

**Minutes of the meeting of Council of the NASGBI**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 09.45**  
**Radisson SAS Hotel, Edinburgh**

**Present:** Martin Smith (Chair), Nigel Huggins, Mike Nathanson, Basil Matta, Praveen Manthri, Samantha Shinde, Ian Tweedie

1) Apologies: Peter Farling

2) Declarations of interest: Nil

3) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 07 were declared an accurate representation of the meeting.

4) Matters arising – Nil

5.1) IT reported that he had attended the Neuro ICU meeting in Nottingham on behalf of the Society. Organisational issues relating to data collection were identified and the “Net” has 3 groups of volunteers to take forward matters relating to future meetings, data variables to be recorded and communication with other units. NH had volunteered to make the Linkman database available for this purpose. The “Net” had agreed that there needed to be multi speciality collaboration to make the system work and that traumatic brain injury was to be the first pathology addressed.

5.2) MS would clarify with Dr Paddy Yeomans (the originator), the process of inception of the project during his (PY's) presentation to the Society's ASM. PY had been invited by the ASM organisers to present his ideas behind the project for the benefit of all attendees.

6) MS congratulated Basil Matta on being elected unopposed to the role of President of the Society for the next 2 years from this years AGM.

7) See President's report in AGM minutes

8) See Secretary's report in AGM minutes

9) See Treasurer's report in AGM minutes

10) Two small changes had been made to typographical errors. In addition, an amendment was made to make Retired Members fall under the banner of Associate Membership; this allows for annual subscription by the Society, but carries no voting rights.

11.1) On the assumption that the new Constitution is accepted by the Membership, we shall hold elections for 3 further positions on Council in the Autumn, in time for attendance at the next Council meeting later in the year.

11.2) The presence of a Trainee Member on Council will be discussed by the new full Council at its next meeting.

11.3) Society subscriptions are to remain at £15 for next year.

11.4) The Society is to become a nominating body in its own right for CEA awards.

12) NH updated the Council on new Membership applications. All were considered appropriate and the AAGBI Spec Soc Administrator had updated the databases accordingly.

13) Spec Socs are still waiting to hear the AAGBI's final proposals for funding the Spec Soc's co-ordinator following the withdrawal of contributory funding by Abbott. NH to communicate with Andrew Hartle who is the Spec Soc's representative on Council of the AAGBI.

14.1) SS is to Chair the Linkman meeting and NH to take minutes. An agenda has been prepared by SS at the request of NH.

14.2) The contact email addresses will be checked at this meeting.

15) NH reported that ABPI regulations had severely hampered the ability of the Scottish organisers to attract trade sponsorship. A similar code is understood to be introduced soon for equipment manufacturers. This will have significant repercussions on the financial viability of future ASM's. Both the terms of reference of the Council and the Society's new Constitution make reference to the Society being responsible for the provision of an ASM and to arrange and provide for an ASM. However MN pointed out that the Society had never previously underwritten any losses that might have occurred and that some of 'social' the activities of the ASM would be disallowed under the Society's charitable status. Up until now all ASM's had made a profit. MN suggested that the Society could comfortably underwrite financial losses relating to the scientific content of the meeting but not necessarily any accommodation or dining losses. NH to investigate other venue options in Birmingham as a result of accommodation logistics at the intended venue.

16) No further business.

17) Date of next meeting – provisionally Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 AM at the AAGBI, London.

Dr Nigel Huggins  
Honorary Secretary NASGBI

Dr Martin Smith  
President NASGBI