Evolve – verb
To develop gradually, or to cause something or someone to develop gradually.

If ever a single word summed up an entire year for the BCLA it’s that. We are always looking for ways to improve. We are always listening to our members and, as our hashtag for the 2019 Clinical Conference & Exhibition states, we are #AlwaysLearning.

That look, listen and learn process was vital to our evolution in 2018. In a year of firsts for the organisation, we took further big, bold decisions to shape our future and give our members the tools and resources they demand to further their skills.

A subtle re-branding (we now go solely by the acronym BCLA) embraced the heritage of the organisation while recognising our growing global reach.

A significant proportion (26%) of our membership is based overseas and that number is growing every year. We are no longer simply the British Contact Lens Association, we are a worldwide authority on contact lenses, and the anterior eye.

The history of the BCLA is something to be treasured but we have always been an organisation on the front foot, looking forward rather than back, and that pioneering, visionary spirit is something we are keen to embrace.

It’s no longer just about contact lenses for us. Within the successful fitting of lenses it is vital to keep the ocular surface happy and healthy and this focus will be a key part of our offering in the months and years ahead. Ocular surface health - Ocular surface happy!

As I mentioned, we are #AlwaysLearning and we want our members to be too. The launch of our online learning platform in 2018 enabled the introduction of the first Dry Eye Management and Contact Lens Retention Certificate, with many members receiving their certificate status throughout the year.

This qualification is delivered by a number of world-renowned experts and there is more to come in 2019. If you haven’t yet looked into what’s involved, please do visit our website and give it a go.

We have listened to our members and embraced the demand for more online ‘meetings’. This has allowed members from around the world to benefit from the content of our regular scientific evening meetings, while our first ever webinar was a huge hit.

That growing worldwide audience is crucial to our on-going development and we were delighted to take BCLA Asia to Singapore for the first time, an event that saw more than 500 overseas ECPs educated and welcomed into the BCLA family.

We will continue to evolve in 2019. Help us shape our future by letting us know what you want to see from the BCLA. It’s your organisation and your valued feedback will help us in our on-going development.

Together, we are #AlwaysLearning.

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CHERYL DONNELLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

INTRODUCTION
At a time of unprecedented uncertainty across Europe and the wider world, it is refreshing to be able to look back at the past 12 months at the BCLA and see an organisation moving forward and modernising with clarity, vision and ambition.

As President, it has been an honour and a privilege to lead the BCLA through a period of change that has seen us embrace a culture of collaboration and team up with partners across all areas of eye health.

As an ophthalmologist, it has been pleasing to see closer working between my peers and optometrists. The BCLA is truly a multi-disciplinary organisation where all members can learn from each other and work to promote the very best in eye care.

The BCLA is widely-regarded as being a highly progressive organisation, one that listens to its members and adapts to the changing needs of the profession.

The past 12 months has seen the introduction of online webinars to increase accessibility to Scientific Evening Meetings and that is something that will no doubt continue to evolve as we adapt to the opportunities technology provides us with.

Ensuring the next generation of contact lens pioneers and visionaries are embedded within the BCLA is vital and we must continue listen to members even more as to what they want and be able to react quickly to their wishes.

We have restructured the BCLA Council to create sub-committees to specifically look at education, membership, myopia management, ocular surface and dry eye. These areas underpin our work and will continue to shape much of our agenda in the months and years ahead.

This is emphasised by further development of our extremely popular Dry Eye Management & Contact Lens Retention Certificate and the creation of a dedicated Myopia Management course and certificate.

These accreditations undoubtedly give the public confidence in their practitioner and act as yet another way for a BCLA member to stand out from the crowd.

As ever, it has been a busy year for events. The Fitting Skills day at Aston was a huge success, equipping people with the confidence they need to be able to fit lenses with ease in everyday practice. A big thank you to all those who made that day memorable for the students involved.

Visionaries, held for the first time in partnership with MCLOSA, was a day to remember, with Associate Professor Jennifer Craig shining a light on the factors driving the development of Meibomian gland dysfunction while Professor Christopher Liu’s Kersley Lecture was a fascinating insight.

BCLA Asia saw eye care professionals across the world encouraged to embrace advances in technology and take advantage of new tools that can enhance patients’ lives. Titled ‘Surviving Practice Change’, the conference examined the nature of a rapidly changing industry and how business owners can adapt to overcome the commercial challenges that presents.

