

Scottish Intensive Care Society - Annual General Meeting
Tom Morris Suite – Old Course Hotel, St Andrews
Thursday 19th January 2012
17:37 hours

Present: W Peel, C Wallis, S Moultrie, DHT Scott, F McIntyre, C Hawthorne, K Tober, M Sim, S Ramsay, L Plenderleith, N Stewart, S Winship, J Ruddy, R Appleton, J Kinsella, I Skipsey, I Taylor, L O'Neill, R MacKenzie, M Fried, R Macfadyen, D Cameron, N Webster, B Miles, I Thethy, P Korsah, R Docking, E Black, R Bloomfield, T Walsh, S Mackenzie, D Rowney, N Young, A Binning, E Wilson, G Simpson, J Rutherford, J Chestnut, L Strachan, D Griffith, R Paterson, B Cook, S Cole, J Colvin, S Stott.

Meeting is quorate

1. Apologies
Mr Alan Timmins, Dr Marcia MacDougall, Dr Graham Nimmo, Dr Wayne Wrathall
2. Minutes of previous meeting on 20th January 2011
Accepted as a true record
3. Matters arising
To be covered in individual reports
4. President's Report – S Stott. Report tabled and copy on file.
The SICS will have representation at the newly formed FICM board in addition to the presence of the lead RA in ICM in Scotland on their training committee.
There is no permanent administration support and Council is looking at various options to address this.
The constitution has evolved since its creation and ratification is sought from the membership at the AGM.
Thanks were given to R Mackenzie and R Bloomfield for their work as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary respectively and they are now due to demit office.
5. Honorary Secretary's Report – R Bloomfield. Report tabled and copy on file.
A Timmins rescinded his post as Associate member representative. Following an election the post will be taken up by Fiona McIntyre – a critical care pharmacist from Ninewells. Charles Wallis and Martin Hughes are elected unopposed to their second terms as East and GGC representatives.
The Trainees' Group election resulted in a tie for first place - R Macfadyen announced the result of the allocation of the chair (D Griffith), secretary (E Black), audit (and education posts).
The database is now managed by the AAGBI, although direct debit mandates are still awaited from the majority. RB thanked the Members of the SICS for their support over the past three years and wished S Ramsay success in taking on the post.
There was a query regarding whether the transport insurance for the SICS is automatically valid if ICS membership is discontinued. RB encouraged members to send accurate details to the SICS membership admin at the AAGBI as the number of members not covered by ICS or AAGBI will determine how many are covered when the insurance is renewed on a yearly basis.
6. Honorary Treasurer's Report – R MacKenzie. Report tabled and copy on file.
The Society's finances are in a good condition with a general growth of assets. The higher interest accounts will need to be reviewed in a year to move to a higher

earning account. There was an 11k profit made on last years ASM; trade income was 21k.

There are 449 members but only 178 have signed up to direct debit and there will be problems with double payment of subscriptions for a period.

DHT Scott asked how he would be able to check he was registered to pay by direct debit – RB offered to assist.

7. Revised SICS constitution and Trainees' Group constitution – R Bloomfield and R Macfadyen. Copies on file

The revised SICS constitution has been distributed to the membership by email and only notes of support have been received with no queries or protests. The revisions are clarification of Council and office bearer elections procedures; creation of a new meetings secretary; formalising accountability of the Trainees' group to the Hon Sec. J Kinsella raised the question of the status of the potential subconsultant grade and it was agreed that this would be something to be addressed in the future. Ratification by the members present was sought and given unanimously.

There is a typographical error in Para 18f which will be amended prior to final signing by both outgoing and incoming office bearers of Council.

R Macfadyen outlined the revisions to the Trainees' Group constitution; a 50% physical quorate for voting - includes the ex officio regional members and clarifies the SICS Hon Sec role in overseeing their group; additional regional linkmen to represent all areas. L Plenderleith queried the 50% quorate and this was debated. This has undergone much discussion amongst the trainee group but this was still desired. Ratification by the members present was sought and given unanimously.

Final signing of the constitution will be by both outgoing and incoming office bearers of the Trainees' Group.

