CASES Annual General Meeting 2026

Wednesday 11 November 2026, 4:30 pm, remote participation, via Zoom.

Attendees:
Dr Miranda Armstrong, Prof Lindsay Bottoms FCASES, Dr Katherine Burgess MCASES, Dr Val Cox HonFCASES, Prof John Dickinson FCASES, Dr Faye Didymus FCASES, Dr Mitchell Finlay MCASES, Prof Ken Fox HonFCASES, Dr Adam Gledhill FCASES, Prof Glyn Howatson FCASES, Dr Trish Jackman FCASES, Dr Chris Kirk FCASES, Prof Kiara Lewis FCASES, Dr Jane Lomax FCASES, Prof Mel Leggate, Dr Andy Miles HonFCASES, Dr Andrew Mitchell HonFCASES, Dr Alan Ruddock FCASES, Dr Andy Smith MBE FCASES, Dr Daniel Tinnion, Dr Vicky Tolfrey HonFCASES, James Tugwell, Susan Went.

Apologies:
Prof Andy Jones HonFCASES, Dr Sarah Gilchrist FCASES, Dr Andrew Murray HonFCASES, Tobias Nwenwu, Prof K Tolfrey HonFCASES, Erin Yeomanson.

CASES Staff:
Jane Bairstow, Lucy Davies, Jane Gillott, Mubz Shaikh, Sue Watson, and Ian Wilson.

Minutes: Ian Wilson and Jane Bairstow.

In the Chair: Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES.

Z Knowles welcomed everyone to the online 2026 CASES AGM, our second as the Chartered Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences since incorporation in April 2025. She explained that we are continuing to run the AGM in the November window. She advised that the AGM is not being recorded, but instead, we will make available to membership, those present today and those unable to attend, the slide deck, after the meeting has finished. She noted a couple of housekeeping matters, asking members to have their microphones muted, asking that if members lose connection during the meeting, to try again with the link provided, and staff will readmit into meeting, and reminded all to use the chat function to pose any questions throughout the meeting.

Z Knowles explained that today's virtual meeting would focus on the review of 2025-26, advising on the agenda items and order. She explained that if, as we move through the slides, there are any queries or comments, please post these within the comments box and we will try to answer as many as possible. She confirmed that no advance questions had been raised by members, but that there was a section later on when we can check in on questions.

Z Knowles explained that the minutes from the 2025 AGM were shared after last year's AGM and there was no feedback about any errors or omissions. She asked members to use the Poll to indicate if they are happy to sign off as a true record. **All approved**.

Z Knowles advised that following today's AGM, the slide deck and meeting notes would be shared with members, once finalised, and would be uploaded onto the website

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Z Knowles advised the membership of the **Board Members for 2025-26**, namely Chair: Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES; Deputy Chair: Dr Mitch Finlay MCASES; Division Chairs: Dr Daniel Bailey HonFCASES, Dr Mitch Finlay MCASES, Dr Trish Jackman FCASES, Prof Mel Leggate, Dr Andrew Mitchell HonFCASES, Dr Alan Ruddock FCASES; Non-Executive Directors: Chris Davison, Dr Helen Rippon, James Tugwell; Senior Non-Executive Director: Susan Went. She explained that Prof Mel Leggate had joined as a Director in March following the establishment of the new Teaching and Learning Enhancement Division.

Z Knowles personally thanked all Directors for their hard work and efforts over this last 12 months. She advised that next week's Board meeting will be the last for Dr Andrew Mitchell HonFCASES who is concluding his second term as Chair of the Biomechanics and Motor Behaviour Division. Following open recruitment earlier in the year, Prof Nassos Bissas will then commence as a Director and Division Chair, for which she extended a welcome. She went on to advise that next month would see two of our long-serving Non-Executive Directors, Susan Went and James Tugwell, both conclude their second terms. Z Knowles thanked all three outgoing Directors for all of their hard work and support of the Association over the years. Following open recruitment over the summer, two new Non-Executive Directors will take up post from December. Shadrack Nyobii ACCA will start as a new Non-Executive Director with a Finance specialism, and Tilly Heald FCG will start as a new Non-Executive Director with a Governance specialism. Z Knowles wished the three incoming Directors all the best for their forthcoming tenures, thanking all for their interest in supporting CASES.

