



Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology, held at the Royal College of Radiologists, London, on the 11th April 2005

Present; Drs Abernethy, Horton, Johnson, Kenney, King, Luck, Watt

1. Apologies for absence.

Dr Kieran McHugh

2. Welcome to new members

Dr's Kenney (Hon Sec), Horton, and Luck were welcomed. The considerable contributions of Dr's Luck, Duncan, and particularly Sweeney were acknowledged.

3. Election of Chairman

Dr Johnson was proposed by Dr King and seconded by Dr Luck. There being no other nomination, Dr Johnson was duly elected.

The role of RCPCCH convener was discussed and it was decided that Dr Johnson should continue for the next year. A new convener would be elected at the November 2005 Exec meeting to take up post in April 2006.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

There were no amendments.

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

a. Integrated Training.

Dr Chapman is attending a meeting on 8/4/05. Nothing to report meantime.

b. Future BSPR Meetings

Edinburgh – November 4th 2005

Leicester – November 2006

Weston - November 2007

Leeds - November 2008

c. CHI Self-assessment Tool

Dr McHugh continues to represent Paediatric Radiology on this initiative and will report back as needed.

d. RCR Standards – Nothing further to report

e. Use of BSPR Funds

Balance is around £10K.

It was agreed that £2K could be used to provide an advance to the organisers of the autumn meeting.

Up to 3K could be used to revamp the website (see item 10 below)

It was also agreed that a sponsorship scheme for SpR's should be started. Any trainee having a paediatric radiology poster or verbal presentation accepted could be sponsored up to a maximum of £100 per presentation/poster and up to a total budget of £1K. The SpR's sponsoring consultant should apply to the Hon Sec stating that other sources of funding had been attempted and proved inadequate, and providing an outline of the work. Approval would be given, subject to submission of receipts with a short report of the presentation. In cases of uncertain merit or potential overrun. The Hon Sec and Chairman would confer. A report on this activity would be presented annually with the accounts.

The previous decision to confer a poster prize of £250 to be spent attending a Paediatric Meeting was agreed, starting in November 2005.

- f. **NICE Group.** Alan Sprigg continues to represent Paediatric Radiology. Nothing further was reported.

6. Special Interest Group Status

Dr McHugh had previously circulated proposals from Dr Dubbins on behalf of RCR. These are quite detailed. After discussion it was felt that the meeting could not take this forward without further discussions. The Chairman agreed to contact Dr Dubbins for further discussions. The Exec could then be involved and views sought with a view to presenting a proposal to the membership at the AGM.

7. Visiting Professor in Paediatric Radiology.

It was decided not to take this any further at present.

8. Joint Working Group on Child Protection (RCPCH and RCR)

A meeting is due to take place on 28/4/05 at the instigation of the RCPCH. The RCR is to be represented by Drs Johnson and King, and Prof Carty. They will explore the agenda and terms of reference. The intention being to consider radiological and clinical diagnosis of child abuse and neglect.

9. RCPCH Conveners Report

The April RCPCH Meeting in York will host a joint meeting focussing on Neonatal imaging. The Chairman (as RCPCH) convener has proposed that next years joint meeting (also, April, in York), will focus on Rheumatology. After that, it is expected that a new convener will be in post. No other matters were reported.

10. Web Site.

The future of the web site was discussed. It was agreed that the site could do with a revamp. Andrew Watt and the secretary were charged with approaching the membership to see if there was interest to form a web steering group which Dr Watt might chair. This group could deploy a budget of up to £3K on the web site, and it was hoped that the group might be able to report back at the next AGM on how it sees the web site going forward. This will be included on

a bulletin to go out to the membership shortly.

11. **BIR Paediatric Radiology Meeting**

The chairman updated the committee on this issue. The BIR are planning a series of meetings based around the topics covered in 'Imaging' which recently included a paediatric issue. Dr Arthur meanwhile had been tasked to organise a clinically based paediatric meeting on behalf of the RCR. Dr's Arthur and Johnson had therefore decided to combine both meetings, pending agreement of BIR and RCR, into a 2-day meeting of 6 sessions. Members were invited to suggest topic and lecture titles. This meeting should be opportune since there will be no meeting of the ESPR in 2006, it being an SPR year.

12. **MBUR6 Panel**

The chairman will circulate guidelines for MBUR6 to a panel of 14-15 people which includes several of the exec Committee, to complete an Adelphi process assessment.

13. **Any other business**

- a. The Committee were informed that **Dr Val Cook will replace Dr Luck** on the Exec
- b. The **starting date of officers' terms** was discussed, it being clear there was some confusion. It was agreed that members' terms should run from the next exec meeting subsequent to their appointment. The Secretary asked if members of the Exec could review the sheet of details circulated and send back any amendments to the secretary together with their start dates. It was agreed that this start date policy should be reflected in the constitution and be put to the membership.
- c. **X-rays in girls of childbearing age.** Dr Abernethy discussed this issue, commenting that he had been asked what BSPR Policy was. It was clear from the discussion that variation in practice exists. It was agreed that members should send copies of their policies to Dr Abernethy who undertook to collate them and report back his thoughts to the next Exec meeting.

d. **Benchmarking radiologists' workload.**

The chairman expanded on an email from Dr Dawson of the RCR asking for some thoughts on radiologists' workload. The Exec was concerned that this would be very difficult to do in our subspecialty. Dr Johnson undertook to respond to Dr Dawson's email avoiding any specific figures.

e. **Potential Changes to the constitution.**

- i. Item 12 The Secretary pointed out that with close to 180 members the quorum for the AGM is 45. As no other method of voting and changing the constitution is accepted, if attendance at the AGM (not the scientific meeting) were to disappoint, running of the society could be jeopardised.
- ii. Item 17 refers to the election of the executive by postal ballot, thereby excluding any email or web-based voting system.

In both cases it was agreed that the secretary consider an alternative form of words for consideration by the Exec, prior to putting to the membership.

f. **Wilms' Tumour Guidelines.**

These were tabled by the secretary for approval by the Exec. Assuming no concerns were expressed, they would be added to the web site.

g. **Associate membership**

Raised by the Secretary. There was some confusion about definition as there is nothing in the constitution. Dr Kenney undertook to explore this further.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Evening of November 3rd, Edinburgh, exact venue to be decided, and to be followed the next day by the AGM and Scientific Meeting