

Minutes of the 22nd SICS Annual General Meeting, Thursday 24th January 2013, 17:30-18:30

The Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews

Present: Brian Cook, David Cameron, Charles Wallis, Steve Stott, Steve Cole, Fiona McIntyre, Rory Mackenzie, Willis Peel, Sam Moultrie, David Griffith, Martin Hughes, Tara Quasim, Neil Spenceley, Malcolm Sim, David Scott, Rosie MacFadyen, Andy MacKay, Laura Strachan, Alan Davidson, Liz Wilson, Marcia McDougall, Jim Ruddy, Ian Skipsey, Dewi Williams, Ian Mellor, Iain Taylor, Phil Korsah, Robert Docking (RD), Euan Black, John Kinsella, Graham Nimmo, Fiona McIlveney, Mike Fried, Sarah Ramsay. Meeting was quorate (>20 members)

1.) Apologies: Nigel Webster, John Colvin

2.) Minutes of previous meeting on Thursday 19th January 2012

Accepted as a true record.

3.) Matters arising

To be covered in individual reports.

4.) President's report

– Mike Fried (MF). Reports tabled and copies on file

MF congratulated Graham Nimmo on his election to the post of President Elect, with commiserations to Brian Cook. In addition he thanked those Council members demitting office - Rory Mackenzie for his work as treasurer, Willis Peel for the annual report, Sam Moultrie for the ASM and Martin Hawkins for ASM posters. Neil Spenceley was welcomed as the paediatric ICU rep standing in for David Romney, and Charles Wallis congratulated on a great success with his first ASM as meeting secretary.

Post meeting note: MF thanked SS for his excellent leadership as President and great assistance as Past President at the evening dinner of the ASM.

- **The World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM) 14th World Congress**
MF briefly reported on the decision of the Council not to bid for the 14th World Congress, offering to furnish greater details to members on request.
- **FICM Matters**
The Society is represented on the FICM board by the President or his deputy. In addition there is good Scottish involvement in the FICM training and assessment committee (FICMTAC), the new FICM exam and e-portfolio, academic training, ACCPs and standards setting. While this situation is likely to continue for some time it is important that a strong Scottish presence is maintained on FICM. Whilst anyone can stand who wishes, and the Society has no mandate to promote a preferred candidate, the recent vote for elected board members saw the Scottish vote split and none of the three candidates elected. Members might wish to consider getting behind a future candidate, who would be credible in this national forum.
- **ScotSTAR & The National Planning Forum major trauma sub-group**
MF informed members that ScotSTAR is going ahead with a base at Glasgow Airport, and potentially another in the North. As a result of his transport input into the nascent NPF major trauma sub-group he has combined his ICU interest and thus is also representing the SICS.
- **Other SICS matters**
The Society continues to be very busy with many meetings to attend in order to stay informed. A recent letter co-written with the SCCDG urged the SGHD to reconsider provision of ECMO services in Scotland, and this has been favourably received. The rebuilding of the website will be a major project for the coming year. After discussion the Council has decided not to pursue lay representation, as this seems to offer little added value currently.

- **New regional representatives**

MF ended by welcoming the new regional representatives - Andy MacKay (GG&C), Fiona McIlveney (West), Phil Korsah (West), Jim Ruddy (West), Liz Wilson (East), Rosie Macfadyen (East) and Ian Mellor (North).

5.) Honorary Secretary's report - Sarah Ramsay. Report tabled and copy on file

- There will be elections for regional (East & GG&C), associate and trainee representatives later in the year, anyone interested can obtain more details from the Hon Sec.
- Our Inter-hospital Transfer Insurance cover has been increased to insure half of the Society's membership and members are reminded to inform the Society if they resign from either the ICS or the AAGBI, as this may affect our cover. The insurance broker also has policies to suit particularly associate members, such as insurance against violence at work.
- The AAGBI Specialist Society Office is currently managing our members' database, and members might therefore receive emails from SICS@aagbi.org.
- Travel Grant - this will again be offered in 2013, with up to two recipients receiving a share of the £2000 award. All members were asked to advertise the grant locally, bearing in mind it is open to all types of membership.
- The proposed Foundation Year & Nursing/AHP Student essay prize were introduced, and John Kinsella offered some helpful advice on how to go forward with this.
- The plan and timetable for the website rebuild and ongoing maintenance was briefly covered .

6.) Treasurer's report - David Cameron. Report tabled and copy on file

- The Society's accounts are in a healthy balance, and the current accountant continues to provide a good service.
- The first major research grant has been awarded and the Council will follow progress via update reports from the investigators.
- Ongoing costs include the travel grant, transport insurance, AAGBI support, the health informatics diploma and the main upcoming cost will be the new website.

