

Minutes
BHS Executive Committee Meeting
25th of February 2010
8am Hotel Mercure, Sheffield.
Chairman: Ian Stockley

Present: On Line: Ian Stockley (IS) - CHAIR, John Timperley (JT), Andy Hamer (AH), Fares Haddad (FH), John Nolan (JN), John Hodgkinson (JH), John Skinner (JS), Graham Gie (GG)

Apologies: Peter Kay

1. **Minutes** of previous meeting: Agreed as being correct and accurate.
2. **Revalidation and Recertification** – Update from John Hodgkinson. A group has been put together and will formally meet for the first time today in Sheffield. JPH will keep in close contact with David Limb and feedback the results of their discussions. There was discussion about whether the requirements might also be applicable to sub consultant grades where there was specialism in hip surgery. It was decided to revisit this when the guidelines have been put together. The present timeline is for a pilot to commence in 2011.
3. **Coding and re-imburement of FAI surgery.** Tim Briggs has been appointed the FIPO representative on the BOA Council. FH reported that there is presently an assault on the profession being mounted by the major insurers. New consultants are not being recognized to treat insured patients and there are rumours of surgeons being de-recognized. At the very least patients are being advised not to be treated by surgeons who charge a top-up fee. FH will talk urgently with Geoff Glazer who is chairman of FIPO and the London consultants Association to check on new developments. The following was agreed:
 - a. JT to draft a letter from BHS to the insurers asking them to clarify policy with regard new consultants, fee schedules and pointing out that the principle relationship exists between surgeons and patients. This will be circulated by e-mail for suggestions and should be returned as soon as possible.
 - b. The letter should be shown to a lawyer at FIPO prior to sending it.
 - c. The next newsletter should inform members of developments and the possibility of not only nonrecognition but delisting.
 - d. The services of Simon Scott may be required in the future .

4. **BHS and Charitable Status.** Update from JN. The topic will be discussed at the annual general meeting.
5. **Non-arthroplasty representation on Executive of BHS.** This subject is on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. There was discussion prior to this meeting and it was generally agreed that there should be no call for a specific position for a non-arthroplasty surgeon on the Executive. All positions on the BHS Executive are open to be filled by any member elected in compliance with the rules of the society. This is regularly advertised in the newsletter and on the website.
6. **Metal-on-Metal article.** The joint MRHA/NJR/BOA/BHS document was discussed at length at a separate telephone conference call. The contents and recommendations were broadly supported by members of the Executive. The document will be further discussed at the AGM and members of the society will be asked to send their comments and further feedback to JS.
7. **Combined meeting in Glasgow 2010.**

John Callaghan, Dave Finlayson, Bob Bourne, David Murray and Michael Leunig have confirmed that they will attend. IS reported that Derek McMinn's acceptance was not firm and he will confirm again.

There is some confusion which BHS sessions will take place on which day. IS will confirm with Mike Bell and report back to the Executive. Damien Griffin has indicated he would like to run a session on FAI in one of the free slots that have been offered.

AOB:

8. It was noted that many sections of the Constitution need re-writing
 - a. Changes to the constitution have to be presented to members of the society at the annual general meeting with no less than 28 days notice.
 - b. JPH Will forward to AJT a digital copy of the existing Constitution
 - c. AJT will distribute to the Executive a modified constitution as a discussion document
9. The visit of the American Fellows needs discussion at next Conference Call
10. The Spring Newsletter will be discussed at the next Conference Call
11. Date of next Conference call: 20.00 18th April suggested. Please confirm availability.