It’s clear for all to see that the BCLA is no longer just a contact lens association, it is far more than that. We are helping our members to be seen as leaders in everything to do with the anterior part of the eye, whether that is contact lenses, the ocular surface or dry eye.

The culture of collaboration is having a real impact and by continuing to work together we can deliver the best possible eye care for our patients.

PROFESSOR SUNIL SHAH
BCLA PRESIDENT
The BCLA offers a number of membership options to suit all individuals depending on what stage they are at in their career. We also strive to ensure our members’ needs are at the forefront of all that we do.

2018 has been a landmark year in terms of membership benefits. The BCLA launched its online learning platform, which allows members to achieve a Certificate in Dry Eye Management & Contact Lens Retention.

Launched in early 2018, this is our first online course and is exclusively available to full members of the BCLA, giving full access to all course materials and related resources. The course has proved to be extremely popular and we currently have nine members that have completed all the modules and the OSCE style examination and now hold the Certificate in Dry Eye Management & Contact Lens Retention.

With the continued success and popularity of the Dry Eye course, we are planning to introduce our second online course in Myopia Management which we hope to make available online later in 2019. One of the key trends over the last couple of years is the continued demand for online learning and resources. We are keen to meet this demand for our members. In response to our members’ needs, the traditional Scientific Evening Meeting was replaced with an online CET Webinar. Over 110 people registered and tuned in for this meeting, not only did we have members joining us from across the UK but also from across the world. Online webinars are likely to continue to feature as a popular benefit that all our members can take advantage of.

We continue to work with IACLE to provide monthly Research Updates; a summary of some of the interesting findings appearing in peer-reviewed journals. The aim is to help keep our members up to date with the latest contact lens and anterior eye research, and to locate articles when they need to know more about a particular topic.

Online learning is a growth area for the Association and with rising demand from the membership, we will continue to invest and develop in this area. The membership figures have remained steady throughout 2018, despite some long-standing members leaving us towards the end of 2018 due to retirement, the sale of their practice due to the financial climate or a lack of contact lens related work.

Feedback and evaluation is always taken from anyone who engages with the association and particularly those leaving the organisation. In order for our acquisition strategy to be more targeted, we need to understand the needs of the professionals that currently do not engage with the Association or have not experienced all BCLA has to offer. May 2019 will see a market research project delivered to understand this segment better to ensure our membership benefits will deliver against the next generation of young professionals’ career needs whilst continuing to deliver what our strong and loyal member base have come to expect.

However, the start of 2019 looks promising with a rise in the number of members joining the BCLA, two key reasons being the online learning platforms and the generous conference discounts available with a BCLA membership. We will continue to work on our retention strategy and continue to remind members of the wealth of resources they have access to.

BCLA KEITH CLIFFORD HALL COLLECTION

The BCLA continues to support the BCLA Keith Clifford Hall Collection at the College of Optometrists’ Library in London.

Keith Clifford Hall (1910–1964) was an optometric pioneer of contact lens practice whose work is commemorated by a collection of literature held for reference in the College library. The collection is supported by the BCLA and books received for review in Contact Lens & Anterior Eye are added to the collection.

BCLA members who are not members of the College can access the library by contacting the College Librarian on 0207 766 4352 or emailing library@collegeoptometrists.org
2018 was another busy year promoting the various events and new membership benefits of the BCLA. In early 2018, we promoted our first ‘live-streamed’ lecture which allowed members to tune in from the comfort of their own home. This was repeated in early 2019 by having the Scientific Evening Meeting as an online only webinar.

The first half of the year was spent heavily promoting the BCLA UK event. Following on from the success of the BCLA UK events in 2016, they returned in 2018 in a new format of a one-day event but held in two cities – London and Birmingham.

2018 also saw the return of BCLA Asia, held for the first time in Singapore. We worked closely with the Singapore Optometric Association to welcome over 500 delegates to this event.

Email communications and print continue to be a popular method of reaching out to our members. With the introduction of the new GDPR regulations introduced on 25 May, we, as did other organisations, lost our prospect database as we needed re-permission to be able to contact these people. We will continue to work to rebuild our prospect database list online via social media and face-to-face at events.

Our social media pages continue to expand their reach and we are pleased to say that our followers continue to grow on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn and we have recently relaunched our Instagram page. It’s a great additional communication channel which allows us to reach out to our members and keep our followers up-to-date with the latest news and updates from the BCLA.

