

Minutes of the British Hip Society Meeting – 8pm Sunday 24th November 2013 at the BOA

Chair

John Timperley

In attendance: JT, AA, FSH, ARJM, JH, GB, RF and Marcus Bankes

1. Apologies

John Nolan, John Skinner

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted. Richard Field reiterated that he was keen to be involved in the abstract evaluation process. It was clarified that all executive members were welcome to join. Richard Field confirmed that should any executive member only review some but not all of the abstracts that their scores would be invalidated and that he would ensure that this could be done in automated way.

As John Nolan was not present, the Research Strategy agenda item will be part of the next agenda on 12th January.

3. Matters Arising

These have been covered under 2.

4. BOA October 2013 BHS Session Feedback

This has not been provided yet. John Timperley was going to chase.

5. Website

There was a detailed discussion about the website both at this point and subsequently at various other points in the meeting. Richard Field has been working extremely hard with the engineers to set up both an abstract system - which ISHA had failed to do - and to set up the member database which he has been working on with Jonathan Howell. Alex Acornley has advised regarding fundamental changes that are required to the front end of the website. Richard was going to action these over the next two weeks. There was considerable concern about the fact that we had not been active in terms of putting things on the website and Richard will give contact details of a website engineer whom Exec members can contact directly to make additions and amendments to the website. It was also noted that Jai Mistry could be someone who could upload for us.

There is a query as to whether members' names should be put on the website so that somebody could access the members' names if they wished. This will be discussed as an agenda item at the AGM. Other items on the AGM agenda will be the constitution.

It was agreed that the abstract deadline would remain 6th December at midnight as previously advertised. John Timperley would ask Jai Mistry to update the membership on that basis.

6. BHS 2014

John Timperley has visited all the venues for the third time and is happy that they are booked. The heating and acoustics have been discussed and reassurances have been given.

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The young hip disease session is all fixed up with Tim Theologis replacing James Robb.

The session chaired by Jonathan Howell will include the BMA representative talking about changes in pensions and contracts first followed by some questions. Tim Briggs will then talk about hubs, spokes, and getting it right first time, followed by questions. Finally Peter Kay will talk about payment by results etc. There was considerable discussion around who would question the faculty and this argument needs to be developed further as to whether there should be a panel or merely prepared questions from the audience. This will be discussed at the next executive conference call.

The registry session organised by John Skinner and Fares Haddad will include David Murray speaking on what outcomes should be published and we will also be asking the new NJR director once he is appointed. Steve Graves may be asked to contribute to a panel in that session and we understand that Henrik Malchau may be coming to the meeting in which case we could ask him too.

The emerging surgeons' session will be run by Matt Wilson and Ben Bolland. John Timperley was going to contact them.

The BORS session was going to be run by Ritchie Gill in collaboration with the president. Gordon Bannister will talk to Ritchie later in the week and it is important that he is involved in the abstract selection process, that he involves other colleagues from BORS and that he is invited to the appropriate dinners.

There was a good discussion around speakers' conflicts. They will submit them with their abstract submission, would have them as their second slide, and we would stress their importance in the covering programme.

ACTION: ARJM

Dinner has been booked for the Wednesday night. John Timperley will forward these details to Fares Haddad in order to invite Steve Graves and other visiting speakers and past presidents.

7. BHS 2015

John Skinner and Jai Mistry have been working on this and have decided that it would be 4-6th or 11th-13th March 2015 in London. I believe it will be in a major hotel or at the RSM.

8. Membership Categories & Subs

Jonathan Howell has done a tremendous amount of work to get this up to date. There was a discussion around what should happen to retired members. It was felt that we should update the constitution so that membership members became emeritus past the age of 70 if they were no longer doing any orthopaedic work.

The constitution needs to be changed to say standing order not direct debit.

It was suggested that we create life membership for those who had contributed massively to the BHS. We would try to get this type of membership passed by the membership and nominate and choose the first batch of life members thereafter. People like Tony Catterall, Reg Elson, and Robin Ling were suggested. We must also create a list of past/visiting presidential speakers who have been made honorary members so that they can be on the email circulation list. Richard Field has them on the website and will update.

9. Beyond Compliance

There is some resistance from Industry but Gordon Bannister suggests that no action is required from BHS at the moment.

10. NAHR update

Marcus Bankes and John Timperley updated the executive on the increasing usage. The Spire sponsorship may or may not continue next year supported by other users and by other PMI-type funding. If the Spire does not come through the BHS will continue to support the NAHR.

11. Treasurer's report

Jonathan Howell has increased the accounts by 52% by finding a large number of members who had not paid. Membership year will now start in October. Richard Field will help to develop an automated system whereby reminders can be sent out.

The accounts will be undertaken by the BOA at a cost of £400. They will be audited by CCW who audit BOA's accounts. This is necessary as a result of the charitable status acquired last year.

12. Mailouts

A mailout was discussed in relation to the nominations for vice president elect and secretary. These would be sent out by Fares Haddad in December. Other mailouts would be suggested and could be sent out separately or together.

13. Any other business

Andrew M raised the issue of the Daily Telegraph article. It was discussed and agreed that the response should be very prominent on the website.

The website will be a key agenda item at the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting

12th January 2014 at 2000