



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology, held at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, on the 3rd November 2005

Present; Drs Abernethy, Cooke, Johnson, Kenney, King, Watt

Correct at next Exec, Item -12 Prizes £250 poster, £100 Paed paper/poster

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Welcome to new members

Dr Cook was welcomed to the committee. Dr Horton had resigned her post on the Executive since the last meeting

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the April 2005 meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

It was felt that the agenda would deal with all relevant matters.

5. Vacancy of the Executive Committee (re Horton).

There had been three nominations for the vacant post of Executive member with minority interest in Paediatric Radiology, Drs K. Franklin, A. MacLennan and K. Bradshaw. The Secretary will organise an election in due course.

6. **NAI Guidelines.**

This issue was taken together with **Item 7; Joint working Group on Child Protection.** Drs King and Johnson had had a number of meetings with representatives of RCR and RCPCH over the summer on this issue. A draft document nears completion which will lay out the roles and responsibilities of those dealing with NAI and child protection. It is also understood to contain advice that performance and reporting of skeletal surveys is a time consuming and specialist task not to be performed outside normal working hours.

The discussion then widened to consider a letter by Drs Le Fanu and MacKintosh. Dr Husband had responded on behalf of the RCR. It was agreed that to avoid a further unhelpful and unproductive exchange of letters, the chairman would simply acknowledge the letter on behalf of BSPR.

If time allowed it was agreed that this matter would be raised at the AGM of 4th November.

7. **RCPCH Conveners Report**

The Chairman (currently also RCPCH convener) reported that the April RCPCH Meeting in York hosted a joint meeting focussing on Neonatal imaging and reminded the committee that next years' joint meeting (3/4th May, in York), will focus on Rheumatology.

The future of the Convener's role was discussed. Currently this is elected from the membership. It was felt that it might be administratively easier if the Convener was elected by members of the Exec from amongst their number. It was agreed that this issue would be put to the AGM.

8. **Web Site.**

Despite two appeals to the membership for assistance to revamp the web site, there had been no response. A discussion ensued regarding the future utilisation of the site, which could potentially be of great use in running the business of the society. It was agreed that Dr Watt should now pursue this issue within the budget of £3,000 agreed at Aprils' Exec Meeting.

9. **BIR Paediatric Radiology Meeting**

The chairman updated the committee on this meeting which will now be a

joint RCR/BIR meeting to be held on 2/3rd April. It is intended to be both an update meeting for generalists, as well as catering for those specialising in Paediatric Radiology.

10. MBUR6 Panel

Some work remains to be returned to the Chairman by those on the DELPHI approval panel. Publication is expected sometime in 2006, but it is accepted that with many other issues, the priority of MBUR6 is rather lower.

Publication may therefore be delayed.

11. RCR Training Initiative & VCA

Work on a number of 20 minute modules is on-going. The RCR is also looking for a Paediatric Radiologist to lead a validation exercise ('Validating the Case Archive' – VCA) of images submitted for inclusion in a teaching case archive. Dr A Patterson (Belfast) has agreed to lead this. Quite a number of subeditors will be required to assist, and several names have been put forward. It is expected that the presentation at the autumn academic meeting of 4th November by the VCA Team will explain the whole idea to the audience and may prompt further volunteers. This will be mentioned again in the next newsletter.

12. Claire Dicks-Mireaux and other prizes.

The secretary informed the meeting that last years winner of the Claire Dicks-Mireaux prize Dr M Pakkal, had collected her prize after visiting ESPR. It was agreed that since all other members of the committee had SpRs doing presentations at the meeting, the Secretary and Dr King would act as judges. It was agreed to remind the membership of the £100 poster prize available for the autumn meeting, and the £250 SpR presentation/poster award for presenting paediatric content at a major meeting.

13. Policy for using BSPR details for 'Non-BSPR' mailings.

It was felt that the membership would not wish to have their details used to receive unsolicited mailings. This is an AGM item.

14. Articles of the Society.

The difficulty for incoming officers of identifying how the society operates was discussed and the Secretaries suggestion of a collection of guidelines , the ‘Articles of the Society’ was supported. The secretary would gradually construct these.

15. Special Interest Group Status (SIG).

The chairman showed a short presentation outlining the RCR’s three suggested degrees of association with SIGs. He recommended level 1 status, which is the closest and carries most benefits and responsibilities. It was pointed out that this would ensure that the BSPR are the formally body responsible for advice to the college on issues of paediatric radiology. This would be put to the AGM.

16. Retired Members.

The difficulty of rising numbers of retired non-paying members and associated issues of communication were discussed. It was agreed that if retired members wished to continue with membership of the society, a fee amounting to half of the full fee would be payable. Currently therefore retired members would be asked to pay £10 per annum. Payment of the reduced membership fee would carry full voting rights.

17. Associate Members.

Following on from item 16 above, the secretary reminded the committee of a previous resolution that members of the Association of Paediatric Radiographers would be associate members of the BSPR. The communication with associate members of which no list of individual details is kept was discussed. It was acknowledged that while the BSPR continues to welcome radiographers/ultrasonographers to its academic meetings, it would be inappropriate to take on the responsibility of trying to communicate with all members of another society. It was agreed that normal BSPR communications should therefore be copied to the secretary of the Association of Paediatric Sonographers. He/she would in turn would be responsible for communicating with their members where considered appropriate.

18. UTI Guidelines.

Dr Cook raised issues regarding an article in RCPCH journal regarding UTIs and the absence of radiological input. It was acknowledged this was a controversial area and even among radiologist there was a variety of opinions. The exec understood that Dr Pilling and Dr Sprigg were involved at a national level on the devising of UTI guidelines. Until NICE guidelines became available no further action would to be taken because of the wide variety of opinion on this issue.

19. Radiography in those of Childbearing Age.

Dr Abernethy had taken note of policy sent to him by members of the Executive together with published literature and had distilled a paper for discussion which he shared with the committee. The committee supported the thrust of Dr Abernethy's recommendation, but some members were uncomfortable with abandoning their current department policies. It was agreed that the secretary would include the paper with the next newsletter for the consideration by members. The Chairman would send a copy to the college for their consideration.

20. Any other business

- a. **UK Fetal & Maternal Child Health Coordinating Group** is looking for a paediatric radiology representative. Dr Watt agreed to take on this role.

21. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed