></u>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Karl Storz	5,000	-
Kent Health	318	-
Other income		3,861
	<u><b>5,318</b></u>	<u><b>3,861</b></u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<u><u><b>14,853</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>5,512</b></u></u>

**Difficult Airway Society  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
at 30th June 2023**

		2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	81,720			56,520
Cash at bank	7	417,134			427,482
		<u>498,854</u>		-	<u>484,002</u>
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	5	(840)			(840)
 <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>498,014</u>		<u>483,162</u>
 <b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>498,014</u></u>		<u><u>483,162</u></u>
 <b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6		50,123		49,908
Unrestricted Funds			367,011		377,573
Surplus/deficit for the year			14,853		5,512
Surplus brought forward			225,883		220,371
 Movement in unrestricted funds			(159,856)		(170,203)
 <b>Funds carried forward</b>			<u><u>498,014</u></u>		<u><u>483,162</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Fauzia Mi..... *Fauzia Ahmed mi*  
Dated ..... *01/02/2024*

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts

**Difficult Airway Society**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for year ended 30th June 2023**

<b>4 Debtors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
DAS 2020	35,200	10,000
Conference Partner	26,520	26,520
DAS start up 2022	20,000	20,000
	<u>81,720</u>	<u>56,520</u>
<b>5 Accruals</b>		
Sinclair Accounting Co Ltd	840	840
	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>
<b>6 Restricted Funds</b>		
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,885	6,856
Cardiff 2012	7,488	7,457
Adept 1 Project	35,751	35,596
	<u>50,123</u>	<u>49,908</u>
<b>7 Bank Accounts</b>		
DAS deposit - Barclays acc 881	81,926	81,571
DAS Current - Barclays acc no 531	263,454	283,228
PayPal Account	21,630	12,773
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,885	6,856
Cardiff 2012 - Premium acc 006	7,488	7,457
ADEPT1 account	35,751	35,596
	<u>417,134</u>	<u>427,482</u>

**Difficult Airway Society**  
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**for year ended 30th June 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Accounting convention***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance

**2 Statement of Management Committees Responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the management committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of

- \* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- \* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The management committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities

**3 Management Committees Remuneration**

The Management Committee were not entitled to and received no remuneration from the charity during the year.

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1071732**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF**  
**DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Graeme O'Callaghan**



**Chartered Accountant**

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## AMM 1 DEC 2023 BIRMINGHAM

Minutes for meeting presented by RB

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes – AMM 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Newcastle ASM  
28 DAS Members attended (<1% membership)

### Appointments:

Fauzia Mir re-elected as Treasurer (Nov23 – Nov26)

Sandy Sudan appointed as new DAS-RCoA Airway Lead

Nisha Abraham-Thomas as Trainee Representative (Nov23– Nov25)

Alistair McNarry appointed as Special Adviser to DAS (by Exec, not on Committee)

### Current Committee:

Imran Ahmad President (Jan 22 – Nov 24)

Ravi Bhagrath Honorary Secretary (Jan 22 – Nov 24)

Fauzia Mir Honorary Treasurer (Nov 23 – Nov 26)

### Co-opted Committee Members (13)

Ellen O'Sullivan International Liaison

Sandy Sudan DAS-RCoA Airway Lead

Alistair McNarry Special Adviser to DAS (non-committee member)

Achuthan Sajayan Database / Social Media Lead

Kariem El-Boghdadly Scientific Officer

Abhijoy Chakladar Surveys Coordinator

Gunjeet Dua

& Tom Lawson Education co-leads

Craig Johnstone &

Cyrus Razavi IT co-leads

Moon-Moon Majumdar

& Nisha Abraham-Thomas Trainee representatives

Kate Rivett Lay Committee member

### 2. President's report:

#### DAS Publications

- Human Factors Guidelines
- Undetected Oesophageal Intubation
- Difficult Airway Database

#### DAS Webinars

- Trainee abstracts
- Obstetrics
- BJA
- Human Factors

#### DAS Guidelines

- Intubation
- Ethics

DAS Professor Appointment – Andy Higgs

#### DAS Collaborations:

- 2023: ESA/EAMS/SAM/ASA

- 2024: RAM Malaysia / Vietnam / WCA Singapore

DAS Patient information:

