

## **Minutes of the AGM NSUKI Plymouth 2009**

**Present:**

Arun Baskar  
Stana Bojanic  
Sam Eldabe (Secretary)  
Paul Eldridge  
Theo Goroszeniuk  
Alexander Green  
Ashish Gulve  
Francis Luscombe (President),  
Jon Raphael (President Elect)  
Richard Sawyer  
Roger Strachan,  
Brian Simpson,  
Simon Thomson (INS President)  
Peter Toomey

Apologies received from Dr Nicholas Padfield (treasurer) and Dr Jon Valentine

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record

1. Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Co-opted Neurosurgeon : FL has explained that the byelaws of the society had been amended (working with Hempseed Solicitors) to allow for a ring fenced post for a neurosurgeon on the board, BS asked whether this would be in addition to any neurosurgeons elected to other offices and FL explained that this is the case. RDS has been the co-opted neurosurgeon (without voting rights) on the board since 2007. It was decided that since the office duration has increased to 3 years RDS post as neurosurgeon on the board would come up for elections in May 2010 along with member without portfolio (currently ST) who was elected in May 2007.
2. FL explained that all other offices except that of the president last for 3 instead of 2 years

**(ACTION SE to contact Busola to arrange the election)**

### 3. Election results:

FL and members congratulated JR on his election as president he now starts for a year as president elect, 2 year as society president and a further year as immediate past president. FL also pointed to the dedication and achievements of our immediate past president JV who has just left the board and noted the society's gratitude for his hard work in several posts on the board.

ST explained that in view of the impending 2011 INS meeting he felt that there should be a Local Organising Committee (LOC) on behalf of NSUKI and that SE was selected to chair the LOC

The organisation of the INS meeting 2011 would be supervised by 5 member executive group consisting of ST, E Krames, T Deer, R Levy and SE on behalf of NSUKI

SE explained that he will be in touch with some of the NSUKI members over the next few weeks regarding the work of the LOC and how NSUKI's meeting would integrate with the INS meeting. **(ACTION SE to contact members to form LOC)**

**3 Treasurer's Report.** NP had faxed through his report this was read out by FL. Society income £61,799 and expenses £51,690 . The report mentioned that NSUKI expenses had increased as the society had to pay corporation tax last year. Members discussed the pros and cons of becoming a charity PE pointed out that for a society the size of NSUKI this would not be a money saving exercise. NP also noted that part of the increase of expenses was related to an increase in the fees charged by the INS for the Journal. ST explained that the INS had not increased its dues for the last 3 years and that these have always been calculated as \$80 for the journal and \$35 for INS management and \$10 for the running of the website. SE asked whether the increase was related to a sum of \$5000 owed by NSUKI to the INS for the website development. **Action FL to seek clarification form NP at next board meeting)**

BS explained the profit from the Cardiff ASM had been of the order of 12-13 K

**4. Secretary's Report:** SE gave the meeting a report on membership (down to 74 members form a previous 76) with 5 Nurses, 1 Trainee 1 Psychiatrist and 67 consultants

AGulve pointed that he had tried on numerous occasions to pay by DD only for his form to be refused (**ACTION NP to investigate the refusal of DD forms**)

SE also explained that his term as secretary ends in May 2010 and that an early election would allow handover of all society material to the new secretary

**(Action SE to contact Busola to arrange elections for all 3 offices around April )**

5. Update on NSUKI research proposal: SE had presented the detail as well as timelines for the angina study in the symposium the day before . The study if funded should start around January 2010 and conclude 20 months later it is a pilot comparing SCS plus usual care vs. usual care alone in a 3 site pilot of 45 patients funding has been applied for via RfPB program.

6 Joint AAGBI NSUKI:

FL explained that the symposia had been well received and that the options of the future would be

Repeat of the same format

Joint symposia with St Thomas's pain dept.

Joint Symposia with BPS

A useful discussion around the time and format of symposia followed the conclusions were that NSUKI needs to identify its target audience and

devise symposia to suit A. Baskhar pointed out that there is a need for NSUKI to go out to the cardiology and uro-gynaecology communities.

JR explained that level of the audience targeted would determine the nature of the symposium whether this is for trainees or consultants . S

Bojanic felt that there may be a need for a ½ day educational for

neurosurgeons in training but RDS and PE felt that the number of

interested trainees may not support such a symposium and that may be

we should explore incorporating this into the SBNS meetings. BS felt that

the best way would be to be invited to give a plenary session and the

SBNS meeting on pain

SE explained that a joint day with the BPS should target referrers from the pain and spasticity communities

**ACTION FL to take these views to the board for further discussion and action**

7 Future Meeting pattern: discussions at the INS board (prompted by industry concern about the number of meetings and size of sponsorship

requested) had proposed the following pattern INS meeting every 3 years with no society ASM during this year and a regional meeting (e.g Joint chapter meetings or North Europe chapters meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> year and a national chapter ASM every 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

BS summarised the NSUKI objections worries about this scheme:

1. The INS has skeleton in its chapters that form the larger INS depleting the chapters of an opportunity to meet would weaken them financially as well as structurally
2. In the absence of an ASM chapters may spontaneously dissolve
3. While we at NSUKI encourage joint meetings with other societies/chapters of INS the INS should not dictate the pattern of its chapters meetings
4. Clashes between the NANS INS meetings would happen only very 9 years when the INS meeting happens in North America arrangements should be negotiated between these 2 organisations
5. This scheme assumes wrongly that all chapter members will or can attend the INS meetings every 3 years which is not true.

**ACTION FL to feed back to the INS concerns from NSUKI and the need for ASM**

7. Future ASM:

SE explained that Leeds (G Baranidharan and K Simpson) had offered to host the 2010 NSUKI meeting it was agreed that this was to be taken further by SE contacting KS and GB to ask them to join NSUKI prior to organising the ASM which the meeting felt could be a joint one with BFSNG (to avoid joint chapter meetings near the INS meeting in 2011) A Green and S Bojanic offered to host the 2010 meeting in Oxford. Meeting concluded that Oxford should host the 2012 meeting.

**ACTION SE to write to KS and GB and BFSNG and report to board**

8. INS report: (ST)

The journal neuromodulation continue to do well and has a new editor in R Levy.

INS is working on a public education/relations campaign to highlight the speciality of neuromodulation headed by S. Moffat working with Tia Sofatzis

This would include clips and cartoons on the INS website which could be used to explain therapies to patients and an active campaign targeting public and medical papers

## 9. National Database: (ST)

Prototype available DVDs will be made available to some dept to start collecting data and this will be collated at the centre by ???

ACTION ST to circulate DVDs o 5 centres for piloting

10 AOB: meeting format agreed to move the ASM forward by 24 hours with satellite symposium on Wednesday and meeting on Thursday Friday

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Leeds 2010