



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology  
On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005  
At the Hawthorden Lecture Theatre,  
Weston Link, Edinburgh**

**Legitimacy of the meeting. (please see also Appendix)**

At the start of the meeting a question was received from the floor inviting the meeting to consider whether a quorum had been achieved. This provoked a spirited debate. The chair reminded members that a quarter of members consisted of a quorum, which with approx 188 members had not been achieved. The secretary responded to suggestions to take a role of attendance. It was resolved to continue with what would be a meeting of members rather than a properly constituted AGM, accepting that some matters might not be able to be dealt with.

**1. The minutes of the AGM held in November 2004 in Cardiff were agreed.**

**2. Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

- a. Visiting Professor. The meeting was informed that the possibility of establishing a visiting professor post had not been taken forward at this time. It was intended to monitor other societies who were trying similar initiatives. If successful BSPT may revisit the issue.
- b. Web Site. As no offers of assistance had been received, the Exec had authorised Dr Watt to pursue this matter on behalf of the society and to report back in due course.
- c. Claire Dicks-Mireaux (CDM) and other prizes. The chairman informed the meeting that Dr Mini Pakkal had collected her prize money after visiting ESPR in Dublin. Regrettably she does not intend a career in paediatric radiology. The chairman then went on to remind members that there is also support available (£100) for any SpR presenting a paediatric topic (poster or talk) at any meeting where he/she was not able to secure funding from other sources. There is also a £250 available for a poster prize at the annual BSPR autumn meeting should organisers wish to arrange a poster section.

**3. The current BSPR executive.**

The chairman presented a slide detailing names of the current executive, K Johnson (chair), I Kenney (Hon Sec & Treasurer), L Abernethy, V. Cook, S

King, A Watt. The resignation of Dr S Horton had left a place for a consultant with less than full-time commitment to paediatric radiology. Nominations had been received for Drs K Franklin, A MacLennan and K Bradshaw. The secretary shall be arranging a ballot in due course.

#### **4. The Hon Sec/Treasurer's report**

##### **a. Finances**

The secretary presented the societies account showing healthy financial state. He pointed out that while the society now had approximately 188 members, he had received around £2,400 in subscriptions over the past years. He explained that as the previous secretary had also found. It was very difficult to track who had or had not paid since although the majority of fees come in the first week of January, significant numbers dribble in throughout the year. Not all sums are identified by name and some are for amounts other than the current fee of £20. He reminded members that he would be trying to harmonise these payments over the coming years and apologised to members in advance for hassling them.

There followed a discussion around whether members who had not paid were to be considered members with regard to fixing a quorum at the meeting. It was felt that this point could not be resolved on the hoof.

##### **b. Status of retired members.**

The secretary reminded members that currently a retired radiologist never leaves the society but remains a non-fee paying, non-voting member for life. Unless contacted the secretary had no way of knowing when that unfortunate event occurred. Numbers of retired members would therefore grow inexorably. After a short discussion it was agreed that should retired members wish to remain in the society, they would be asked to pay 50% of the normal fee and would then be entitled to vote and share all other rights.

#### **5. RCPCH Conveners Report**

Dr Johnson reported on a successful York meeting where a joint session between RCPCH and BSPR was held featuring Neonatal imaging and reminded members that next years' joint meeting (3/4<sup>th</sup> May, in York), will focus on Rheumatology.

He then went on to discuss a proposal to elect the RCPCH convener from amongst the members of the Executive. He felt this would simplify the business of the society. It became clear that this was not supported by the floor and thus the convener will continue to be elected by the members.

#### **6. Changes to the Constitution.**

Given the concern regarding the legitimacy of the meeting it was agreed to hold the changes to the next AGM.

#### **7. Special Interest Groups (SIG) of the RCR**

The chairman updated the meeting on discussions he had had with outgoing dean of the Royal College on this issue. He presented a detailed slide show of

the 3 SIG group options showing pros and cons. He proposed that BSPR would pursue Category 1 SIG Status which was the most closely allied to the College and places the BSPR as the RCR's official voice on matters of Paediatric Radiology. This was put to the vote and passed without objection. The chairman while inform the college of our preferred status.

**8. NAI Guidelines and Joint Working Party on Child Protection.**

Members were advised of the pending release of Guidelines on Child Protection which should be released in 2006. Implications of double reporting, court attendances, and cost of such practice caused particular concerns for departments with few paediatric radiologists. The chairman floated the possibility of a national panel that might be prepared to provide second opinion and expert evidence. Detailed examination of the final guidance is awaited.

The concern of members regarding the recent letter from Drs Le Fanu and Mackintosh was addressed by Dr Johnson who said that rather than get involved in to-and-fro debate in letter form, he intended simply to acknowledge the letter on behalf of BSPR.

**9. Validated Case Archive (VCA) and Radiology Training Initiative (RITI)**

The meeting had had a presentation from the RCR VCA group as part of the scientific meeting. The chairman was able to inform members that DR Paterson from Belfast had agreed to be the VCA lead, but that as many members as wished to help would be needed as subeditors.

Dr Chapman then reminded members from the floor that authors had been identified for most topics in the RITI and that work is progressing.

**10. Joint BIR/RCR Meeting**

The date for this meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> 2006.

**11. MBUR6**

The next version will be involve a limited review of some of the more contentious areas. The RCR had accepted that with many of the other pieces of work required of the societies, MBUR6 would be allowed a lower priority.

**12. Policy on using the members' database for Non-BSPR mailings.**

The members clearly supported the view of the executive committee that BSPR Circulars be limited to the business of the society.

**13. Retired Members Subscription.**

Agreement of the meeting to a reduced 50% subscription for retired members who chose to remain in the society has been noted under **4a** above.

**14. Date and Venue of the Next AGM of the Society**

Members were reminded that the 2006 BSPR AGM will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at Leeds.

**15. Any Other Business.**

There being no other previously notified matters, the meeting was adjourned, and members asked to encourage all to attend the next AGM.

## Appendix

Secretaries Note;

Those radiologists who attended the meeting and signed the role are as follows:

J Valmai Cook	Andrew Watt	Ruth MacKenzie
Maeve McPhillips	Laurence Abernethy	Rosemary Arthur
Stephanie MacKenzie	Nigel Broderick	Helen Woodley
Ann Jones	Katherine Halliday	William Ramsden
Graham Wilkinson	Kieran McHugh	Dave Sapherson
David Horton	Rachael Harrison	Karen Duncan
Karen Bradshaw	Louise Sweeney	Abdu Shabani
Helen Williams	Gail Thornbury	Ian Kenney
Helen Watson	Katka Franklin	Karl Johnson
Linda Hacking	Stephen Chapman	
Tom Kane	Susan King	

So 31 names.

Head count had suggested 36 attendees at the AGM. (Not all may have been subscribed members)

The constitution states

*The A.G.M. shall take place at one of the scientific meetings, usually the Autumn meeting. A quorum shall be a 1/4 of total membership.*

Checking the accounts indicates that there were 130 payments at the date of the AGM, making a quorum 33 members. I am therefore unable to confirm whether the meeting was quorate or not. Would any *member* present at the meeting whose name is not on the list above please contact the secretary.

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