Scottish Council met on Thursday 16 April 2015 at the BDA Scotland office.

1. **Triennial Elections**

After the first stage of the BDA Triennial Election process, there are vacant seats in East, West and North Branches on Scottish Council. A notice will appear in the British Dental Journal on the 24 April 2015 seeking nominations for these vacant seats. Further information will be available at [www.bda.org/elections](http://www.bda.org/elections) in due course.

It was agreed that an interim Chair and Vice-Chair should be nominated until a full complement of Branch elected members were in place.

1.1 **Election of Chair**

Adrian Hart was elected unopposed as Interim Chair.

1.2 **Election of Vice-Chair**

Graham McKirdy was elected unopposed as Interim Vice-Chair.

2. **The Way Forward for BDA Scotland**

Following the workshop session on the ‘Development of a Federated Model’ for BDA Scotland held on 11 December 2014, a paper on the ‘Way Forward for BDA Scotland’ had been prepared which recorded the outcomes of the workshop. This paper has been taken forward to the BDA’s Principal Executive Committee for consideration and feedback is awaited.

3. **NHS Discipline Committees**

It was noted that the Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC) had written to both the General Dental Council (GDC) and Scottish Government (SG) about the lack of NHS Discipline Committees in Scotland over the last three years. Council were concerned that in the absence of disciplinary committees a large number of cases have been directed to the GDC. The Chief Dental Officer (CDO) had been gathering information through a fact finding group she had set up with representatives from the NHS Boards and the GDC and would invite the BDA to join a working group to look at setting up a pilot in order to find a better way of working locally in Scotland. This matter would be discussed at the meeting between SDPC and SG to be held on 29 April 2015.
4. **Stress in the Dental Profession**

Council discussed a report prepared by the BDA on stress in the dental profession. The purpose of the report was to summarise some of the evidence relating to occupational stress among UK dentists and to identify some of the ways that the BDA might be able to support members and the wider profession. The Dental Health Support Programme statistics show increasing number of referrals. The report was discussed by the BDA Principal Executive Committee in February and will also be discussed at the UK Council meeting to be held on 25 April 2015. This matter has also been discussed with the CDO, and SDPC and Council will continue to keep this item on their agenda.

5. **Scottish Government Accountancy Exercise**

It was noted that SG had recently completed a procurement exercise and have appointed an accountancy firm, QMPF which will run an initial pilot on accounts data from 20 practices in order to develop and refine the methodology for the project. SG has confirmed that the outcome of the exercise would form part of their submission to the DDRB in 2015/16. In the initial pilot, SG are having substantial difficulty in obtaining practice accounts.

6. **Water Fluoridation**

Members of Scottish Council met with the CDO on 4 February 2015 to discuss the potential for targeted water fluoridation in Scotland. The CDO had indicated that water fluoridation was not a matter on the agenda for SG at the present time. Council supports the potential of water fluoridation to compliment the benefits of the Childsmile and Caring for Smiles programmes for the population of Scotland both young and old. Council will continue to promote this measure at meetings with the CDO and SGHD.

7. **Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27 August 2015 at the BDA Scotland Office.

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Adrian Hart  
Interim Chair, Scottish Council  
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