

Minutes of NSUKI AGM Leeds 4th October 2010

Present: F Luscombe, J Raphael, N Padfield, R McSullivan, R Strachan, G Baranidharan, S Eldabe, S Thomson, J Valentine, B Simpson, C McRory, C Naylor, J Richardson, O Olynski, A Gulve, S Gupta.

Apologies: P Toomey, T. Greozuinuik, A. Alkaisy and Dr Maine.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (Plymouth).

Dr MacSullivan's apologies had not been recorded. (action PT)
Otherwise minutes accepted as an accurate record.
BS commented that the minutes should be circulated prior to the AGM (action PT)

2. Action from Minutes

i. Action from Local Organising Committee of INS meeting 2011
SE reported that the plans were: a neuromodulation cadaver course in York or Leeds, a live patient demo at St Thomas' as well as a live implant at Oxford. St Thomas' planned to have their live demo on Saturday so they can make use of 2 theatres in SDU. This had been discussed and approved at INS Board. No contact has been received from Oxford as yet. ST commented that the website will need to be updated to show the satellite symposia dates and location when plans are finalised

ii. Direct Debit for members: NP commented that DD was available online for new members

iii. FL had taken NSUKI concerns re annual chapters meetings to the INS Board. INS Board decided to keep a biannual INS meeting and annual chapter meetings as well as possible joint chapter meetings. FL commented that joint meeting with the German NS will be held in 2012 in Berlin

4. Election results

GB had been elected to the post of Council Member following a drawing of lots by SE, FL and ST as the result of the election had been a tie. SE and FL investigated what other societies did in these circumstances. The majority drew lots or gave the post to longest serving member.

PT and RS were elected secretary and neurosurgeon unopposed (May 2010)

Next post for election on the Board is for the Treasurer, NP in 1 year's time then President Elect in 2 years time.

5. Amendments of Society regulations

Current members of the Board are:

President (2 year term), President Elect (1 year) or Immediate Past President (1 year), Irish Rep (appointed by members from Irish Republic only), Secretary, Treasurer, Neurosurgeon and Council Member (all others serve for a 3 year term)

2 years ago the Society decided to have a permanent co-opted neurosurgical representation on the Board. The Articles of Association have been amended to include an elected neurosurgical representative with full voting rights. RS has been appointed to this post. Neurosurgeons may also be elected to any other post on the Board

The suggested amendments were to delete article 46 and 49 and substitute the amended wording (attached)

The motion was proposed by FL seconded by ST and carried unopposed by all

6. Treasurer's report

NP explained that NSUKI had made a loss of £8,585 on the Plymouth meeting because of a reduced level of sponsorship, low attendance and increasing costs of the conference.

This was balanced by a tax rebate of £2,300 and an increase in sponsorship for the Leeds meeting. It is anticipated that NSUKI may make a modest profit after deducting conference expenses, AAGBI conference organiser's expenses, venue and hotel expenses

RDS remarked that cost of AAGBI conference organisers remained very high for a conference attended by 50 delegates. SE explained that 2012 would be last year of the contract with AAGBI.

BS and ST explained that although expensive, the AAGBI provided an excellent service.

BS remarked that the registration process was clumsy and did not allow online payments.

RMcS remarked that the process was twice as difficult from Ireland but that of the 15 Irish NSUKI members, 10 were registered for the conference.

ST explained the website could be used to accept payments.

CM complained that the process of abstract submission was slow and laborious he felt that his abstract had been accepted very late. JR explained that turn around time for the abstracts had been around 3 days as we had only received 5 abstracts (FL to look into process)

ST commented that Neuromodulation will publish all abstracts provided they pass the peer review process

7. Secretary's report

(given by SE on behalf of PT)

The Society has 75 members the majority are anaesthetists, 10 neurosurgeons, 3 nurses and 2 physios.

8. Date and time of next meeting

13.30 Monday 23 May 2011, Hilton Metropole during INS World Congress