Z Knowles stated that in April 2025, the Board launched the 2025-2028 Strategy. She explained that the 2025-2026 Annual Report includes updates on the three strategic objectives included within the 2025-2028 Strategy. She explained that the new Strategic Objectives are to:

- support the careers of sport and exercise scientists through professional development, setting standards and promoting excellence within the sector
- champion sport and exercise sciences through targeted advocacy and strategic partnerships
- improve representation of sport and exercise sciences by growing and diversifying a membership that is more reflective of society and the communities we serve.

Z Knowles explained that the Annual Report, which was shared with members in September 2026 and included within the AGM pack, informs how we have addressed the three strategic objectives of the current Strategy, for which many of the updates are included within this year's achievements within the forthcoming slides. She explained today's overview would look at some achievements and performances over the 2025-26 period, including the financial statements to end March 2026.

Z Knowles explained that despite the ongoing global cost of living crisis, the Association saw a small drop in membership over the last year. The average total membership for the period (September 2025 - August 2026) was 2,450 compared to 2,537 in the previous year. She explained that CASES continues to grow its social media presence; as of August 2026, the biggest increases, once again, were seen in LinkedIn members and Instagram followers. She explained that every two years, we ask our members to complete a membership survey so we can better understand our members and can hear what is important to them. At the September Board meeting, the Board agreed to split the traditional member feedback into two surveys; one about customer service and membership and another about CPD, accreditation, and endorsement. The CPD/accreditation survey will be issued around January 2027, and the membership experience survey around April 2027, to coincide with the anniversary of Royal incorporation. She asked members to keep an eye out for these shorter surveys and encouraged all members to spend a few minutes to complete the surveys and share their feedback. She advised that work continues to review, update and promote current benefits.

Z Knowles explained that the work of CASES professional standards has continued this year, highlighting that 476 members can now use the post-nominal MCASES and may use the full descriptor of *Member of the Chartered Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences,* and that 54

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members can now use the post-nominal TechCASES and may use the full descriptor of *Technical Member of the Chartered Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences*

Z Knowles stated that SEPAR has continued to flourish, currently supporting 281 active candidates. Over the past year, quality assurance and programme development remained central priorities for the SEPAR Advisory Group. The Quality Assurance Moderator process is now fully embedded, providing systematic oversight of reviewer reports and supporting greater consistency, clarity and developmental value within candidate feedback. Throughout the year, new supervisor training was also rolled out, with 15 supervisors in attendance at the first iteration at the conference in June. The Advisory Group also completed a substantial HCPC monitoring review, demonstrating the programme's continued alignment with regulatory standards. Throughout the year, governance was further enhanced through the appointment of two new External Examiners to the programme.

Z Knowles stated that the Annual Report cites the breadth of developments that the Clinical Exercise Physiology UK Group has undertaken this year. This includes a growth in professional registration, with 220 Clinical Exercise Physiologists now registered with the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS). International collaboration was strengthened through the launch of new International Qualification Application Pathways with ICSESP, supporting global recognition of CEPs. CEP-UK became a member of the AHCS Professional Bodies Council. Prof Helen Jones, Chair of CEP-UK, was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the AHCS in recognition of her leadership and contribution to the profession. CEP-UK Conference 2026 attracted 155 delegates and received highly positive feedback, with all attendees rating the event as good or excellent and expressing a willingness to return.

Z Knowles stated that the HE Endorsement Scheme Advisory Group has continued to strengthen and enhance CASES endorsement processes across both undergraduate and postgraduate provision. This year, the Group focused on updating and refining the Undergraduate Endorsement Scheme, ensuring greater alignment with emerging priorities in sport and exercise science education, including artificial intelligence, equality, diversity and inclusion, sustainability and the contribution of accredited staff to programme delivery. A key development this year was the successful introduction of a Course Change process, providing institutions with a robust mechanism to maintain endorsement when curriculum changes occur. Alongside this, a new pre-application and intention-to-submit process were developed to improve planning and support for applicants.

Z Knowles explained that the Degree Accreditation Working Group has brought together the Chairs of the various CASES Advisory Groups to develop an Accreditation Framework to allow graduates from such courses to become CASES accredited. This is based on the work progressing with the ICSESP who are developing International Professional Standards for Clinical Exercise Physiology, Sport Science, and Sport and Exercise Science. The working group has drafted scopes of practice; knowledge, technical skills and professional competences for degrees; and a supervised experience process for gaining CASES Accreditation by meeting these profession-specific knowledge, technical skills and professional competences through targeted placement within the profession-specific degrees.