The website continues to provide members with access to useful resources which we have added in 2018, including an online learning platform for the Dry Eye course and our first webinar, which has proved to be extremely popular. We will continue to develop more online resources to ensure our members have access to the information they need.

Our key focus over the next 12 months will be to continue to engage with our members across all communication platforms and remind them of all the great resources they have access to and introduce new resources throughout the year.

We also expect the results of the market research project will deliver suggested guidance on communication methods which we will adapt into our communications strategy.

JASHAN BAHIA
MARKETING & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
The BCLA is a truly global organisation, welcoming eye care professionals from all four corners of the world.

While that ensures we enjoy an unprecedented reach across the profession it also means clear and concise communication is of paramount importance if we are to engage effectively with our members.

The past year has been a busy one for the BCLA – with the association continuing to deliver a regular stream of media-friendly press releases, blogs, targeted email campaigns and social media activity.

We have produced dozens of stories and updates to keep members fully up to speed with the latest industry news and developments.

We continue to enjoy positive working relationships with leading UK publications including Optometry Today, Optician, Eyes, Dispensing Optics and Vision Now.

The continuation of our monthly column in Optician has allowed us to present ‘The View from the BCLA’ – commenting on trending stories and industry talking points. This is the perfect platform for the BCLA to speak directly to eye care professionals.

Our sustained use of social media allows us to maximise interaction with members and other industry professionals. Our reach is growing every day, with good quality content being well-received by loyal and engaged audience.

The BCLA website is always evolving with regularly updated content and plenty of useful information available at the click of a button. It has grown into a well-respected portal for the latest developments in the world of contact lenses and anterior eye.

The BCLA continues to support external organisations’ communications where appropriate, and to report on stories within the profession that impact on members.

Our quarterly newsletter, Contact, continues to be well received, with members able to be fully briefed on everything going on at the BCLA.

DANIEL OWENS
PR & COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT
BCLA FELLOWSHIP

The number of BCLA Fellows, who have demonstrated their esteem in the field of contact lenses and/or the anterior eye, is continuing to grow steadily after the introduction of BCLA Fellowship in 2006.

Following the latest round of awards at BCLA Asia, more than 210 Fellows from across the world are now endowed and able to use the post-nominal letters, FBCLA. Further applications have been considered (criteria points are available to view on the BCLA website) and viva voce assessments will take place at the BCLA Blicical Conference and Exhibition. For all 2018 successful candidates, they were invited to a special BCLA Fellows reception at BCLA Asia, where they were presented with their Certificates and Fellowship pins.

BCLA Fellows presented with their Certificates at BCLA Asia 2018, from left to right: Chair of the BCLA Academic Committee, Professor James Wolffsohn, Natalie Buckman, Saleet Jivraj, Robert Andersson, Manki Chan, Chi Keong Kwan (Singson) & BCLA President Elect, Jonathon Bench.

BCLA Fellows presented with their Certificates at BCLA UK event in Birmingham 2018, from left to right: Neil Chatterjee, Byki Huntjens, BCLA President (2017/18), Keith Tempany, Pauline Bradford, Sarah Smith & BCLA Fellowship Consultant, Dr Michael Read.

BCLA Fellowship Certificate presented to Paul McDonald at the BCLA UK event in London 2018 by BCLA President (2017/18) Keith Tempany.
Contact Lens and Anterior Eye (CLAE) is a peer reviewed journal covering all aspects of contact lens theory and clinical practice. CLAE is an important journal in the ophthalmic field and is one of only two peer reviewed journals specialising in contact lenses that has an impact factor.

The impact factor is an important measure for a peer reviewed journal. In July 2018 the 2017 impact factors were released and CLAE saw a marginal rise on its previous impact factor, now standing at 1.865.

The journal is owned by the BCLA and published by Elsevier and has a truly international feel to it with a global readership, international authors and editorial panel members from all over the world.

In 2018 Pat Caroline stood down from the Editorial Board. At the beginning of 2019 Brian Tighe (UK) stood down and was replaced by his colleague Aisling Mann (UK). Nizar Hirji (UK) will also stand down in the middle of 2019 after serving the journal for an impressive 30 years, including a long spell as Editor-in-Chief. In 2019 María Jesús González García (Spain) also joined the Editorial Panel. The Editor-in-Chief is Shehzad Naroo (UK) and there are four Associate Editors; Robin L Chalmers (USA), Pauline Cho (Hong Kong), Eric Papas (Australia) and Stephen Vincent (Australia). Eef van der Worp (The Netherlands) stepped down as Associate Editor at the end of 2018 and as his swansong he put together the 2019 themed issue on scleral lenses with guest editors Lynette Johns (USA) and Melissa Barnett (USA).