8. Audit Group (SICSAG) Report – B Cook. Report tabled and copy on file.

Reports on Quality Indicators will be published monthly and a full report in 2013. It is recognised that APACHE II is 30 years old and recalibration of the Scottish population will occur over 2012. National SMR reporting will continue for trend surveillance. HPS are doing systematic reviews of SPSP bundles – these will be published on the website and will be distributed to ICUs.

J Kinsella asked about what the new SMR would be – likely to go up towards 1.0?

9. Scottish Critical Care Trials Group (SCCTG) – T Walsh. Reports tabled and copies on file.

The trails group regional representatives are as outlined in the AGM report. At the group's AGM the SCCTG company has been 'wound up' and monies transferred back to the SICS. The medical award went to Naz Lone and there was no AHP award. Both awards are planned to be handed onto SCCIRL (Scottish Critical Care Interdisciplinary Research Liaison group). The research grant of 20k will be repeated this year. The clinical trials diploma bursary will be coming to an end and will be readvertised also. Current ongoing projects include DESIST and FIRE.

The CSO has taken money from clinical budgets which is now available to NHS consultants and AHPs to apply for ring fenced time out of job plans for research. This is for up to 4PAs per week. The current round is closed but the CSO is planning to run again this year. F Macintyre asked about funding for SCCIRL – in this respect they are under the auspices of the SICS but are otherwise autonomous.

10. Paediatric Intensive Care Report – D Rowney. Reports tabled and copies on file.
DR has been co-opted onto the SICS Council to provide liaison between the paediatric ICM community and the SICS. The PICAnet report for UK and Ireland is available online and contains Scottish data. There is a desire within the paediatric ICU community for the following:
 - Cross training e.g. adult ICM trainees to receive a period of time within a paediatric ICU and vice versa
 - A paediatric lead consultant within all ICUs with paediatric ICM training
 - Liaison with the SICS for research, EBM
 - Formally structured transitional care between paediatric and adult services
 - Winter planning
11. Scottish Transplant Group – S Cole. Report tabled and copy on file.
DCD numbers have increased by 29% which is on track to reach the 50% increase within 5 years target. This would not be possible without continued engagement with the ICU community. The UKDEC report has been produced with SICS feedback taken on board. ‘Trigger factors’ have been mentioned in the NICE report for the first time although NICE does not technically apply in Scotland. There is concern regarding the time taken from referral to donation. The PDA review should generate some improvements although this may take a year to implement.
12. Evidence Based Medicine Group. Report tabled and copy on file.
S Stott spoke on behalf of Chris Cairns who is still seeking volunteers to assist with the EBM group. Publications to JICS continue.
13. Critical Care Delivery - Chair’s Report – J Colvin. Report tabled and copy on file.
Workforce pressures from the ‘reshaping’ process will affect intensive care. The dual training route will also take longer. JC asked for feedback regarding training issues. The SMASAC report was three years ago and HDU provision is inadequate. JC gave thanks to Catriona Barr for taking the minutes over video link from Shetland. Jennifer Armstrong is moving to a new area. Any feedback regarding the report should be to representatives or to JC direct.
14. Education Group. Report tabled and copy on file.
No presentation
15. Trainees’ Report – R Macfadyen. Report tabled and copy on file.
The education meeting was successful. The audit project on delirium is underway. All office bearers are standing down. The new positions by election are:
Chair: David Griffith
Honorary Secretary: Bob Docking
Education: Laura Strachan
Audit: Euan Black
16. Interhospital Transport – M Fried.
The air procurement is going ahead as planned. The National Planning Forum accepted the major emphasis on air transport but land transport is not going to be addressed.
17. Associate members – No report.
18. Website – No report.
The maintenance of the website is onerous for one person and it is difficult to find the expertise. Several solutions are being explored for a solution.

19. AOCB

a. ECMO – M Fried/R Bloomfield

Transport arrangements for Scottish ECMO patients are still ad hoc. The commissioning process in England/Wales is now complete and there are five commissioned centres but none in Scotland. The referral pathway is unclear, especially during surge situations. Meantime the advice is to contact Leicester with ECMO referrals.

b. Annual report

W Peel announced the annual report should be on the website and sent to members soon.

c. SASM

L Plenderleith said SASM was beginning to resurrect. Staffing is an issue

SS welcomed MF to his term as president and wished him all the best. MF gave thanks to SS for his work over the past two years.

20. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd Jan 2013

Meeting closed at 1841