- Kate Rivett
- ATI/airway management

DAS Airway Lead:

- Farewell to Alistair McNarry
- Welcome Sandeep Sudan

Upcoming DAS ventures:

- Airway Fellowships database
- Collaborative webinars
- Website launch

### 3. Honorary Secretary's report

- Macewan medal – Prof Anil Patel
  - Website update - VeryConnect
  - DAS-HSRC eFONA registry (AMcN)
  - Constitution Review [constitution@das.uk.com](mailto:constitution@das.uk.com) (AMcN)
  - Obituaries –Ralph Vaughan
- (Founder member of the Society and the first Chairman 1995-99)
- Trainee activity - e-zine / media competition winners
  - Thanks to retiring committee members (NS)
  - 2024 ASM Guildhall, London Nov 28-29
  - WAMM Florence 2025, Nov 5-8

### 4. Honorary Treasurer's report

- Another challenging year financially
- DAS new Website up and coming in the next financial year.
- Web project managers fees
- Web designing and hosting company fees
- Membership numbers steadily increasing year on year
- Total members currently 3727
- 332 new members joining in 2023 (Jan-Sept)
- Average number of new members joining per year is 257
- New website with excellent functionality and user friendly for all members
- Security of content ensured
- A very successful DAS 2022 ASM meeting in Newcastle followed by ASM in Birmingham
- 2024 ASM in London

### 5. New DAS Website development

- Full digital transformation to refresh member engagement and positively impact the experience of the member community.
- Services rendered by an IT consultant ensured a fair tender process between 3 suppliers.

The preferred supplier is VeryConnect.

- The project is underway and is due for completion in mid-2024.
- The project will ensure a fully integrated website:
  - all-in-one customer relationship management (CRM) platform

- members' area
- events booking
- communications and and finance to provide operational streamlining to support its membership
- Project is split into **database** and **website** with both projects developed simultaneously. The Association staff are working with suppliers on the membership database and DAS officers (website masters) are working on the website.
- The focus is currently on the member joining journeys and mapping of the membership data.
- Implementation of the platform and additional project support: £45,400 + VAT (year1)
- Annual fee including website hosting and support: £5,400 + VAT (subsequent years)

#### 6. Scientific Officer report

- DAS PROJECTS  
ATOM Ongoing; presented NIAA grant secured  
Consideration for national DAS Project proposals
- DAS PROFESSOR\_- Application opens Q1 2024
- DAS GRANTS - Direct grants (£5k); NIAA grants (£15k/£5k). No applications this year
- DAS FACULTY OF PROFESSORS - available for ongoing advice and support
- DAS PhD Scholarship\_- Open

#### 7. Constitution review

- Needs a check every 5 years
- Any changes committee first then ratified at an AGM
- Involving membership through [Constitution@das.uk.com](mailto:Constitution@das.uk.com)

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Income	61,862	77,279
Interest Received	21	34
	<b><u>61,883</u></b>	<b><u>77,313</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel expenses	1,902	2,683
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	24,172	24,635
PUMA App	984	11,678
Other professional services	35	
RCofA		11,695
Ballot Expenses	1,032	1,135
Website	897	570
DAS Card	3,153	
Bank charges	177	186
Prizes	1,140	800
David Knott Foundation		1,000
Accountants Fees	840	840
Artwork		650
Bill Walsh - Small Grant		4,480
NEC	12,600	
Postage and stationery	99	
First Feed Media	2,808	
JB Coleman	9,599	
Thyroid guidelines	795	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>60,233</u></b>	<b><u>60,352</u></b>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Support for DAS Alert card safety initiative		5,000
AFTS Society		4,000
Safe Airway Society		534
All India		4,000
PUMA		3,980
UHB		200
Other income	3,861	
	<b><u>3,861</u></b>	<b><u>17,714</u></b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b><u><u>5,512</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>34,675</u></u></b>

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		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	56,520			36,520
Cash at bank	7	421,114			441,910
		<u>477,634</u>		-	<u>478,430</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	5	(840)			(780)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
			476,794		477,650
<b>Net assets</b>					
			<u>476,794</u>		<u>477,650</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6		49,908		49,901
Unrestricted Funds			371,206		392,009
Surplus/deficit for the year			(855)		34,675
Surplus brought forward			220,371		185,696
Movement in unrestricted funds			(163,836)		(184,631)
<b>Funds carried forward</b>					
			<u>476,794</u>		<u>477,650</u>

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*Fauzia Ahmad Mir*

Fauzia Ahmad Mir

Dated .....

