

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
NEUROANAESTHESIA SOCIETY OF GB & IRELAND
Friday 14th May 2010
8AM Albert Hall, Nottingham**

Present : Mike Nathanson (Chair) Nigel Huggins, Ian Tweedie, Chris Kearns, Basil Matta
Plat Razis, Margery MacNab, Samantha Shinde

1) Apologies : John Andrzejowski, Praveen Manthri

2) Declarations of interest : None

3) Minutes of Council Meeting 5th March 2010 were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings

4.1) Spec Soc services with AAGBI – NH reported that the SLA with AAGBI was proving very satisfactory and that consequent upon increased staffing levels, our requests were being actioned very quickly. There has been an improvement in our database accuracy and thanks to SS, the Linkman database was as complete as possible. Linkmen will be emailed once a year (at strategically important times) to confirm members contact details.

4.2) Industry sponsorship – PR gave a summary of current sponsorship. Two companies are currently have sponsorship links from our site. We have a net loss of one sponsor. He is regularly approaching new companies but understandably, financial resources are difficult for companies to identify at this time. Hot Dog (one sponsor) wish to hole a seminar in Newcastle in 2011.

4.3) Newcastle 2011 – PR updated progress on next years ASM. The deposit has been paid for the conference hall and again, delegates will be advised of hotels in the vicinity. The local hosts will liaise with an appropriate one for incentives for delegates and this will be the preferred accommodation. The local hosts have been asked to submit a complete programme for approval for the Council meeting on Sept 10th and Council will set registration fees. The late booking fee will be abolished. NH reminded Council that local hotel costs should be borne in mind when setting registration fees. He also suggested that Council should take control of the Thursday AM intermediate matrix update session. It was agreed that local expertise should be encouraged to present at this session.

4.4) Paediatric Neurosurgery review – MN summarised that all interested parties wanted high standards but a deliverable service. James Steers (a retired Neurosurgeon from Edinburgh) is to visit all current centres performing paediatric neurosurgery (in England) to verify data already provided on service provision at each centre. MN suggested that it was important for neuroanaesthesia to be involved in this process but this had not been factored into visits thusfar.

4.5) Linkmen – SS has notified all Linkmen of the new agreed T's & C's of appointment, along the lines of the AAGBI. All Linkmen have agreed to sign up and resignations consequent upon the new terms have been replaced in post. The 3 year term starts at this years AGM and a second term is renewable. Thereafter a new Linkman should be elected from the department – except under exceptional circumstances.

4.6) RCoA matrix – Deferred until September meeting as detailed discussion is required to formulate a robust plan for fulfilling our educational desires. NH reiterated the desirability of Council to retain control of the Thursday AM ASM session. PR could liaise with local hosts regarding their expertise within due topics of the intermediate matrix.

4.7) NIAA – IT confirmed that NAS could put aside £10,000 for the purposes of this facility. JA to be asked to draw up guidelines for the NAS support of projects.

5) President's report - There was nothing further for the President to report.

6) Secretary's report – NH repeated that full membership was 254 an increase on 2009 and that the database of members was more accurate than it had previously been. Trainee Membership had also increased in number.

7) Treasurer's report – IT reported that the budget was on target and that last year had shown a surplus to the Society of £17K giving a balance of £105K.

8) AOB – MN to send flowers to Mrs Granat. SS to write a report of the ASM for Anaesthesia News and to include details of our travel grant.

9) Date of next meeting – Friday Sept 10th at 10.00 at AAGBI, London

The meeting concluded at 9AM

Dr Mike Nathanson
President NASGBI

Dr Nigel Huggins
Hon Sec NASGBI