Z Knowles advised that there have been a number of partnerships and relationships, both in the UK and internationally, that have developed and flourished this year. She noted a couple:

- Last December, CASES and the Irish Sport and Exercise Sciences Association announced a new strategic partnership and signed an MoU, the first of its kind between both representative bodies. This was the culmination of many months of dialogue and cooperation between both associations who share a commitment to support the sport and exercise scientists along their career journey and to share expertise and resources to benefit members.
- In June, CASES and the Society of Sports Therapists signed an MoU with a commitment to advance standards across sport and exercise practice. The agreement reflects the shared ambition to foster collaboration, support professional development, and create greater opportunities for the collective members. By working together, we can strengthen links between disciplines, promote research and innovation, and ultimately enhance the quality of care provided to all

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She explained that details of all updated agreements can be found on the CASES website.

Z Knowles stated that over 350 delegates, presenters, speakers and exhibitors attended the reimagined CASES Conference 2026 at the Manchester Metropolitan University this June, combining the student and professional conferences for the first time. The event attracted over 200 abstract submissions from students, early career researchers and professionals resulting in over 150 presentations across the two days. The event also included practical sessions, keynote speeches and discussions from a high-profile and hugely respected selection of sport and exercise science figures along with networking, social event and a run/walk/wheel event.

The Association's inaugural Medal of Achievement winner, Prof Stuart Biddle HonFCASES travelled from Australia to receive the award and present his career history to a packed lecture theatre. Delegates were treated to opening keynote sessions from Prof Larissa Davies Prof Richard Bracken and Prof Patrick Doherty on Exercise, prevention and rehabilitation. The final day concluded with a keynote session featuring Paralympic stars Dame Sarah Storey DBE and Gregg Stevenson MBE and Prof Tim Cable on 'Insights from Elite Sport and High-Performance Cultures'.

Z Knowles advised that there were 16 exhibitors offering relevant product and service information while delegates enjoyed refreshments during the breaks. The event also included 16 invited Symposia sessions, creating a content-packed two-day event to remember. At the end of the conference, and after an in-depth judging panel, we were delighted to announce the award winners, all of whom are named in the annual report.

Z Knowles stated that following open tender over the summer, which saw four strong bids submitted, the Board is pleased to announce that Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge Campus) has been awarded Host for CASES Conference 2028. The new Conference Scientific Planning Group will be meeting before Christmas to start to plan, over the next 18 months, the content for the 2028 Conference. Please highlight 6-7 June 2028 in your diary and look to register as soon as registration opens in late 2027/early 2028.

Regarding Events and Activities, Z Knowles noted that CASES ran 24 workshops online, all linked with the Supervised Experience and SEPAR programmes, attended by a total of 340 delegates. CASES hosted 20 webinars, with a combined 570 delegates registering. A total of 58 courses and workshops have been endorsed since the inception of the CASES CPD Endorsement Scheme, including 14 new endorsements this year.

Z Knowles explained that following the 2026 Conference, the 2026 Division Days will take place this autumn: The Psychology event took place online on 4 November; the Teaching and Learning Enhancement event took place online earlier today. The Sport and Performance Day will be held at UA92 Manchester on 25 November. The Biomechanics and Motor Behaviour Day will take place on 4 December at Abertay University. Both the Physiology and Nutrition Day and the Physical Activity for Health Day will take place, online, on 9 December 2026.

Z Knowles was proud to advise that seven CASES Fellowships were recently approved, and all have received their Fellows' pin and Certificate. She wanted to acknowledge these members formally within today's AGM: Prof Mark Faghy FCASES, Dr Koryna Lewis FCASES, Prof Daniel Madigan FCASES, Dr James Malone FCASES, Dr Clare Pheasey FCASES, Dr Georgina Stebbings FCASES, Dr Ash Willmott FCASES.

Z Knowles stated that a number of Grants and Awards were made this year, and four Expert Statements were published. She explained that the Annual Report includes details of all of the recipients, extending congratulations to all.

Z Knowles stated that following the launch of the new CASES Medal of Achievement last year, reserved for those individuals making sustained and highly significant contributions to the sport and exercise sciences in the UK and beyond, she was delighted to award Prof Stuart Biddle HonFCASES with the inaugural medal and certificate at this year's Conference, and to see the audience engaged in his career journey. She advised that the deadline for nominations for the 2026 *CASES*

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Distinguished Contribution to Sport and Exercise Sciences closed a few weeks ago, and winners will be announced in January.