*28/07/23.*

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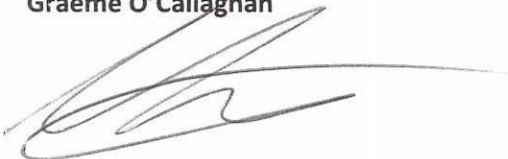
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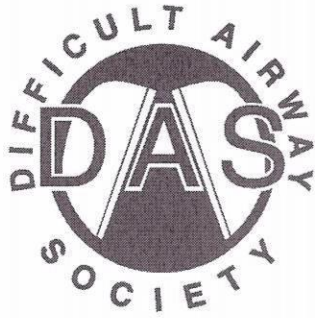
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## Minutes of the Annual Members Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 17:00 – 19:00 via Zoom

### Present:

Barry McGuire (BM)	DAS President
Imran Ahmad (IA)	DAS Honorary Secretary
Fauzia Ahmad Mir (FAM)	DAS Honorary Treasurer / DAS ASM Liaison Lead
Ravi Bhagrath (RB)	Workshop Lead
Kariem El-Boghdadly (KEB)	Scientific Officer
Ellen O'Sullivan (EOS)	DAS International Liaison
Craig Johnston (CJ)	Joint Website Lead
Cyrus Razavi (CR)	Joint Website Lead
Abhijoy Chakladar (AC)	Surveys Coordinator
Tom Lawson (TL)	Joint Education Lead
Gunjeet Dua (GD)	Joint Education Lead
Achuthan Sajayan (AS)	Social Media Lead / Difficult Airways Database
Helen Liff (HL)	Trainee Representative
Natalie Silvey (NS)	Trainee Representative

DAS members: approx. 64 DAS members present

### In attendance:

Rebecca Davenport (RD)	Association of Anaesthetists Specialist Societies Manager
John Denton (JD)	Association of Anaesthetists Specialist Societies Administrator & Minute Taker

### Apologies:

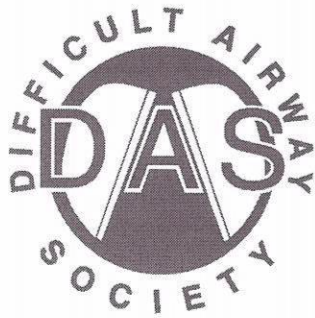
Alistair McNarry (AM)	DAS Airway Lead Coordinator
Kate Rivett (KR)	Lay Committeemember
Moon-Moon Majumdar (MMM)	Trainee Representative

### 1. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

IA opened the meeting by thanking those for attending. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

### 2. President's Report (BM)

BM thanked the committee for their hard work during his presidency, which had largely been disrupted by the pandemic, and looked forward to attending more face to face meetings as things return to normal.



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BM highlighted the issue of missed oesophageal intubation, and asked everyone to work to eradicate this phenomenon, sharing the message as widely as possible. The Difficult Airway Society (DAS) had been working with the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) to this effect.

### 3. Treasurer's Report (FAM)

The year end accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were presented during the meeting.

FAM explained the COVID-19 pandemic had affected most activities, with healthcare professionals under immense pressure and stress. Education and training required a refocus, with DAS Annual Scientific Meetings (ASM) 2020 and 2021 being moved online and Birmingham being postponed to 2023. The scope of educational activities had also changed due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the 2021 meeting had to cover a financial hit due to the change from face-to-face to an online meeting.

The surplus at year end – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – was £34.7k. One of the main sources of income was from membership, which had increased on the previous year. Overall expenditure had reduced, mainly due to lack of travel during the pandemic, however the Project for Universal Management of Airways (PUMA) and Emergency Front of Neck Access (eFONA) expenditure had increased.

