

# Minutes of the BAPS Executive Council

16<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Meeting Room 2  
Woburn House  
20 Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9HQ

## 1. Attendees

Prof Mark Davenport	President
Mr David Burge	Past President
Mr Ian Sugarman	CEO
Mr Alex Lee	Honorary Treasurer
Miss Evelyn Ong	Honorary Secretary Elect
Miss Kate Billington	Administrative Secretary
Miss Shan Teo	Congress Secretary and Webmaster
Prof Paul Johnson	Trustee, Academic and Research Board RCSE BAPS representative
Miss Majella McCullagh	Trustee, Belfast Regional Representative
Mr Oliver Gee	Chairman of CRG for Specialised Surgery in Children
Mr Richard Stewart	RCSEngland Representative
Miss Camilla Poulton	Lay Representative
Mr Bruce Jaffray	BAPS Trustee
Mr Naved Alizai	President of BAPES
Mr Mark Powis	SAC Chair
Mr Hemanshoo Thakkar	Trainees Representative

## 2. Apologies

Prof Paul Losty	Research Committee
Mr Simon Kenny	Outcomes Committee
Mr Stuart O'Toole	BAPU
Mr Mark Vipond	ASGBI

## 3. Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting

The minutes were passed as a true representation of the meeting by the attendees with the following amendments.

- Apologies to Miss McCullagh for the misspelling of her name.
- The question of patron is still undecided and will be addressed by the President in due course

- AL following advice from TCAM reduced the level of investment risk from level 6 to 5.
- MM informed the Council that the previously agreed Minister for Health for ten years is no longer.

#### **4. President's Report**

Professor Davenport gave a powerpoint presentation opening with international meetings he attended representing BAPS, indicating this was at no cost to BAPS. More local meetings included attendance of the FSSA. There is a movement towards the formation of a British Surgical Association as a better professional body than the BMA to represent surgeons. There is also a surgeon specific professional insurance policy proposed. MD reported ASGBI is using SWORD data to show that length of stay in general surgical units for childhood appendicectomies is lower than that in specialist paediatric surgery units. BJ raised the issue of accuracy of HES data on which SWORD is based citing differences in coding for normal appendicectomy within his own unit shows rates twice that shown by SWORD data. The reasons for this discrepancy were suggested to be at the point of reporting to HES. MD suggested coding at source is often an issue. There was doubt that pinpointing the source of data corruption would be able to be found. EO raised that a mechanism needs to be put in place feedback data inaccuracies to SWORD so that validation is improved. MD cited the utility of SWORD was as a blunt indicator in trends that may signpost areas needing drilling down to find precise causes. Joint working with the Royal College of Anaesthetists is still pending.

Action points:

- To contact Prof Andrew Wolffe for an update on joint BAPS Anaesthetics project  
Responsible person: Mark Davenport
- MD will summarise his report in written form for the record.

#### **5. Honorary Treasurer's Report**

AL summarised the TCAM investment portfolio report showing the trend in investment gains peaking at the end of 2016. Reporting of expenditure will be categorised to make transparent what general funds are available and what funds are already committed. He will also produce a budget which will be updated with quarterly expenditure to ensure BAPS is financially secure. There has been a fall in the total assets of BAPS, with data showing this was due to increased expenditure. The fall in income this year has been due to decreased donations but had less impact. The main cost to BAPS has been the annual international congress. IS indicated the increased expenditure had been with guidance from TCAM. However, the budget will help plan future expenditure whilst ensuring BAPS continues to be able to function. BJ expressed concern that the over-expenditure was not sustainable. EO has asked AL to ensure that recurrent and one off costs are clear so that we can be more costeffective. AL highlight IT expenditure as high and suggested alternative providers are looked for. IS pointed out the contract was awarded following market research and Mixd provided a much improved service. There would be further capital costs if the IT provider were to be changed again.

Action points:

- AL to produce budget based on quarterly expenditure review.
- AL to produce forecast based on current known investment gains and expenditure

- ST and EO will be meeting with Mixd in June to review the costs of ongoing work.

