

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RENAL ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON CONFERENCE CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2007 AT 12.30 PM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Present

132 members

2. Apologies for absence

None received

3. Minutes of last meeting

None provided. Previous minutes assumed to be correct.

4. President's report

The demitting President, John Feehally, had addressed the conference from 12 noon to 12.30 pm. He reported how proud he was of the UK RA and what an honour it had been to be President. He was warmly thanked by Chris Winearls, Clinical Vice-President

5. Treasurer's report

The financial situation of the RA and of the RR was explained. The need for rises in 2008 and beyond in the membership fees for Consultant Members (from £70 to £100 per annum) was explained in terms of the range and scope of the new activities the RA was involved in. The need for increases in the RR Capitation Fee (£16, £17 and £18 over the next three years) was explained in terms of the scope of new activities planned and needed.

The Treasurer's Report, with the changes in the fees mentioned, was approved unanimously

6. Hon Secretary's report

Growing membership. Many new members (see listings / website) were ratified by the AGM. A communications working party would be set up to scope new modes of communication within and without the RA. Brighton meeting had attracted 615 attendees, making it the largest ever.

Rule changes (see separate documents) concerning any situation in which a President Elect could not take up office, were passed. Changes were also suggested, and accepted, to the make-up of the Renal Registry committee.

7. Clinical Vice-President's report covering CAB

7.1 Clinical Services Committee - issues of the moment (PBR, Tariffs, ISTCs)

7.2 Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee - discussion on latest set (2006/2007) of clinical practice guidelines **

7.3 Renal Registry - debate and discussion on the future of the RR (Fees, CKD 5 not on dialysis, CKD 3-4, Quality Outcomes)

The CVP and the committee chairs led brief, informative discussions on these matters.

8 Education, Research and Training Board (ERB) report

8.1 Education and Training Committee - issues of the moment (MMC, Higher specialist training, mid-training exam)

8.2 International Committee, Research Committee, Clinical Trials (overview)

Edwina Brown would formulate the official RA response to the inquiry into the MMC/MTAS debacle undertaken by Professor John Tooke

9 Retirement of John Feehally and welcome to new President - Peter Mathieson

Fulsome tributes paid to John Feehally for all of his tremendous efforts on behalf of the RA

10 AOB

None

11 Date and Time of next AGM

Thursday 15th May 2008, 7.45 to 8.30am, SECC Glasgow