Currently over £400k sat in DAS accounts, however a large proportion of this belonged to past events, who had not yet taken their money back. Overall, DAS had around £370k of their own money in accounts, although this did not account for the penalties that will soon have to be paid for moving the 2021 meeting online, and other costs.

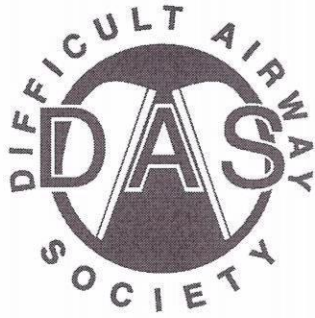
FAM cautioned of a difficult financial year ahead, with concerns around the Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) and website expenditure, with a likely change in providers coming. Educational, training and research activities would all be maintained in order to fulfil the society's aims of ensuring safe airway management for all.

### 4. Secretary's Report (IA)

IA confirmed new appointments and welcomed TL and GD as joint Education Leads, CJ and CR who had joined as joint IT Leads, and MMM and NS who had joined as Trainee Representatives. IA thanked outgoing Trainee Representative, Valerie Lan, for all her hard work. IA also thanked BM for the work and support provided during BM's presidency. IA reported that he had recently been appointed as the new President, with RB appointed as Secretary. These appointments were ratified during the meeting.

A brief update on activities was provided during the meeting:

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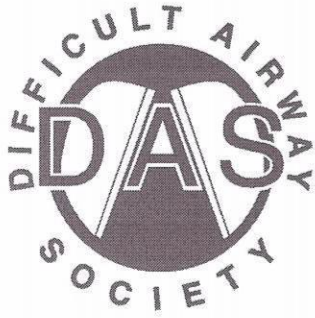
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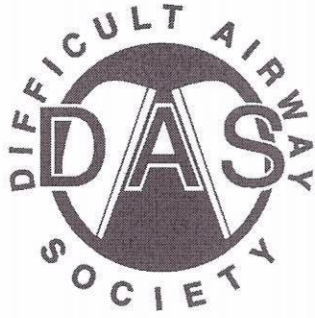
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# Accounts

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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Income	77,279	57,942
Interest Received	34	298
	<b>77,313</b>	<b>58,240</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel Expenses	2,683	9,746
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	24,635	24,963
PUMA App	11,678	
Postage Printing and Stationery		18
RCofA	11,695	
Ballot Expenses	1,135	
Website	570	3,353
DAS Card		567
Bank charges	186	160
Prizes	800	
DAS Newsletters		2,010
David Knott Foundation	1,000	
Accountants Fees	840	720
ATI		3,004
Intubation Check List Credit Card		657
Small Grant Research University Hospital Coventry		4,090
Charity support (Uganda)		4,620
Charity support (Kochi)		1,627
Facing the World Charity		2,100
Alert Card Expenses		1,658
DAS Covid 19 guideline graphics		50
Gift		46
Survey reimbursement		250
DAS 2018		5,746
Artwork	650	
Bill Walsh - Small Grant	4,480	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>60,352</b>	<b>65,385</b>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Support for DAS Alert card safety initiative	5,000	
AFTS Society	4,000	
Safe Airway society	534	
All India	4,000	
DAS Conference 2019		43,024
PUMA	3,980	
UHB	200	
	<b>17,714</b>	<b>43,024</b>
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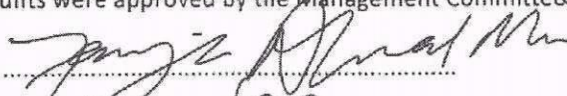
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		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	36,520		10,000	
Cash at bank	7	441,910		449,132	
		<u>478,430</u>		<u>459,132</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(780)		(16,157)	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>477,650</u>		<u>442,975</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>477,650</u></u>		<u><u>442,975</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted funds	6		49,901		49,890
Unrestricted Funds			392,009		399,242
Surplus/deficit for the year			34,675		35,880
Surplus brought forward			185,696		149,816
<b>Movement in unrestricted funds</b>			(184,631)		(191,853)
<b>Funds carried forward</b>			<u><u>477,650</u></u>		<u><u>442,975</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