In 2020 a themed issue is planned around myopia control with contact lenses with guest editors Nicola Logan (UK) and Kate Gifford (Australia).

The editorial board of CLAE met once in 2018 at the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) annual conference in San Antonio (Texas, USA) in November 2018.

The meeting was well attended and strategies for taking CLAE forward were discussed. Separate discussions were held with the publishers Elsevier and Cheryl Donnelly (CEO of the BCLA) in order to ensure that CLAE remains well supported by the BCLA and the publishers.

In 2019 the Editorial Panel plan to meet at the BCLA biennial conference in Manchester, UK and again at the AAO in Orlando, USA.

In 2018 CLAE saw another increase in the number of papers submitted. In the years 2014-2017 the number of papers submitted seemed to be levelling at between 264-290 papers but 2018 saw a rise to 367 new papers (that is around one new paper per day!).

A larger number of pages was agreed with the publisher Elsevier but nonetheless the rejection rate remains high at around 70%. More submissions means that CLAE can afford to pick the best papers for publication but sometimes this leads to delays for authors as more reviewers are needed and also sometimes good papers are rejected because they are not novel enough or the subject matter is not fully relevant to CLAE.

As ever, CLAE would like to thank the BCLA Council for their continued support of their journal and Elsevier for their continuing guidance and a massive thanks to the authors and reviewers who work tirelessly putting manuscripts together for publication in CLAE.

SHEHZAD A. NAROO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
‘Surviving practice change’ is key to unlocking future success, hears BCLA Asia

A “seismic shift” in the way practices do business should be embraced rather than feared – with new technology offering practitioners the opportunity to be eye care pioneers.

That was the key message to emerge from BCLA Asia – a successful two day conference held in Singapore which saw more than 500 delegates take part in a series of hands-on workshops and hear presentations from a raft of experts from across the world.

The conference, titled ‘Surviving Practice Change’, examined the nature of a rapidly changing industry and how business owners can adapt to overcome the commercial challenges that presents.

BCLA chief executive Cheryl Donnelly said: “Technology is advancing fast, both in terms of instrumentation, techniques and products available for eye care professionals to enhance the life of our patients within eye care. It represents a seismic shift in day-to-day professional life.

“BCLA Asia was a platform to provide the tools for practitioners to embrace this change to deliver the best eye care for patients in times of commercial challenge and best position themselves for future success.”

Taking place over two days at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre, BCLA Asia included sessions detailing the very latest clinical guidance on topics such as myopia control, dry eye management and presbyopia.

The event was a partnership between the BCLA and the Singapore Optometric Association and featured lectures from leading industry figures including Professor Pauline Cho, Professor Jennifer Craig, Dr Kate Gifford, Professor Eric Papas and Professor James Wolffsohn.

Delegates heard about the latest research and clinical guidance across a wide range of subject areas, including myopia management, as well as industry innovations in the field.
A tale of two cities as BCLA UK proves a huge hit

The decision to stage BCLA UK across two days, taking in two cities and opening the event up to a larger audience than ever before, has been labelled a ‘game-changer’ – with eye care professionals from across the country gaining access to the very latest research.

For the first time, BCLA leaders organised a ‘split-site’ conference, with the programme held on separate days in London and Birmingham, allowing more people to attend and benefit from the world-renowned expertise on offer.

A dedicated dry eye track saw Professor James Wolffsohn lead a series of workshops and a wide-ranging discussion on the diagnosis and management of the condition while Dr Shehzad Naroo delivered a compelling lecture on delivering the concept of ‘Ocular Surface Happy’ to improve retention rates among contact lens patients.

Dr Claire Hallas, a practitioner health psychologist, looked at why parents say yes or no to contact lens use for their children – the first time the BCLA has welcomed an expert outside of optometry to give a unique insight into the field.

Dr Michael Read delivered a lecture stressing the importance of choosing the right material for the right patient while Dr Nicola Logan examined the topic of myopia control and looked at what optometrists can do in everyday practice.

