

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
NEUROANAESTHESIA SOCIETY OF GB AND IRELAND
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 8AM, LIVERPOOL**

Present – Mike Nathanson (President), Nigel Huggins, Ian Tweedie, Praveen Manthri, Samantha Shinde, Plat Razis, John Andrzejowski, Margery MacNab, Chris Kearns

1) Apologies for absence - None

2) Declarations of interest – Nil

3) Minutes of the previous meeting 27th Feb 09 – Agreed

4) Matters arising

a) ELECTIONS - NH congratulated SS and PM on being re-elected to Council (for a second 3 year term) and welcomed CK to Council for a three year (renewable by election) term of office.

b) Reported on behalf of BM that representation had been made to the RCoA and AAGBI regarding matters relating to Neuroanaesthesia. BM had written to express surprise and concern that in matters relating to Neuroanaesthesia the NASGBI had not been formally consulted. Both organisations confirmed in writing that would be appropriate to consult with the NAS and undertook to do so in future.

c) ASM MEETINGS AFTER 2010 – NH reported that suitable declarations of interest had been received from Newcastle (2011), Belfast (2012) and Cardiff (2013) and that the information would be passed to PR who would act as co-ordinator for organisation with the local unit representatives. NH to email the meeting template to PR. Council felt some apprehension concerning the method by which the RCoA allocated CME points to meetings, by asking a representative of the meeting speciality on College Council to suggest its worth; see b) above.

d) JNC UPDATE - MN to write to JNC to inform them of his Presidency of NAS.

e) REGIONAL STUDY DAY – SW region are planning a day aimed at primary care bodies including non medics and it will focus on Head Injury. Wim Blanke (Neuro Bristol) is undertaking the organisation for September 2009. The NAS will support the initiative and consider further similar days in other regions if successful as measured by uptake and feedback.

f) TRADE SPONSORSHIP – PR reported that he had successfully signed up three website trade sponsors (GSK Integra and Prospect) whom he hoped would renew their annual commitment. The companies have had maximum exposure at the ASM and PR is to seek feedback. He will continue to seek further interest. Enquiries had been made from the industry about running (parallel) workshops within the timeframe of the ASM. Council felt that this would need time to discuss and so adjourned any decision to the next meeting. PR will lead the feasibility study.

g) E LEARNING UPDATE – MMcN reported that she hoped to attend the Coventry meeting of authors of the Neurosciences Open University degree course leading to an MSc in Neurosciences. Only then could she fully report in depth of the likely commitment required. The RCoA e-learning project is still currently only based on the Primary syllabus. Several members of Council have volunteered the NAS to contribute to the speciality section for the Part two syllabus.

h) LINKMAN UPDATE – SS & NH reported that the recent elections highlighted the essential role of Linkmen and that they should be asked to confirm members email addresses, formally, every six months. The database is as robust now as it has ever been and JA will receive new lists as alterations occur for the purposes of audit distribution. SS will define roles of Linkmen and email the Linkmen to invite comment.

i) MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE – NH reported that the NAS has 200 members listed as undertaking Neuroanaesthesia in their job plans. A further 45 current paying members have somehow joined even though they don't "undertake a significant amount of Neuroanaesthesia / NCC within their job plan". Council agreed that we must assume that at their time of application, they fulfilled the requirements and perhaps now only covered Neuro whilst on call (agreed not ideal). Their membership should remain in place. The database of members is becoming more robust but it has taken an immense amount of time by both NH and JA to get it to this level of refinement. The project will always be ongoing.

j) RCoA CURRICULUM UPDATE – SS is re-writing the core curriculum for Neuroanaesthesia to reflect competency based training. The essential improvement is the removal of didactic case numbers. SS circulate to Council when done for refinement / comment. Council believed strongly that higher training for Consultant posts in Neuroanaesthesia should be the province of the NAS.

k) ACCEA – Martin Smith will remain as ACCEA co-ordinator for the NAS as a nominating body. He will attend Council meetings by invitation to report.

l) JNA SUBS – Martin Smith communicated that 100 subscriptions or more were required for members to obtain the discount offered of 50% pa. Less than this from 2010 onwards offered a 40% reduction. PM to place a link to the subscription department of the JNA on the website.

5) Secretary's items. NH had nothing further to report following the AGM and membership numbers and Membership / Linkmen database updates.

6) Treasurer's report. MN reported that he would be meeting with IT to hand over logistics of the NAS accounts and budget. He reported that the latter was essentially on target and reminded Council of the fact that interest from the accounts would be trivial for the foreseeable future. The ASM account would receive monies from Trade link sponsorship and profits from ASM's. Additional funds would come from the general NAS accounts as required (within the jurisdiction of foundation status).

7) Nottingham 2010 ASM update. MN reported that the venue was booked and a draft programme decided which would be ready for ratification at the next Council meeting. It is to be held at the Albert Hall, Nottingham and there are many hotels of various grades nearby.

8) Any other business – Nil

9) Date of next meeting – 10.30 AM Friday September 18th at AAGBI

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