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Dated

  
25.10.22

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts

**Difficult Airway Society**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended Year Ended 30th June 2021**

	2021	2020
<b>4 Debtors</b>		
DAS 2020	10,000	10,000
Conference Partner	26,520	
	<u>36,520</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>5 Accruals</b>		
Sinclair Accounting Co Ltd	780	720
Travel Expenses		2,079
Uganda Charity Support		177
Charity Support Kochi		1,627
Alert Card Expenses		1,658
DAS Covid 19 guideline graphics		50
Intubation credit card		30
Gift		46
Survey Reimbursement		250
Overpaid membership		24
AAGBI		4,293
Website		906
PUMA support funds		4,298
	<u>780</u>	<u>16,157</u>
<b>6 Restricted Funds</b>		
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,855	6,853
Cardiff 2012	7,455	7,454
Adept 1 Project	35,591	35,583
	<u>49,901</u>	<u>49,890</u>
<b>7 Bank Accounts</b>		
DAS deposit - Barclays acc 881	81,559	81,542
DAS Current - Barclays acc no 531	304,043	312,689
PayPal Account	6,406	5,011
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ADEPT1 account	35,591	35,583
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<b>Income</b>		
Profit from ASM 2019		43,024
	<u>-</u>	<u>43,024</u>

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**1 Accounting policies**

***Accounting convention***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance

**2 Statement of Management Committees Responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the management committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of

- \* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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The management committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities

**3 Management Committees Remuneration**

The Management Committee were not entitled to and received no remuneration from the charity during the year.

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1071732**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF**  
**DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY**  
**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
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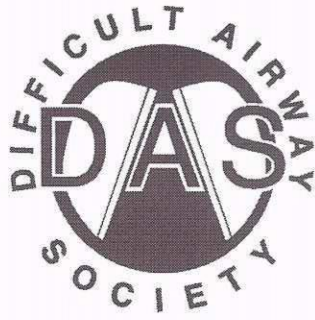
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## Minutes of the Annual Members Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 17:00 – 19:00 via Zoom

### Present:

Barry McGuire (BM)	DAS President
Imran Ahmad (IA)	DAS Honorary Secretary
Fauzia Ahmad Mir (FAM)	DAS Honorary Treasurer / DAS ASM Liaison Lead
Ravi Bhagrath (RB)	Workshop Lead
Kariem El-Boghdady (KEB)	Scientific Officer
Ellen O'Sullivan (EOS)	DAS International Liaison
Craig Johnston (CJ)	Joint Website Lead
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Abhijoy Chakladar (AC)	Surveys Coordinator
Tom Lawson (TL)	Joint Education Lead
Gunjeet Dua (GD)	Joint Education Lead
Achuthan Sajayan (AS)	Social Media Lead / Difficult Airways Database
Helen Iliff (HI)	Trainee Representative
Natalie Silvey (NS)	Trainee Representative

DAS members: approx. 64 DAS members present

### In attendance:

Rebecca Davenport (RD)	Association of Anaesthetists Specialist Societies Manager
John Denton (JD)	Association of Anaesthetists Specialist Societies Administrator & Minute Taker

### Apologies:

Alistair McNarry (AM)	DAS Airway Lead Coordinator
Kate Rivett (KR)	Lay Committee member
Moon-Moon Majumdar (MMM)	Trainee Representative

### 1. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

IA opened the meeting by thanking those for attending. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

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The year end accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were presented during the meeting.

FAM explained the COVID-19 pandemic had affected most activities, with healthcare professionals under immense pressure and stress. Education and training required a refocus, with DAS Annual Scientific Meetings (ASM) 2020 and 2021 being moved online and Birmingham being postponed to 2023. The scope of educational activities had also changed due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the 2021 meeting had to cover a financial hit due to the change from face-to-face to an online meeting.

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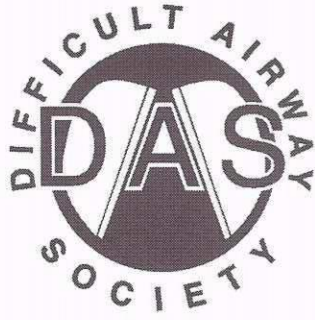
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