Z Knowles explained that this year, the Board introduced a new Distinguished Contribution Award, which is granted to an individual who has made sustained, significant and important contributions to the Association through volunteer roles. Contribution is expected to influence that of the broad membership and business of the Association, demonstrating reach, innovation and leadership. She explained that this Award is determined by the CASES Board and that 12 members were considered this year. Following independent voting by the Board, she was delighted to announce that the 2026 recipients of the CASES Distinguished Contribution Award are Dr Val Cox HonFCASES and Dr Andy Smith MBE FCASES. Special mention was made to the following volunteers, for their nomination: Dr Lisa Board FCASES, Dr Valerie Gladwell, Prof Glyn Howatson FCASES, Prof Andy Jones HonFCASES, Prof Andy Lane FCASES, Prof Lars McNaughton FCASES, Dr Charles Pedlar FCASES, Prof John Saxton FCASES, Prof Rhys Thatcher FCASES, Prof Craig Twist FCASES.

Z Knowles then asked Dr Val Cox HonFCASES and Dr Andy Smith MBE FCASES to say a few words. Dr Val Cox HonFCASES said she was very honoured to get the award and has been involved with CASES over 30 years. She said it was very rewarding and she was blown away how many people contacted her to support her with the conference awards over the years, and that she hoped people will still continue to volunteer. Dr Andy Smith MBE FCASES said a huge thank you for the award and endorsed what Val had said. He said it was very special to get the award alongside Val and reiterated that with work pressures, it was becoming harder for people to contribute/volunteer and felt it was important to keep human community and network of relationships. He thanked Zoe, the Board and CASES staff. Via the chat function, attendees at the AGM sent all their good wishes and congratulations to Val and Andy. Z Knowles thanked both recipients, congratulating all nominees for their support of the Association over the years.

Z Knowles noted that four editions of *The Sport and Exercise Scientist* were produced, with a mix of articles covering all the disciplines from a variety of authors. Four new Expert Statements were published, with the Annual Report including details of all the authors. She explained that the CASES Career Guide: *A Guide to Careers in Sport and Exercise Science* was updated and launched in August 2026. The 60-page Guide includes a wealth of guidance and information about choosing courses at school and college, choosing undergraduate and postgraduate courses, career opportunities and how to get ahead, and how to pursue popular career paths and occupations.

She went on to say that in April, CASES formally launched its Digital Object Identifier (DOI) publications. The first CASES DOIs were registered in January 2026 with this milestone marking an important step in strengthening the visibility, credibility and long-term impact of CASES publications. By registering its outputs with DOIs via **Crossref**, CASES is ensuring that its professional and scientific contributions are permanently findable, citable, and accessible to a global audience.

Z Knowles noted that the Taylor & Francis Group publishes the Journal of Sports Sciences (JSS) in affiliation with CASES. In 2025, JSS published over 140 research articles and received 1.7 million downloads. The Journal's latest Impact Factor is 3.1

Z Knowles stated that significant work and technical developments had progressed this year by the six Divisions and the nine Special Interest Groups. She explained that the Annual Report includes a summary of all of the details and achievements, for which thanks and gratitude were extended for the hard work of the Division Committees and SIG Steering Groups. She picked out a couple of updates:

- Following the approval to create a new Teaching and Learning Enhancement Division at last year's AGM, following open recruitment, the roles on the new Division Committee were filled earlier in the year. Several meetings have taken place this year, in which the Division's five main workstreams were confirmed (pedagogy accreditation support, degree standards, a digital repository, graduate recognition and pedagogy research in SES. Working groups are now advancing the key objectives.

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- The CASES Technical Special Interest Group (TSIG) has continued to grow significantly this year, strengthening visibility, recognition, and support for technicians within sport and exercise sciences. Over the past year, the TSIG successfully hosted its inaugural free launch event, attracting more than 60 technicians and suppliers from across the sector. The event included over eight supplier stalls, raised more than £5,000 in sponsorship funding, and provided travel bursaries to improve accessibility and participation. The TSIG has expanded professional development opportunities through monthly educational webinars, informal coffee catchups, and newly funded Technical Skills Workshops in collaboration with Cranlea Human Performance and Qualisys, supported by TSN ROKS and The UK Institute for Technical Skills & Strategy. The first two workshops took place at Edinburgh Napier University in June and at Oxford Brookes University in August. A third event will take place at the University of Brighton in January 2027. It was also great to see Amelia Dingley MCASES being short-listed for The Times Higher Education Outstanding Technician Award this autumn.
- The Neurodiversity in Sport and Exercise Sciences SIG was founded in December 2025. Its aim is to advance neuroaffirmative research and practice across sport and exercise sciences, promoting ethical, inclusive, evidence-based approaches that recognise neurodivergent athletes, practitioners, and trainees as integral to performance and well-being. Early in the year, the co-Convenors circulated a survey to SIG members to help inform the future activities and ensure the programme reflects member needs and priorities going forward. The SIG delivered a satellite session at the Annual Conference, discussing neuroaffirmative practice within sporting spaces and introducing the SIG's mission, while inviting delegates to contribute to the SIG's priorities through discussion and feedback. The Group has also supported CASES in ensuring its policies and guidelines are neurodiversity-affirming.

