

Minutes of the Executive Conference Call

Sunday 27th March 2011

Chairman: John Hodgkinson

In attendance: John Hodgkinson, John Timperley, Gordon Bannister, Fares Haddad, John Nolan, John Skinner, Richard Field, Jonathan Howell

1. Apologies were received from Gordon Bannister. Graham Gie also not available (see later)

2. The minutes of the executive conference calls of January 2011 were received and approved. The AGM minutes from Torquay are awaited (action John Timperley)

3. The 2011 annual meeting update Torquay
 - * The feedback from the meeting was excellent. The same organiser will be used next year. It was noted that BOA may well start getting their own central organisation and place for such meetings, but for the time being the finances have worked out with a possible profit of £4000 (action, John Nolan to feed back at next meeting.) It is likely that the same process will be repeated next year.

 - There was concern about the responses to people who have submitted abstracts, and the plan for this year is for the abstract closing date to be November 15th and all abstract submissions to be responded to after review of abstracts to let authors know whether they have been accepted or rejected in plenty of time prior to the meeting. John Skinner is currently looking at the software used by EFORT and BOA, which may facilitate the review process (action John Skinner)

 - * Constitution: It was agreed that the past president should remain on the executive conference call for completeness. Graham Gie will be invited to the conference calls for the next year. It was agreed previously that we would charge more for non BOA members as opposed to BOA members for their annual membership for the British Hip Society and attendance at the meeting. We are awaiting information and guidance from Mike Kimmons at the BOA (action John Nolan).

- * It was agreed in terms of getting a quorum at the meeting that the apologies would be subtracted from the total membership before the deciding whether 30% of the membership is present in order to take a vote.
- * It was agreed that anyone joining the executive would prepare a statement prior to the elections.
- * It was agreed to keep the constitution as a standing item for executive phone calls and that it would be re-assessed again prior to the next annual general meeting.

4. The BOA - IOA Meeting Dublin.

- * The Hip Society day is on the Wednesday. Graham Gie is organising an impaction bone grafting topic in focus and he will be giving the Charnley lecture. (action John Timperley to chase.) This will be advertised on our website and in the newsletter (action Fares Haddad for Newsletter ; Richard Field for website)

5. Metal on Metal

- * John Skinner gave an update. There will be a Channel 4 Dispatches programme in May and a BMJ issue devoted to regulation on Medicine.
- * There is concern that some of the data from Stockton - on - Tees is an outlier. A letter has been prepared for the JBJS and a summary of the metal on metal session will be provided for the website and newsletter (Action John Skinner)
- * It was agreed that topic in focus from one of our meetings would be presented both as short abstracts and as slides on the website for all future meetings. These will be in the website and in the newsletter. (Action Fares Haddad, Gordon Bannister, John Skinner)

6. NICE.

- * Two issues were discussed:

a) Fractured neck of femur pathway for which Jonathan Howell will put the BHS down as a stakeholder. (action Jonathan Howell)

b) It was also agreed that NICE would be coming back for advice on metal on metal (there was very little to formally update NICE with at the moment), and on FAI for which a great deal of work is ongoing.

7. Care Pathways

* Further information is awaited on this. Richard Field will kindly circulate his map of medicine. Central information from Peter Kay is required before we decide how to proceed with the various sub-sections.

8. The BHS post-op x-ray score.

* 30 or so surgeons have started to fill this in. It is relatively cumbersome and they will be chased in order to complete their scoring so that it can be repeated six weeks later. (action John Timperley and Fares Haddad to chase)

9. FAI working group

* The FAI working group has met on a couple of occasions. The current block is Damian circulating the minimum data set. It was noted that there were conflicting opinions about various facets of the outcomes system to be used here and that it should be circulated to the wider membership before implementation. (FH & JT to chase Damian Griffin)

10. BHS/AHS travelling fellows.

* It was noted that Vikas Khanduja and Tim Board were appointed. (FH will let Bill Hozak know.) We have received a request from Vikas Khanduja to start at the American closed hip meeting rather than finish there. This wasn't felt to be sensible by the executive. (FH will let him know that we should stick with the original programme as the centres have been assigned, but we will also raise the issue of the timing of the fellowship with Bill Hozak)

11. FIPO

* A FIPO update will be provided in the newsletter. It was felt that John Timperley, Richard Field and FH would re-draft a letter from the British Hip Society outlining their concerns with the two major insurers, the breakdown in the relationship between the doctor and the patient, decreased choice for patients, the fact that the fees are not acceptable particularly for senior consultants and that these should not be eroded further. (action Richard Field to seek advice of local private hospital CEO)

12. It was agreed that the archive would be completed with John Hodgkinson, John Timperley and Fares Haddad all looking through the archives and John Nolan looking through the accounts in order to complete the list of prize winners.

13. World Sports Trauma Congress.

· It was noted that that Richard Field and Johan Witt had agreed to chair the session. They will be supported by the Executive

14. Newsletter.

* The newsletter should be published at the end of May. We will have our next executive phone call on the 22nd May in order to discuss it. Submissions will be provided on behalf of FIPO (FSH), From the President (JH), on metal on metal (John Skinner), reflection on the BHS meeting in Torquay (Graham Gie/John Timperley), a list of prize winner will be provided, a list of fellowship winners will be provided. An update on the archive will be provided, previous winner of the research awards will be contacted in order to provide their reports (FH to chase)

* Jonathan Howell will be providing a VTE update and will provide updates from the topic in focus. We will also advertise the BOA meeting in Dublin, the future BHS meeting, the abstract submissions and future awards.

15. The next conference call will be 22:00 22nd May 2011.