



**Minutes of a meeting of the BSPR Executive Committee held in the
Members' Room of the Royal College of Radiologists at
2:30pm on the 24th of April 2006**

Present; Dr Johnson (chairman), Dr Kenney (Sec & Hon Treasurer), Drs, Abernethy, Watt, King, and Cook

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr Karen Bradshaw

2. Welcome to New Members

Dr Bradshaw's welcome will be delayed until the next meeting

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted as correct.

4. Matter arising and not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda

- a. NICE and UTI. NICE is due to be looking at this issue and BSPR have input via Drs Grier, Sprigg and Pilling.
- b. Radiography in those of childbearing age. The chairman had written to the warden (Dr G Markham) enclosing the paper tabled previously by Dr Abernethy and awaits a response from the college. The Exec has pointed out that this paper is not BSPR policy but believes the RCR should take a position on the issue on which the BSPR would be happy to be consulted. Dr Abernethy informed the committee that he had received a great deal of correspondence expressing opinions from both ends of the spectrum.
- c. Role of RCPCH Convener. Dr Johnson remains of the opinion that this post should be elected from amongst those on the executive committee. However, given the view of the membership as expressed at the AGM it was felt unlikely that any change in the current mechanism whereby the Convener is directly elected by the membership could take place in the immediate future.

- d. Constitution. This matter remains unresolved pending a quorate AGM. It was agreed that the proposed constitution be mailed round again prior to the next AGM and that a straight vote for acceptance or rejection be invited at the AGM without detailed discussion as it was felt this had been done-to-death and there had been many opportunities for comment – no adverse comment being received. The secretary undertook to email the constitution to the Exec once again for a review.
- e. NAI. The guideline document on NAI is currently with the RCPCH and RCR with intention to go to press in October 2006.
- f. FMCH Dr Watt continues to serve but finds nothing of relevance to report on this occasion.
- g. Relationship of BSPR and NICE. The chairman has registered with NICE as an interested party in NAI deliberations. It appears NICE is not great at consultation and members should keep an eye on its website and alert fellow members to any areas of BSPR interest.

5. **SIG Status.**

BSPR is now a Category 1 SIG with all the relevant privileges and responsibilities.

6. **RCPCH Conveners Report.**

- a. The joint meeting between BSPR and Rheumatology group of the RCPCH on 4th April proved popular. Dr Johnson was considering a joint meeting with the Child Protection Group which would tie in nicely with the forthcoming guidance. He had also received an approach from the Metabolic Bone Group, which he would hold in reserve.
- b. On a separate matter, the chairman tabled a Contract Document for RCPCH special interest groups which BSPR had been invited to sign. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the issue needed some thought. Exec members to consider the document and respond to the Chairman. If the consensus was that it should be signed, the Exec felt that the membership should be asked to approve this action at the next AGM.

7. **Web Site**

Dr Watt had drafted a description of what was planned and hoped to have a draft site available for review by June. Considerable discussion was had concerning pros and cons of a protected members section. It was agreed that the entire site would be available only to members at first, with open sections likely in future.

8. **BIR/RCR Paediatric Radiology Meeting.**

The Chairman reported a very successful and well attended meeting and thanked those members who had spoken. Dr King had been approached by the BIR to run a similar meeting next Feb on Neonatal radiology.

9. **MBUR6**

As requested, the chairman had submitted 7 responses to the appropriate panel for review.

10. **NPSA**

The Secretary tabled one of a number of documents received recently from NPSA on which BSPR had been invited to comment so that members of the Exec were aware of the kind of advice being requested. Anything having any significant relevance to Paediatric Radiology would be fully disseminated to the Exec for comment.

11. **Treasurer's Update.**

The Secretary (& Treasurer) gave the committee an update on the finances advising of healthy balances in both the current account and the reserve account. He also updated the committee on what steps he had taken to correct the many payment errors and omissions. He hoped that next January's statement will show that most members are paying the appropriate fees in that month.

12. **UKRC 2007**

The chairman thanked the Exec for their responses to his request for ideas for a program for UKRC 2007. He pointed out that UKRC will pay speakers' registration fee, but not accommodation or travel. A discussion ensued regarding appropriateness or not of BSPR subsidising speakers for UKRC's meetings. It was agreed that BSPR would pay UKRC speakers' travel at a level equivalent to standard rail fare, but not accommodation. BSPR would expect the applicant to have attempted to get funding from the local trust initially.

13. **Clinical Excellence Awards**

The chairman reported that the marking of CVs by the committee had been remarkably consistent. Never-the-less he felt that a rather more objective system would stand scrutiny better. He described an appropriate system and would circulate this to members. There followed a discussion regarding the objectivity of the process. It was decided that the chairman should ask for volunteers who are not submitting in the current year from the membership to assist with scoring at the next AGM. Any volunteers would serve for the single year with volunteers asked for each year.

14. **Any other Business**

- a. Experts in NAI. The declining number of colleagues prepared to undertake Expert Witness in NAI work was discussed. It was felt that while it would be desirable to have some kind of mentoring scheme this would be difficult to operate. It was suggested that in the next newsletter, those interested might contact the secretary such that a list might be compiled.

15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

It was agreed that the next Exec meeting would be held in Leeds on the afternoon of

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Thursday the 9th November 2006 at 3PM. BSPR would pay hotel expenses but travel should be claimable from local study leave.