## **6. Honorary Secretary's Report**

EO discussed the issue of membership and the need to promote the benefits of membership. Applications have been difficult to vet. IS has tried various methods to validate trainee and consultant status in the UK and the best method has been to contact link surgeons to confirm current staff. PJ suggested and the Council agreed that vetting applications can be regionalised to support the administrative office. PJ suggested that regional international reps could also help. EO indicate the current constitution states there should be 10 international member representatives at Council but requests for reps to identify themselves in the last newsletter was not successful. IS will check previous council minutes for names of reps who will be contacted to ask if they wish to continue in role or nominate a successor. The Council agreed to a discount for BAPS funded events for its members. The pricing differential was agreed to be nominal initially. EO emphasised this should not be seen as a backdoor way of raising funds but to heighten awareness of BAPS contribution to CPD. ST asked for further suggestions to give value added membership. IS feels support for CPD and revalidation was not thought to be useful. EO feels creating an appraisal tool would be costly. Facilities such as Dendrite and Sword however may be seen as assets and should be promoted as a membership benefit. Raising further donations will be helped by more transparent reporting in the Trustees report.

Action points:

- EO to create centralised database of potential sponsors so that approaching them is easier for subsequent years.
- EO and ST to revise online application process.
- ST to apply new discount price banding for BAPS members for BAPS sponsored events.
- AL/EO/KB to complete redraft of Trustees Report in preparation for Exec in July.
- EO to raise International BAPS reps at next Council meeting

PJ asked that thanks be minuted to IS for his long and excellent service to BAPS in his roles as Hon Sec and CEO. A round of applause followed.

## **8. Future meetings**

Congress meetings were discussed during the Presidents report. The Trustees would vote between Nottingham and Manchester for 2019 at the end of the agenda.

IS confirmed that a venue has been found for the 2017 Winter meeting. Next year's Winter meeting will be held in January 2019 and is being organised by AL in conjunction with BSPGHAN. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

## **9. Other reports**

### **a. RCSEng rep**

RS summarised the attached documents. The CQC would like access to SWORD data in conjunction with BAPS. DB expressed concern the BAPS may be asked to play a role in policing outliers in outcome data. PJ suggests that RS approach the Outcomes Committee to ensure any data given to the CQC is done in the correct context with appropriate interpretation. Simon Kenny may be able to advise on existing data from GIRFT.

OG presented his report (attached). There are currently 3 members of BAPS on the CRG and therefore a representative who is a urologist would be preferred. OG will contact Stuart O'Toole to nominate a representative.

### **b. Clinical Outcomes Committee**

Report attached. PJ reported committee has only met twice but needs to review utility of the different reporting platforms. The council would like SWORD to be launched at Congress and feedback obtained before deciding whether continued subscription will be useful.

### **c. Trainees Report**

Report attached. HT highlighted trainees day. MD commented the programme appeared well organised but has suggested newly appointed Nuffield Professor of Surgery at GOSH Prof Paolo di Coppi should be asked to participate out of courtesy as the day is being held at the ICH. The meeting was confirmed as solely supported by BAPS and not as a joint event with IPEG though non-BAPS trainees are of course welcome. A request for subsidisation of the day's catering was made. Council agreed to fund the catering provided a registration fee for non-BAPS members of £10 was applied. BAPS members could attend gratis. The evening meal would similarly be subsidised for BAPS members and therefore members would be charged £25 for dinner, non-members £35 i.e. at cost price as quoted by Ciao Bella. CP suggested that a further negotiation with the restaurant may bring a further discount depending on numbers attending. The Golden Scalpel Award closing date will be next month to allow the winner's name to be published in the abstract book. The award will be made during the prize giving session at the end of Congress. The next National Training Day is to be held in Southampton. The meeting coincides with the next proposed PESPOS meeting and local organisers are understood to be therefore holding the latter as a substitute for the National Training Day. HT has been asked to approach the Education Committee to approve content of the day for approval as a BAPS supported event, following which the BAPS badge may appear on promotional material.

### **d. Website**

Discussion has been incorporated under different sections of the agenda. The website has been relaunched and feedback to the Congress Secretary on content would be gratefully received.