Further sessions were delivered by Professor Phil Morgan, Professor Fiona Stapleton who travelled from Australia to attend the event, and an interactive grading workshop facilitated by BUCCLE.

A focus on Workshops delivered sessions on irregular corneas, fitting lenses in children, Orthokeratology, presbyopia and meibography while an interactive grading session gave delegates the chance to gauge their accuracy.

‘All-encompassing’ joint meeting hailed a success

The first-ever joint meeting of two leading associations focused on contact lenses and anterior eye has been hailed as a “triumph of teamwork” with more than 150 delegates enjoying a range of lectures on a wide range of key topics.

The Pioneers and Visionaries Conference was staged jointly by the British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) and the Medical Contact Lens and Ocular Surface Association (MCLOSA).

Held at the Royal College of Physicians in London, the meeting saw Associate Professor Jennifer Craig from the New Zealand National Eye Centre at the University of Auckland deliver the annual Pioneers Lecture - exploring new studies and emerging data to shed new light on the development of Meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) in Dry Eye Disease.

Entitled ‘In the blink of an eye: exploring drivers of MGD development’ the lecture examined a series of age and environmentally-controlled cross-sectional studies that compared the ocular surface and tear film between the south east Asian eye (where MGD is more common) and the Caucasian eye.

The MCLOSA Kersley Lecture, presented by Professor Christopher Liu OBE, looked closely at how contact lenses can be deployed in cornea and external eye disease, issues surrounding sequential bilateral cataract surgery and the use of artificial corneae or keratoprosthesis.

Other highlights included a session looking at myopia management in children delivered by Professor Phillip Morgan and Dr Nicola Logan and chaired by Professor Sunil Shah and a session examining ocular surface disease.

A multi-disciplinary debate discussed the respective merits of contact lenses and surgical intervention for refractive correction in keratoconus, with contact lenses coming out on top.
BCLA COUNCIL 2018-19

PRESIDENT
Professor Sunil Shah (4/4)

PRESIDENT ELECT
Jonathon Bench (3/4)

PAST PRESIDENT
Keith Tempany (4/4)

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Josie Barlow (4/4)
Sidsel Bockhahn (1/4 maternity leave)
Philip Deja (Lay Member) (4/4)
Sarah Farrant (4/4)
Indie Grewal (3/4)
Byki Huntjens (3/4)
Nick Howard (3/4)
Rakesh Kapoor (3/4)
Christine Purslow (3/4)
Neil Retallic (4/4)
Rebecca Stoner (4/4)

Council Members whom completed their term in office on 10 June 2018
Nick Atkins [3/3]
Maxine Green [3/3]
Teifi James [2/3]
David Samuel [2/3]
Brian Tompkins [1/3]

(Number of council meetings attended out of 3 in 2018)

BCLA CONSULTANTS
Professor James Wolffsohn, Chair of Academic Committe, Chair of Conference Scientific Programme
Dr Shehzad Naroo, CLAE Journal Editor-in-Chief
Dr Michael Read, Fellowship Consultant
Daniel Owens, Communications Consultant
Marc Bennett, Financial Consultant

BCLA STAFF
Cheryl Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer
Jashan Bahia, Marketing & Digital Communications Manager
Cilia Launay, Events Manager
Dian Rahardjo, Team Assistant

(Figures in brackets represent the number of council meetings attended out of 4 in 2018.)
From a financial standpoint, 2018 proved to be a challenging year for the BCLA. Attendance by fee paying delegates at the BCLA UK events in London & Birmingham were disappointing against projections. The final accounts showed a deficit on the original budget of just over £84,000 due in the main to a shortfall in subscription income and delegate fees for BCLA UK Conference. Council agreed the budget for 2019 at a surplus that would exceed the losses in 2018 and recoup the reserves of the BCLA to levels existing at the end of 2017.

Financial Review
The consolidated position for the year was a larger than forecast deficit of £127,975 compared with a surplus of £151,366 in 2017. The total reserves of the association at the year-end were £262,519, (2017 = £390,494). Total income from providing benefits to our members were £490 more than in 2016, the last time that there was no main conference and 2 smaller conferences were held in England and in Asia instead. Investment income increased to £627 (2017 = £551) as a result of a slight increase in interest rates and better cash management. The large trading deficit for the year resulted in a reduction of cash balances by £100,266. At the year end, the Associations cash balances were £326,793 as against £427,059 at 31st December 2017. Cash balances held at the year-end still comfortably exceeded the reserves policy of maintaining 6 months overheads in cash.