Z Knowles explained that a number of key developments have taken place this year, all of which are included in more detail within the Annual Report. She went on to highlight the following:

- Members of the CASES Artificial Intelligence Advisory Group developed a new resource which aims to equip Sport and Exercise Scientists—whether new to AI or already proficient—with insights and practical guidance to better understand and apply AI effectively. This was published in January, and as of the summer, had been downloaded over 6,000 times. The Group is currently working on a short update document which is planned to be published in January 2027.
- For the Outreach Panel, the number of CASES Outreach Hubs have grown to 41, with Outreach Hubs in every one of the four Home Nations in the UK. This year, we had over 150 schools and colleges engage with an outreach day at a CASES Outreach Hub. The winning poster came from the Leaf Academy that submitted their poster to the Southampton Solent University CASES Outreach Hub.
- The CASES EDI Advisory Group continues to celebrate our members as part of the Diversity Calendar initiative, raising awareness of EDI-related topics through the quarterly TSES articles, and increasing our understanding of CASES members via the Annual Member Diversity Infographic. Members of the second cohort of the Professional Development and Mentoring Programme attended the 2026 Conference.

Z Knowles started that we have a small, but hard-working Operations Team under the leadership of Ian Wilson, our CEO, who has been with CASES for seven years. Sue Watson, our Head of Operations, has been with the Association for five and a half years. Lucy Davies joined us in January 2025 as our MarComms Manager. She explained that this summer, Jane Gillott celebrated being with CASES for 20 years and received a congratulatory gift and the book of well wishes from members at the Operations Team Day in September. Alex Windwood, our Professional Standards Officer, has been at CASES for over two and a half years. Jane Bairstow, our Senior Admin Officer, has been with CASES for 27 years and enjoyed marking her 25 years at the Association in 2024. Angus Boyle, the Admin Officer and MarComms Assistant, left CASES in June to relocate back to Australia. Z Knowles was delighted to welcome Mubz Sheikh into the role, with Mubz joining CASES in September. She advised that the CASES CPD provision is provided by Bespoke Education Solutions and Training Ltd, for which our thanks are extended. On behalf of the Board, Z Knowles acknowledged the hard work

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and the achievements of the Operations Team, thanking them all for running the Association under Ian's strong leadership and direction.

The proceedings were paused to take any questions from the chat box about any of the slides and content so far. No questions were raised.

Z Knowles stated that CASES is a not-for-profit organisation; as such, it operates on the basis that it is not seeking to make a profit over the long-term and reserves should be re-invested to support the activities of the Association. She stated that CASES reported a healthy surplus of £21,329 for the year ended 31 March 2026. This was driven by an increase in general income, including significant SEPAR registrations, and a reduction in general expenditure over the previous year. She explained that the Board regularly monitors its Risk Register and continues to consider contingencies and mitigating action if income streams are impacted. The total reserves on 31 March 2025 were £471,338.

Z Knowles advised that CASES could invest its reserves back into the Association, and earlier this year, the Board contacted all Groups to receive ideas about any potential projects that the Board can invest in to attract new members and/or help retain current members. The Board was particularly keen to support groups which are currently underrepresented in our membership. She advised that the Board will, in due course, share with the membership those projects that are scheduled for this financial year, and those projects that may be supported in the next financial year. She also noted that over the last few weeks, the Board had agreed to award two Early-to mid-Career Researcher Project Grants, investing an additional £5k into this grant. The recent recipients were Dr Hannah Lithgow MCASES of Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, and Dr Laura Johnson MCASES of Edge Hill University

Z Knowles then asked the membership to approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025-2026. Members used the Poll to show they were happy to sign off the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025-2026. **All agreed.**

Special Resolution paper (Chair-Elect):
I Wilson explained that members were advised earlier in the year that Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES will conclude her second term as CASES Chair in November 2027. Earlier in June, CASES advertised for a Chair-Elect to be in place by this November's AGM, to then shadow Zoe in her final year. Following open recruitment from eligible members, only one application was received, that from Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES. After a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors, CASES is therefore delighted to propose a new term for Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES. The new term of three years, from November 2027, will see Zoe take the Association through its next strategy. Members were notified of this in August, with the plan to bring this Board recommendation to the AGM, so members could ratify the election of Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES as Chair from November 2027.

