

Minutes of the NSUKI AGM Cardiff 2008

Present:

Arun Baskar

Stana Bojanic

Sam Eldabe (Secretary)

Theo Goroseenuik

Francis Luscombe (President),

Hiranchand Mutagi,

Nicholas Padfield

Jon Raphael, (Treasurer)

Roger Strachan,

Brian Simpson,

Simon Thomson

Peter Toomey

Jon Valentine (Immediate past President)

1. Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Dr Toomey pointed out that he was present at the last AGM, minutes of the last AGM. SE to amend minutes
2. FL pointed that he would wish to give co-opted neurosurgeon full voting rights similar to other members of the board. ST suggested that the board may wish to cancel the position of member without portfolio to reduce the size of the board. JR suggested that the society byelaws are amended to allow for an open co-opt of a member who may not necessarily be a neurosurgeon as this would give the society more flexibility in the future, RS suggested that this would be a co-opt from allied surgical specialities. It was agreed that in future the neurosurgical post on the board would be one that is open to voting by the members and would be by open application a other positions and would thus have full voting rights NSUKI will need to amend byelaws in order to accommodate this change.

ST explained that the website of INS was in the process of migrating to new company called member clicks but the process was slower than anticipated

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2. Election results:

Dr Padfield was elected treasurer

Dr McSullivan was elected member for Irish affairs

3 Treasurer's Report. Dr Raphael gave the meeting a summary of the society's balance sheet the full accounts (attached) the full accounts will follow. He explained a number of expenses including the cost of developing a prototype of the national registry £5000 he also explained the AAGBI/NSUKI seminars made a profit of £2000,

4. Secretary's Report: SE gave the meeting a report on membership (up to 76 members) 48 Anaesthetists, 14 Neurosurgeons, 3 Nurses, 1 Physiotherapist, 1 Psychiatrist, 1 GP, 1 Urology/Gynaecology and 5 members with unspecified specialities
47 members pay by direct debit and 17 pay by credit card 6 by cheque and 6 by standing order.

5. Proposed amendment of officers' terms

FL proposed extending the officers terms on the board to 3 years to give time to both the secretary and treasurer to become familiar with their roles it was agreed that the extension of term would not apply to current members of the board and not to future presidents who will remain on the board for 2 years with one year pre and one year post. It was also agreed that board members should not be allowed to serve an immediate second term but would have to leave the board for 3 years in order to return to the same position on the board.

FL pointed out that dates of appointments of members are staggered in order to avoid "block obsolescence" of the society.

6 Joint AAGBI NSUKI symposia were very well received and well subscribed the profit was split with the AAGBI and NSUKI made an income of £2000. FL suggested that should be a regular occurrence JR suggested joint meetings with pain faculty on the subject on neuromodulation as well as linking with the pain faculty regarding revalidation for neuromodulators. SE explained that he had discussed this with Karen Simpson vice dean of the Faculty of Pain at the Royal College of Anaesthetists who explained that this was a process in its very early stages and that the was aiming to produce very broad guidelines on revalidation

7 Future ASM FL suggested the next ASM is held in Plymouth no fixed date was agreed. NP felt that London could hold the ASM for 2010 and ST felt that London should bid for the 2011 INS meeting NP will investigate the possibility of booking the QE centre for that

7. **INS report:** ST explained that the INS report had been largely covered by Elliot Krames in his address to NSUKI

The journal neuromodulation has applied to the National library for indexing this has been refused INS is in the process of identifying an academic who may become a member of the editorial board in order to facilitate the indexing.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBA Feb 2009