It should be noted that cash balances held are cyclical because of the timing of the smaller conferences in the Spring and late summer. As a result, cash balances are highest during Spring & Summer months and far lower in Autumn & Winter months. The level of cash balances act as a buffer against unforeseen circumstances or cancellation of the following years conference and as a result are not invested long term or in anything other than low risk investments.

Conference 2019
At the time of writing this report, I am pleased to report that bookings and sponsorship are on target with regards to achieving the budgeted conference income for the 2019 conference in Manchester of £897,460 and total income of £1,129,630 as the conference continues to be the mainstay of the Association’s income. With the tireless efforts of the Council and staff it is hoped that the conference will grow significantly in 2019 as the biennial timing of the event becomes established. The Association remains grateful to all of our sponsors, whose steadfast support continues to allow the BCLA to host one of the worlds leading contact lens meetings.

Members Benefits
The Council has again focused on increasing both the membership numbers and the membership benefits over the past year and it is hoped that this investment will reap rewards in terms of attendance at conference and subscription numbers from the seeds sown over the past 12 months. Investment in membership marketing is of paramount importance in achieving these growth goals as it is vital not only to increase the available benefits but to communicate this message to our members. To this end, major investment in the website’s functionality has provided members with up to date news and insight on the latest clinical advances and has improved the membership experience.

Financial goals in 2019
The current financial position of the BCLA will again require diligent management over the coming year and the Council will maintain its prudent investment policy to ensure the ongoing stability of the BCLA. It is hoped that the coming year will see further growth to membership numbers and that the level of member benefits can again be increased from the funds available to the Association. The main objective continues to be the reduction in reliance on income generated from the conference and ensuring that members continue to receive benefits that far outweigh the costs of membership.

As the continued success of the BCLA will come primarily from member participation, the Council would like to thank everyone who has taken time out to support the Association over the last 12 months.

MARC BENNETT FCA
FINANCIAL CONSULTANT TO BCLA
29 APRIL 2019
SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2018

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The statement of financial activities included all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Group Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

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The charitable company’s net expenditure for the year was £13,554 (2017: £10,341). The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 26 March 2019 and are signed on its behalf by:

Professor S Shah
Trustee
Company Registration No. 01336067

Mr J Bench
Trustee
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the British Contact Lens Association Limited, is to be held at 17.30 hours on 10 June 2018 at the IET, Turing Lecture Theatre (LEVEL2), 2 Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, UK.

AGENDA meeting opened at 5.24pm
1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 June 2017.
   Approved - Iain May
   Seconded - Neil Retallic.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes.
   None
   CD commented on areas to highlight;
   2 year cycle - 2017 was the second of that cycle; early suggestion is that this is working for the association and still delivering against the membership.
   Office move
4. To consider and receive the accounts and balance sheet of the Association for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017.
   CD mentioned that MB was not able to be with us today. The Annual report had a full and complete set of accounts.
   • 2017 financial report included in the 2017 report circulated to all members;
   • This included a summarised set of accounts taken from the audited financial statements;
   • The audit report contained a clean opinion by the Auditors HW Fisher & Company;

Financial highlights:
1. Net surplus for the year ended 31/12/2017 of £151,366;
2. When combined with the 2016 loss, the BCLA achieved its objectives of a significant surplus over the two year period of £49,050.
3. The Balance sheet funds as at 31 December 2017 were £390,494 against 2016 of £239,128;
4. Cash reserves as at 31st December 2017 were £427,059 against £365,984 for the prior year, an increase of £61,075;
5. Cash reserves achieved the objective of maintaining liquidity at 6 months overheads.
6. To appoint new directors
   Prof Sunil Shah, Jonathon Bench

7. To report the composition of the 2018–2019 Council
   Listed all members and CD thanked
   Brian Tompkins
   Nick Atkins
   Maxine Green
   Teifi James
   David Samuel
8. AOB
   Judith Morris; typo within the Annual report – IACLE - international was in correct stated internal not international
   Nick Atkins reminded CEO that the number of council meetings attended by the council members are usually reported. CD agreed and stated that this was an error and this would be rectified and added to the Annual Report.

Meeting closed at 5.40
Followed by the Presidential Handover

For any decisions to be taken upon a vote; a quorum is required; a minimum of 25 members.

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, to vote on his/her behalf.
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