7.) SICSAG Report Including Collaborating for Quality (CfQ) meeting - Brian Cook (BC). Report tabled and copy on file

- APACHE II recalibration will be incorporated into the monthly CUSUM and annual reports.
- Diana Beard has left ISD and BC recognised her work for SICSAG.
- At the CfQ meeting of the all the main stakeholders in UK intensive care the work of SICSAG was highly regarded, and held up for others to aspire to.
- BC will end his term as SICSAG Chairman this year, and in due course self nominations for his successor will be sought from members who are consultants in ICM in Scotland, to be voted for by the audit leads. MF took the opportunity to thank BC for his phenomenal work as SICSAG Chairman.

8.) Scottish Critical Care Trials Group (SCCTG) Report - Tara Quasim. Report tabled and copy on file

- Tara introduced herself as vice-chair of the SCCTG, standing in for Tim Walsh. Scotland remains in a strong research position in comparison to England where there are major changes taking place.

9.) SICS meetings/ASM Report - Charles Wallis (CW).

- An organising group is already in place for future ASMs. CW would appreciate ideas. MF suggested extra-corporeal modalities, EBM and APRV. John Kinsella highlighted the value of good international speakers, and controversial topics.

10.) Scottish Transplant Group Report - Steve Cole. Report tabled and copy on file

- Donation remains a high SGHD priority, and a controversial issue.
- Scotland has achieved a 50% increase in donor numbers, thanks to the work of many present. The rest of the UK is not far behind.
- Concerns remain that intensive care is being led by the agenda of the transplant teams rather than leading and we as a community must resist this.
- The SICS has written to NHSBT and the SGHD to express SICS's disappointment at the ongoing delays to the PDA review.

11.) Critical Care Delivery Group - Report tabled and copy on file

- John Colvin's report was noted, with workforce planning a major ongoing issue.
- Liz Wilson took the opportunity to recap the ever changing situation of ICM training in Scotland which has taken a different route from England where open access to ICM training is underway. The SGHD has insisted on supplying workforce demands, linking with anaesthetic provision to create eight 'badged' anaesthesia and ICM ST training posts, and two posts open to other specialities for 2013.
- As Scotland did not take part in single recruitment in 2012 there are a cohort of ST3/4s who are currently being proleptically appointed to joint training schemes.
- The person specification and candidate guidance for the 2013 ST posts are currently being finalised, and interviews will be based on the English recruitment framework, with portfolio & reflective practice, clinical scenario and presentation stations.
- Although the number of candidates expected is as yet unclear these may be popular positions, offering two posts at one set of interviews.
- The process will need a lot of interviewers, preferably trained in interview methodology to ensure equivalence to the rest of the UK. Brian Cook felt a local or on-line course was preferable, rather than a trip to London.
- The intention of the Scottish ICM Training Committee is to work alongside the rest of the UK, and in time become more integrated rather than more remote.

12.) Paediatric Intensive Care Report - Neil Spenceley (NS).

- Paediatric transport services have experienced recent difficulties with more on-site clinical services and fewer consultant numbers leading to withdrawal of consultant cover. The situation is now rectified with ANP, senior trainee and further consultant input, and the service has ECMO transport capability. As ever there is always someone available for advice over the phone.
- NS asked all to note the PICU preference to keep ETTs long, allowing tubes to be pushed past an obstruction and avoiding potentially difficult re-intubations. Long ETTs are safe for transport.

13.) Education Group Report - Martin Hughes. Report tabled and copy on file

- The November Education meeting was a success and made a small profit
- The induction modules are being updated and will be launched on the new website.
- The advanced trainee course starts in March 2013 with focus on both professional and exam matters.

14.) Trainees' Report - David Griffith. Report tabled and copy on file

- The Trainee Committee is reaching out to more specialties.
- The annual audit is complete and written up.
- All four members will stay in place for a further year thus improving continuity.

15.) Associate Members Report - Fiona McIntyre (FM). Report tabled and copy on file

- FM has written to a wide variety of nursing and AHP groups with the aim of increasing membership. Although there has been little by way of reply associate member numbers are up.
- All members are asked to seek opportunities to promote associate membership.

16.) AOCB

ACCPs – Graham Nimmo

- The national curriculum syllabus is written and awaiting approval by FICMTAC, FICM Board and the RCoA, to be followed by a national consultation exercise.
- ACCPs will be affiliated with FICM, rather than the RCoA, with an appropriate post-nominal, and exam entry in time.
- The route for those already in place as ACCPs is still being considered.

Annual Report - Willis Peel.

- The 2011 Annual Report will be available soon.
- In future one hard copy will be available per unit, plus for archive purposes, otherwise the annual report will be available as a PDF for download from the website.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd January 2014 17:30-18:30 (TBC)