

## Minutes of the NSUKI AGM York 2007

### Present:

Jon Valentine (president) Simon Thomson, Francis Luscomb, Sam Eldabe, Chris Naylor, Mike Bailey, Connail McCrory, Brian Simpson, Paul Eldridge, Ashish Gulve, Roger Strachan, Habib Elamushi, Jon Raphael, Theo Goroseenuik,

### 1. Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Co-opting a neurosurgeon to the board, PE and BS suggested that NSUKI may want to formally approach the SBNS to co-opt a Neurosurgeon or that the secretary of the BFSNG may be automatically co-opted to NSUKI board.

2. Change in the conference organisers was mainly due to cost issues and the departure of a particular individual organiser the board felt was very capable.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Dr Raphael gave the meeting a summary of the society's balance sheet the full accounts will have to await preparation by the NSUKI accountants. The society has a balance of £28,007.41 following expenses of £8,962.55. Dr Toomey said in the current meeting registrations alone would cover expenses and all income from trade stands would be a profit.

4. **Secretary's Report:** SE gave the meeting a report on membership (up to 64 members) 6 new members joined during this meeting however some are opting to be members of INS online as is cheaper than joining NSUKI.

The website is very useful tool and the NSUKI forum has started although it is poorly subscribed.

Some of the members have not received passwords for the INS website **action SE** to write to Busola to Email passwords to members

NICE submission is being prepared by JV ST and SE and should be ready by 19/11/07 (**Action JV, SE, ST**)

NSUKI organising educational symposia at AAGBI are advertised in anaesthesia news. Neurosurgical colleagues had not heard about this action SE to email members re symposia (**action SE**)

5 Dr Luscomb elected as president of NSUKI congratulations to Dr Luscomb

6. NSUKI 2008 meeting to be held in Cardiff and BS to act as local organiser.

BS will be recruiting help from professional conference organisers. BS raised the issue of joint meetings with BFSNG although this seemed a good idea the BFSNG will have to organise an educational activity at the next SBNS meeting and will not therefore be joining NSUKI at our next meeting. The BFSNG are open to future joint meeting apart from 2008.

FL suggested future meetings of NSUKI with other European chapters of INS

October was felt to be an acceptable time for the NSUKI meeting although we would have to avoid a clash with school half term

7. **INS report:** ST gave the INS report INS have upwards of 1000 members

Spain have formed a chapter

Brazil is in the process of forming a chapter

France have opened a bank account but no chapter as yet

Canada have negotiated a split from NANS

China forming a chapter

Korea hope to become a chapter in the next year

SA are joining the INS but not forming an official chapter

The journal neuromodulation has applied to the National library for indexing this is still in progress but recognition will be retrospective.

There have been 2 applications for the new investigator competition

The INS conference in Acapulco has received 160 abstract submissions

80 oral presentations has 70 faculty members and is expecting 800 delegates

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBA Feb 2008