## **e. SAC**

Report attached. MP reported 7 new trainees were appointed at the last round of national appointments. However, were raised about some trainees suitability for training and how selection might be improved. Implementation of a run-through grade was discussed as current core training is felt to be unfit for purpose. MP reports that general feedback from trainees is that it is the preferred option by medical students and newly qualified doctors to provide job and training stability. HT reports this is in contradiction to online forum trainee discussions who prefer core training before committing to a specialty. NA asked if a run through training would impede trainers ability to highlight the trainee in difficulty but MP reiterated that annual review should still highlight these. EO asked if run through grades allowed trainees a chance to attain core competencies before committing to a specialty of which they have limited experience. MP feels that trainees will still receive enough core training to allow transfer to other specialties albeit some may require added training time to compensate for time spent in non-relevant specialties. MP highlighted the introduction of new trainee bootcamps which will not be mandatory but trainees will be encouraged to attend.

BJ asked if he could ask about colonoscopy accreditation as it was linked to the current syllabus. An opinion has been sought on a long-qualified consultant who performed a colonoscopy which resulted in bowel perforation. The consultant claims that CCT in Paediatric Surgery is sufficient proved accreditation in colonoscopy. MP noted that colonoscopy is a PBA 2 and is not equivalent to JAG colonoscopy accreditation. Current syllabus does not support the consultants claim. IS has indicated that in this case personal experience of colonoscopy and outcomes would be more relevant than Paediatric Surgery accreditation in supporting the argument. DB asked if it would be possible to highlight areas where a consultant was not accredited. NA commented this implies accreditation in all other areas. The Council agreed that this was unwieldy. The discussion had to be terminated in the interests of time.

## **F & g. Surgical Specialty Leads**

No report received. Simon Eaton has asked to demit chair of Research Committee and one member has submitted an application for the Chair. EO to confirm appointment with Simon Eaton. PJ noted omission of Research and Fellowship RCSEng committee from agenda. BAPS will continue to support one BAPS Research Fellowship per year and applications should be fixed to the calendar as a separate application to the general pool of RCSEng research fellowships. IS indicated research fellows have struggled to apply as the selection dates have thus far been variable.

## **h. BAPES report**

Report attached. NA has asked the Exec to support joint meetings with BAPES in future. The Exec supports this and MD proposes that NA submits a plan for Liverpool 2018. BAPES planning to hold joint meeting with all major laparoscopic surgical groups.

## **I. ASGBI**

Apologies given. Mark Vipond requests that BAPS hold a joint 90min session at the ASGBI in Liverpool May 2018. The Exec agreed to this. EO to contact Mark Vipond to discuss.

j & k BSPGHAN

No issues reported.

l Ethics

No issues reported.

m BAPU

Report submitted. Apologies given. No comments regarding report.

n IAC

No report received.

o Oncology

Report attached.

p Trauma

Report attached. MP highlighted the mentioned burden of trauma is not solely economic but also the consequences for families of caring for survivors with life-changing injuries. Ross Fisher has submitted the latest document produced from TARNlet.

q Education

Report submitted. No issues raised.

r Intercollegiate Exams

No issues raised. See AOB

10. Regional reports

AL asked why Scotland is not represented by a single person. Historically, MM has offered to collate issues from Scotland and Belfast but struggled to get feedback. Individual centres have therefore provided feedback independently. Reports attached for all areas except Wales. MM reported a meeting was scheduled to take place with other centres but only one consultant representative attended other than herself. However, the trainees enjoyed and gained from the meeting.

a. Aberdeen

b. Belfast

c. Cardiff

d. Glasgow

## **11 Next Executive Meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 London Hilton Metropole

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Friends House

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Venue TBC

## **12 AOB**

a Paediatric colonoscopy accreditation. Please see above under SAC.

b. New Chair of Intercollegiate Surgical Board and Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations will be David Crabbe from Sept 2017.

## **Trustees Meeting**

Trustee Documents were signed to complete forms for transfer of the charity to an incorporated charitable company.

The shortlist of Manchester and Nottingham for Congress 2019 were discussed by MD. The shortlist was based largely on cost. Manchester will only be able to host the Congress during the second half of June or end of July. PJ commented end of July is unpopular as it clashes with summer holidays for most families. MD is not aware of a clash with other major paediatric surgery meetings or venues at this time. Nottingham is an attractive campus but ultimately Manchester was discussed as a more metropolitan, accessible and appealing option. A vote was taken and Manchester has been chosen as the venue for BAPS. The Trustees appreciate this will require a lot of support from the BAPS administrative office to organise.

Evelyn Ong

Honorary Secretary

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