

MINUTES OF UKCS AGM

ST ANDREWS Hall, NORWICH

Friday 21st April 2006

Apologies:

No apologies were received.

Minutes of the AGM held in Glasgow April 2005 were approved.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report showed that the membership number had increased to 735 with 413 paid up members.

Treasurer's Report:

This showed a very healthy balance of **£55,586.07p**, although a further £11,452.50p from the Glasgow meeting was to be added giving a balance of **£67,038.57p**. It was agreed that this was a healthy balance and would continue to be able to be used for bursaries and small grant funds for the foreseeable future.

Financial Report from Glasgow 2005

Dr Ramsay raised the question of transparency in the funding of meetings and suggested that it was imperative that both the membership of the Society saw the figures from annual meetings and obviously that accounts were present in case required by any other party.

The summary of the income and expenditure from the Glasgow meeting 2005 showed that there had been a total income from exhibitors and Delegates of £142,775, total expenditure of £93,280, leaving a profit of £49,495.12, which was split, equally between UKCS and the local unit, each receiving £24,747.56p.

Dr Ramsay asked the members present if they felt that a 50:50 split was reasonable given the workload involved for the local Unit and the majority of people there felt that it was although there were some concerns from the floor that as a meeting could only be held by large units that a big chunk of money going to them was perhaps unfair on smaller units. It was agreed to keep the situation under review.

Web Site report:

The website continues to be used and the results of small grant applications will be posted on this.

The Result of Small Grant applications:

Details are in the minutes of the small grant Group meeting, but in summary the application from Oxford will be funded in full, the full £5000 on receipt of ethical approval and confirmation of safety advice. The Birmingham study was awarded £1500 for administrative costs. The Glasgow study was awarded £1000 for wages and pro rata up to a maximum of £5000 for urodynamic studies. The application for Bristol was not funded.

It was agreed that funding would be available in the foreseeable years for up to four grants of up to £5000 and again next year there would be up to 20 bursaries of £100 for those on low wages to attend the meeting.

TENURE OF UKCS Secretariat

Dr Ian Ramsay indicated that he would be standing down in 2008, having done 7 years as Honorary Secretary & Treasurer of the Society, this being the same length of time as our first Honorary Secretary & Treasurer, Gordon Hosker.

The membership agreed that this would be the maximum length of time that an Honorary Secretary & Treasurer would serve, but it could be a shorter time than that should the incumbent feel pressurised to leave early. Dr Ramsay asked the floor for volunteers to take over the position to make themselves known to him over the coming year and if necessary a vote will be taken at the AGM of 2007 with a view to the successful applicant commencing in 2008.

The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer will require the services of a part time secretary and if they have one of their own, all good and well, if not Myra Glass, the current secretary indicated she would be happy to continue in the short term until a suitable successor was found.

ADVANCED WELCOME TO 2007 MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM.

The Chairman and Scientific Chairman gave an amusing and exciting preview of Birmingham and welcomed everyone to attend.

FUTURE VENUES

South Wales has been confirmed as the venue for 2009 meeting and further details will be sent.

Interest has been expressed for the 2010 meeting.

ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- A The question of declaration of interests and ethical approval of studies presented was raised from the floor. After much discussion it was agreed that at the commencement of any talk given at UKCS there would be a declaration of any interests and a declaration of ethical approval. The Scientific Committee in Birmingham were asked to make note of this.
- B The subject of affiliation to ICS was raised with the perceived benefits being publication of abstracts in their Journal and receipt of their Journal. The downside would be a big rise in subscription fees, which at the minute were minimal. The overwhelming feeling was that this is against the whole ethos of UKCS, which is a low cost multi professional, all-inclusive society and it was agreed not to take this further.

That was all the business.



IAN RAMSAY
HONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER