



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology
held on Friday 10th November 2006
At the Weetwood Hall Conference Centre,
Leeds**

For attendees, Please see Appendix 1

1. **The minutes of the AGM held in November 2005 in Edinburgh were accepted as correct.**

2. **Matters arising from the previous minutes.**
 - a. Claire Dicks-Mireaux (CDM) and other prizes. The winner of last years CDM prize was Dr Ruth Allen. The Chairman, Dr Johnson reminded members that there was not only a prize for the best poster at the annual meeting (£200) but that any trainee who is presenting a paediatric paper at any meeting and has failed to obtain local funding is able (with the support of his/her consultants) to apply for £100 towards costs.
 - b. Web Site. The chairman passed this issue to Dr Watt who apologised for some delays. He informed the meeting that the web site should however be available shortly and would be much more contemporary in look and feel than the current version. Password protected members only pages were planned and there may be a discussion forum as well as all the usual meeting lists and so on.

3. **The Current BSPR executive.**

The chairman presented the current Executive. He noted Dr Bradshaw's election to serve as a consultant with a minority of sessions in paediatric

radiology, while the secretary remarked that Dr Susan King had been elected unopposed to serve a second term.

4. The Hon Sec/Treasurer's report

a. Finances

The secretary presented the societies accounts and noted with some satisfaction that £3,320 had been received in subscriptions from approx 210 members. Last year we had obtained £2,400 from 188 members. This increase in both the number of members and the drop in those not paying subs had allowed the running profit to increase slightly despite the fact that expenses – primarily travel for exec members to meetings – had increased significantly. The secretary expected this trend in increasing expenses to continue. Current position then is a current account balance of £8½K with a reserve account balance of £12K. There would be no need for increase the subscription rate for the foreseeable future.

b. Membership

As noted in 4a above, the membership has increased from around 188 this time last year to around 210 as of mid October. The secretary thanked members for their forbearance as he chased missing subs and attempted to synchronise payments on the first working day on January each year. The effect of this 'payment drive' would not become clear until after Jan 2007 bank statements are available. After that time your secretary will delete members who despite two years of chasing and warnings, do not appear to have paid their subscriptions. Finally, a list of names of new members of the society was shown.

5. RCPCH Conveners Report

Dr Johnson reminded members of last year's successful session at the RCPCH joint meeting in York on Rheumatology. This year we will have a joint meeting with the Bone and Metabolic group which should be equally good. Prof Judith Adams and Dr Offiah (GOS) are invited speakers. He also noted that the abstracts from this meeting are published in the Archives of Disease in Childhood and so are good for SpRs looking to build CVs. The closing date for submissions in early September.

6. Relationship to BSPR to RCPCH

Dr Johnson reported that the RCPCH had requested a formal relationship with BSPR. This would be somewhat similar to the SIG status that the BSPR

enjoys with the RCR but would be less demanding on BSPR. It would be reversible and non-financial. The meeting voted, without any opposition, that this should be pursued.

7. **Changes to the Constitution.**

The meeting was reminded of the background to this item, that the constitution could not be passed in 2005 as last years AGM was not fully quorate. After a few questions from the floor, a copy of the previous and amended constitution were passed out for inspection, and the vote delayed until the end of the meeting.

8. **NAI Guidelines and UTI Guidelines.**

The chairman updated the meeting on the current state of these guidelines. The Royal College of Radiologists is yet to ratify the NAI guidelines. It is hoped these will be available in the spring. The chairman then referred to the recent consultation document by the Medical Officer for Health suggesting that NHS teams could be a model for provision of expertise in child abuse and other legal requirements for medical experts.

NICE has released draft guidelines on diagnosis and treatment of UTI. This was generally welcomed by the meeting although there was some concern raised about the guidance for antibiotic prophylaxis prior to MCUs.

The chairman requested comments on both these issues to be returned to him.

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

The chairman asked Dr Arthur if she would like to address this subject which she did. The meeting heard how the Electronic Learning Initiative had gone well. The problem had been with the case archive project which had not achieved enough submitted and validated material.

With the chairman's permission Dr Arthur then moved on to discuss changes to the RCR Fellowship exam format. She told the meeting that the reduction in emphasis on anatomy and physics teaching had not been successful, and that plans were being made to re-introduce an applied physics module and probably something similar in anatomy.

10. **Joint BIR/RCR Meeting**

The Chairman reported that this meeting had sold out and been very successful with good feedback. We are looking to repeat the format. At this point Dr Johnson also dealt with Agenda item 14 by showing members a list of forthcoming meetings.

11. **MBUR6**

The next version is now nearly complete. The chairman thanked all those involved in what had proved a very time consuming task.

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

This item had been placed on the agenda once again despite the resolution at last years AGM that only official BSPR business would be circulated via the membership database, because of continuing requests by some members to circulate items. A detailed discussion took place which is summarised as follows:

- a. Members wished the web site to perform this function in the near future.
- b. The Executive were charged with filtering requests
- c. Circulation of non-BSPR mailing would only take place by email
- d. Only 'official' mailings would be welcome, not departmental/individual projects
- e. Job opportunities or requests would not be welcomed

13. **Clinical Excellence Awards**

The Chairman told the meeting that the BSPR is able to promote colleagues for national awards. This function is provided for England and Wales, and for the first time this year the Northern Irish Health Board has requested BSPR involvement. Dr McPhillips asked that BSPR be involved in the Scottish system to which the Chairman readily agreed. Dr McPhillips will arrange the necessary contact to enable this to occur. The closing date for application is the same as the RCR – 13th November.

14. **Any Other Business.**

- a. Constitution: After a short discussion it was clear that members wished this to be put to a vote. The vote was carried overwhelmingly. The revised constitution is therefore adopted.
- b. Collaborative Research: Dr Roberts raised the shortfall of SIFTR research (Coulter money) money and wondered whether BSPR should take an interest in funding collaborative research. This did not however engender any great enthusiasm from members present.

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

Members were reminded that the 2007 BSPR AGM will be held on Friday the 9th November at Leigh Court, Bristol, North Somerset.

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Appendix 1

Attendees:

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

Lesley MacPherson	Andrew Ricketts	Kath Halliday
John Somers	Leeanne Elliott	Ashok Raghavan
Julie Cooper	Eva Fulajtakel	William Ramsden
Maeve McPhillips	David Horton	Maria Sellars
Jeanette Kraft	Ima Moorthy	Helen Williams
Rachael Harrison	Maurice McMahon	Jim Hamill
Stehanie Mackenzie	Susan King	Graham Wilkinson
Helen Woodley	Katka Franklin	H Kaur
A Maniyar	F Dickinson	Brennan Wilson
Ian Kenney	Karl Johnson	Andrew Watt
Val Cook	Karen Bradshaw	Laurence Abernethy
Simon Elliott	Rosemary Arthur	Jill Minford
P Broadley	K Bradshaw	Helen Alton
Jane Ferguson	Katharine Foster	Neville Wright
Iwan Roberts	David Sapherson	

This list is taken from the multiple attendance sheets. It is clear that either many members did not sign the sheets, or that some sheets were not returned. Head counts indicated that at the start of the meeting 52 members were present and as many as 60 later. Your chairman and secretary are confident that the meeting was quorate.

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