



Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology, held on Monday 23rd of April at the Royal College of Radiologists

Present: Drs. Johnson, Kenney, Abernethy, Bradshaw, Cook, King, and Watt

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Exec Meeting of November 2006 were accepted as correct

3. Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

The executive discussed the current position regarding the Guidance on Children of Childbearing age. The final version approved by the RCR had not been seen. The chairman undertook to contact the college for a copy of the updated guidance.

4. Elections to the Executive Committee

There had been no response to requests for candidates for the vacancies announced in the last newsletter. It was agreed that the secretary would announce 3 vacancies in a newsletter over the summer. These would be for Honorary Secretary & Treasurer, RCPCH Convener, and an ordinary Executive member. The Secretary announced he wished to stand for re-election. Dr Abernethy announced his intention to stand for Convener. All 3 posts would take up their duties at the April Exec and run to the November 2010 AGM inclusive. It was felt that for continuity, successful applicants would be invited to attend the November Exec in Bristol as observers. If they were able to do so then it would be possible to have the election for chairman at that meeting.

A lengthy discussion regarding desirability of separating the roles of convener and chairman and the flexibility of having both roles elected by the executive ensued. The Exec agreed that it wished to be able to appoint the convener. The Chairman

agreed to put this to the membership once again at the AGM. This would require announcement previously as it would require a constitutional change.

5. **NICE and NAI**

The chairman reported on the NICE meeting on NAI in London earlier in the year. There would be little of relevance to paediatric imaging in this project which ended up focusing on the initial recognition of children who might have been abused rather than their subsequent investigation.

The NICE guidelines on UTI s were then discussed. The Society was able to send 2 representatives. It was decided that Drs Watt and Cook would go on our behalf.

6. **Joint Working group on Child Protection**

This document is now completed and is with the 2 colleges. The Chairman suggested there was some continued argument over minor detail. We await publication in due course.

7. **Conveners Report**

Dr Johnson reported on a successful York meeting where the joint meeting with Radiology and Bone Dysplasia had boosted the number of abstracts submitted considerably. The two guest radiology lectures were well attended and well received. Dr Johnson had approached the Child Protection Group suggesting a joint meeting for 2008 and had received a warm response. The Child Protection Group will discuss at their next executive meeting and respond.

It was also noted that BSPR was now formally a special interest group of the RCPCH and could thus host a meeting at York if we so wished.

8. **Secretaries Report**

The secretary tabled a one page report (attached) showing membership and payment of subs together with names of those not paying their dues. It was noted with satisfaction that our membership was now 179 and our annual subscription income expected to be £3,500. The annual meeting had contributed £607 in profits.

Balance of accounts remain very healthy (£12K Reserve A/C and £9K current A/C) despite increasing travel costs for committee members and paying more for prizes.

The committee chairman then proposed to increase the secretary's honorarium to cover expenses to £200 per annum. The secretary expressed appreciation.

9. **Association with RCPCH**

This had been dealt with under item 7

10. Web site update.

Dr Watt brought the committee up-to-date with developments, reminding them that things had stalled pending supply of images. Design had been agreed. Half of the costs had been paid. After a short discussion Drs Watt and Cook agreed to deal with the image issue in short order such that we may get this back on track.

11. MBUR6

The chairman stated that the Paediatric component was completed. There was nothing further to report.

12. RCR Training initiative and Case Archive

The case archive had been on hold as quality of cases was considered low. There was some suggestion that it may in the future be used in an accreditation process.

RITI was somewhat more successful but no further modules were being commissioned.

The chairman informed the committee that he had been asked to review the Paediatric Radiology Syllabus and reformat the document according to a template supplied to him. He intended to circulate his draft for comment although time was very short.

13. Articles of the Society

The secretary reminded the Exec that he had promised to produce a working manual of how the society runs and apologised for taking so long. He explained that this was very much intended as a flexible guide and invited members to amend the document and to email suggestions or additional paragraphs to him for inclusion. All suggestions welcomed.

14. ACCEAs

The chairman described the ultimate result of the process which had resulted in 3 names going forward, 1 for Silver and 2 for Bronze. Results would not be known for some time. It was agreed that the process used last year was an improvement and would be followed again for the coming round. The time scale was discussed and it was agreed that we would need to have submissions rather earlier than last year. The date of 1st November was agreed. The Secretary would announce this in the newsletter.

15. Circulation of non-BSPR material

After a short discussion it was reaffirmed that the existing policy should stand.

16. PET/CT

The Exec is happy for DR Tom Kane to be our representative on the national PET/CT committee and to liaise with Dr Watt who is on Childhood Cancer & Leukaemia Group.

17. BSPR Annual Meetings

The venue for the 2008 BSPR Autumn meeting was confirmed as Birmingham. It was agreed that offers would be sought for November 2009 via the newsletter, although Dr Watt volunteered Glasgow should no other suggestions be forthcoming.

18. MCQ's

The Exec considered the documents sent by Dr Duncan. The secretary was asked to contact Dr Duncan for more information on the procedure. Meantime the committee members would undertake to submit 4 questions each by the end of June to the secretary who would collate and send round for comment.

19. Any Other Business

Arrangements for the 2007 AGM were discussed. It was suggested that the best time for the AGM might be 11:30 to 12:30. The Exec was to be 3 till 5PM on the

evening before. Dr King would look into a hotel which might be able to offer a small meeting room to host the exec meeting.

20. **Date and Time of next Meeting**

Autumn BSPR Exec: Thursday 8th November at 3PM, Bristol.

Annual Scientific meeting and BSPR AGM Friday 9th November



Secretary/Treasurer's Report to the April 23rd 2007 Exec Meeting

179 members. (including 6 retired, 1 associate)

150 paid, expect further 16 to pay later in the year. So, only 11 members renegeing on their subscriptions, as below – I have chased

First Name	Last Name	Hospital	Title	Grade	Paid 2005	Paid 2006	
Rosemary	Arthur	Leeds General Infirmary	Dr.	Cons	12	0	
Catherine	Broome	Royal Bolton Hospital	Dr.	Cons	9	0	
Jill	Carlin	Wythenshawe Hospital	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Leslie	MacDonald	St Thomas's Hospital	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Linda	Turner	Princess Royal University Hosp, Farnborough	Dr.	Cons	11	0	
Elspeth	Whitby	Sheffield	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Graham	Wilkinson	The Royal Hospital for Sick Children	Dr.	Cons	1	0	
Helen	Woodley	St James' University Hospital	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Jenny	Mackinstry		Mrs		0	0	Associate
Caren	Landes	Alder Hey Children's Hospital	Dr.	SpR	0	0	
Bozena	Starzyk	Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Maria	Sellars	Kings College Hospital, London	Dr.	Cons	0	0	
Sukumara	Sanjay	Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	Dr.	SpR	0	0	New
Vivian	Tang	Royal Manchester Children's Hospital	Dr.	SpR	0	0	New

For comparison;

2004: £2,500 (approx) from uncertain membership

2005: £2,400 from 188 members

2006: £3,320 from 185 members

In 2007 to date, I estimate £3350 from 179 members, and expect the final figure for the year to be around £3,500. We are now in a position to think of this as our annual

revenue excluding unpredictable items such as money contributed by annual meetings etc.

The Leeds annual meeting contributed £607.