Medical Contact Lens & Ocular Surface Association (MCLOSA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025
Date: 28 November 2025
Time: 17:00
Venue: One America Square Conference Centre, 17 Crosswall, City of London, London EC3N 2LB
Council invites: Andrena McElvanney (Chair) (AMc), Fiona Carley (FC), Ourania Frangouli (OF), Parwez Hossain (PH), Christopher Hemmerdinger (CH), Sophie Jones (SJ), Artemis Matsou (AM), Hatch Mukherjee (HM), Johnson Yan Ning Neo (JYNN), Louise Richards (Minute taking) (LR), Scott Robbie (SR), Naing Latt Tint (NLT)

Minutes

AMc welcomed Members to the meeting. Quorum attained.

1. **Apologies**
   a. None received.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting**
   a. AMc proposed that the 2024 Minutes should be accepted. Agreed, seconded by Ursula Vogt. No amendments.
3. **Matters arising from 2024 Minutes**
   a. None raised.
4. **Applications to join Council**
   a. No new applications received.
5. **Term of Officer/Council Member in position. Resignations, election to, re-election to Council posts**
   a. AMc informed the meeting that there had been no resignations and therefore there are no positions to fill. The Council had discussed rotating Council roles however everyone was happy in their roles and could see no benefits in changing status quo this time around. As such it was agreed by council to present here at the AGM that all council members should continue in their current roles for a further 2 years (2026 – 2028) with a maximum 2-years limit in role imposed. AMc asked if there were any objections. No objections, motion carried.
   b. Members were reminded that applications to Council are welcome. News about any vacancies will be shared with members through the website and directly via email in due course.
6. **Honorary Members**
   a. AMc announced to the meeting that Honorary Memberships were to be bestowed to Ursula Vogt and Christopher Lui in recognition of the service and longstanding support they had offered to the association.
7. **Officer Reports**
   a. **MCLOSA President's report** - Andrena McElvanney

This year the MCLOSA council has worked towards continuing the ocular surface education programme through our annual scientific meeting. We are in a new venue this year which we hope our delegates will enjoy, however next year we will be moving back to our normal location in the Cavendish conference centre on 4 December 2026.

Throughout the year we have worked towards keeping the society stable and at our council meeting we discussed the options of rotation of the council positions. As all of the council members were happy in their current roles it was unanimously agreed to extend the current terms of office in the current posts for a further two years, however with a proviso that there will be new movement and a re-election of council officers after that time period.

We are looking to our delegates to inform us of topics that they may like to be covered in next year's MCLOSA annual meeting.

All MCLOSA members receive complimentary membership of the European Contact Lens Society of Ophthalmologists. ECLSO will be holding their scientific Congress in Vienna on April 24-25 2026 and will be featuring presentations from the Austrian Contact Lens Society. Full details are on their website. MCLOSA members receive a 20% discount on the registration rate, and we encourage everyone to consider attending. We hope that you enjoy this year's new venue and hope to see you again next year.

b. **MCLOSA Treasurer's Report** – Ourania Frangouli

OF presented her report. Over the last few years a transition has taken place to streamline the finances. A new account with HSBC was opened, the financial year aligned with the standard account year 5 April. Funds were moved from the Coutts account into the HSBC account in May 2024. The dormant Kersley Lecture account held at Barcley account, which had proved until recently impossible to access due to unknown signatories was finally closed in April 2025 with the funds transfer to the HSBC account. MCLOSA is considering separating the Kersley Lecture funds again into another bank account, this will be discussed at the next council meeting and reported to the 2026 AGM.

Currently the HSBC account has a balance of £50,099.67. For the 2025 financial year, income £26,797.02, expected expenditure £37,863.00. There is a lose shown of £10,838.00, however there were expenses from 2024 of just over £5,000 which were not paid until the 2025 financial year which impacted the profit levels at the end of the realigned financial years for 2024 (higher profit than it should have - £14,080.23) and 2025 (lower profit). This year's meeting still needs to be fully reconciled, accounting for the extra £5,000 it would make a profit.

The association was up to date with its ECLSO national membership payment.

c. **MCLOSA Honorary Secretary's Report** - Scott Robbie

SR had had to leave the meeting therefore no report given.

d. **National Representative's Report** - Parwez Hossain

PH reported that there was no more to add to that covered in the President's report. Reiterating that MCLOSA members do receive a 20% discount for the next ECLSO Vienna on April 24-25 2026, he urged everyone to attend. He also encouraged everyone particularly juniors to submit an abstract for presentation at the international congress.

8. Any other business

PH asked about MCLOSA's liabilities. OF and LR confirmed no.

Melanie Corbett asked how this year's registrations compared to 2024? LR responded by indicating 2024 = 124 [corrected to 97], 2025, almost 90 [final 87]. The main reason for lower numbers she thought to be the number of competing meetings taking place close to the date of MCLOSA, e.g. UKISCRS and people running out of study leave. Positively there had been 6 on the day registrations, last-minute registrations a MCLOSA trend.

Ursula Vogt asked if the registration fee includes free ECLSO membership. AMc confirmed yes. She asked if the membership with ECLSO was a profitable one? PH indicated that the figures would need to be assessed to answer that. The topic will be added to the Council Meeting agenda.

As there was no other business AMc closed the meeting.