I Wilson asked members present to vote using the Poll. 95% of the members supported this resolution, and so I Wilson announced that the Special Resolution to ratify Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES as Chair-Elect, to start a new term as CASES Chair from November 2027 had passed, with a majority, thanking all for taking part in the vote. Congratulations were extended to Zoe on her new term from members via the chat function, with thanks from the Board for her strong leadership over the years and her commitment to lead and support the Association moving forwards.

Z Knowles advised that the current strategy is ambitious and has seen an expansion of programmes and services which the Board wants to continue, to help drive wider visibility of CASES. She explained that the Association has seen increases in staffing costs, higher operational costs and increases from external suppliers. She noted that the Board continues to actively focus on new member recruitment and the retention of current members, to increase revenue streams. She confirmed that the Board continues to be committed to investing in People (Operations Team, volunteers, consultants to add capacity and expertise to the Operations Team), Projects (new initiatives that are beneficial to our members and add value), Programmes (ensuring programmes remain fit for purpose) and Partnerships (with reciprocal mutual benefits for our members).
She reminded members that at last year's AGM, members voted to approve that the Board could implement fee increases, up to the level of CPI of March of the previous year, without the need to

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petition the membership. She explained that in considering the above, the Board agreed that there will be a 3.3% increase in membership fees from January. A slide was shown to articulate the small annual increase per membership category. She explained that this fee structure will come into effect from 1 January 2027 for new members and at the point of members renewing their membership. Z Knowles reminded that as members of a professional body, CASES members can get tax relief on fees.

Z Knowles explained that aligned to the previous membership fee slide, the Board agreed to add an increase, up to the level of CPI of March of the previous year, on our endorsement / accreditation / training programmes. The slide indicated a table showing the small annual increase per programme. This programme fee structure will come into effect from 1 January 2027.

Z Knowles explained that we are half-way through the current strategy and that in September, the Board started to develop the strategy from April 2028 onwards. This work will continue over the next few months, and a draft strategy will be shared with the members next Spring / Summer. Feedback will then be collated, with a view to bring to the AGM 2027 the direction of travel for the next strategy from April 2028 onwards.

Given the expertise and knowledge of the Fellows, Z Knowles stated that CASES would very much welcome their input and assistance in delivering the 2026-2027 Operational Plan. She asked that any Fellow who is interested in contributing to the deliverables within the Operational Plan, to contact enquiries@cases.org.uk. She explained that the next online Winter Gathering for the CASES Fellows will be Friday 11 December 2026.

Z Knowles explained that CASES is keen to enhance the promotion of the Association through obtaining corporate sponsorships and commercial opportunities. She noted that we are keen to attract new commercial opportunities and to sustain the support from existing commercial opportunities, which would ultimately benefit the membership. She explained that details of Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship packages are available to view, and if members have any contacts that could help in this area, to email enquiries@cases.org.uk.

Z Knowles then showed a slide listing the current vacancies across our Committees and Advisory Groups. She encouraged members who are interested in and keen to contribute to the Association to apply:

- **Biomechanics and Motor Behaviour Division Committee**: CPD Rep, Membership Rep, Undergraduate Student Rep
- **Teaching and Learning Enhancement Division Committee**: Undergraduate Student Rep
- **Conference Scientific Planning Group**: Biomechanics and Motor Behaviour Rep;
- **EDI Advisory Group**: Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student Reps;
- **Heads of Department Advisory Group**: Chair and two new members
- **Outreach Panel**: One Professional member Rep and one Student member Rep
- ***The Sport and Exercise Scientist* Editorial Group**: Biomechanics member; Psychology member; Nutrition member; Social Media member; Student Corner feature member

Z Knowles then opened the floor for any final member questions, for which there were none.

Z Knowles was proud to state that members can see from today's presentation the breadth of great work that has been accomplished this year. The ability to achieve the objectives within the CASES' strategy is reliant on the hard work and support of our members. Z Knowles personally thanked all members who give up their time, energy and expertise to serve on the various Standing Committees and Advisory Groups. She concluded the meeting by thanking members for attending the 2026 AGM and for their continued support of CASES.

Prof Zoe Knowles FCASES
Chair
12 November 2026

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