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**MINUTES OF UKCS AGM
BASINGSTOKE**

FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2008

Apologies:

No apologies received

Minutes of the AGM:

Held in Birmingham 4 April 2007 were approved

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

Secretary & Treasure's report:

Ian Ramsey reported that we currently had 370 members and the total number of people who had been members of the Society at anytime has now reached 800. There were 23 new members this year. It was noticeable that there had been a significant slow down in the membership. Doug Small questioned whether there was a break down available of those who had let their member ship lapse by profession. There was also a comment that this was traditionally a low budget meeting and the aims of the Society had always been low budget low key and the opportunity to discuss work in progress in a friendly environment. Ian Ramsey also reiterated that there was a bursary available for low paid members.

Financial report from Birmingham 2007:

The accounts from Birmingham were presented which demonstrated the meeting generated £210,000 but cost £204,000 to put on with an approximate profit of £6,000. It would be anticipated that, in the usual fashion, £3,000 will be donated to the UKCS.

Website report:

No comments made

Results of small grant applications:

Steven Radley reported that six applications had been received and normally the Society had a budget of £20,000. He indicated that five grants had been successful with a potential total of £14,500 had been awarded subject to one or two amendments. Further details of this report will be available on the website. There was a question from the floor to ask whether the grants were acknowledged and this was confirmed that people who had received grants and published had acknowledged the grants. It was also questioned whether the money that hadn't been allocated could be used to commission work for future conferences to maintain a theme. Whilst this was felt to have some merits it would be a significant deviation and the view would need to be taken by the membership on this if this was to change. There was also a comment that whilst the small grants were available for amounts up to £5,000, it was possible to apply for smaller amounts and possibly these grants would be looked on more favourably, as it could help as the grants could go further or to more units. There was a further comment that these grants were set up to encourage new researchers and we seemed to be failing to attract the people who perhaps we want to encourage to initiate research. Malcolm Lucas stated the thinking of introducing workshops to encourage people to initiate research but to allow them to get advice on ethics application and study design and this potentially could become a rolling programme of workshops from one year to the next maintaining the theme of this being a research Society. There was a question of whether there could be two deadlines a year but there was an acknowledgment that if this was the case then there would be an increase in the work for the committee. James Malone-Lee highlighted that the key thing for research is the level of supervision and those who received better supervision were usually more productive. It was also identified that there was a need to highlight the scheme and that perhaps this could be put on the BSUG & BAUS website. The applicants would have to be members and attend the conference to be eligible.

Welcome of the new UKCS secretary/treasurer:

Philip Toozs-Hobson as the new secretary and Ralph Webb as the new treasurer were welcomed by Ian Ramsey. In return Ian Ramsey and Myra Glass were thanked for their support and hard work over the last seven years

Advanced welcome to 2009 meeting in Swansea:

After the presentation "Broadening Horizons" by Chairman Malcolm Lucas attendees were invited to attend the meeting in Swansea next year. The dates and details of the meeting can be found on the UKCS and Index Communications websites

Results of Merger discussions with Continence Foundation

It was noted that the Continence Foundation had sadly lost its major sponsors and therefore had to close and whilst there had been one meeting to discuss the merger between the Continence Foundation and UKCS, this was no longer appropriate. The Society acknowledged the contribution of the Continence Foundation to raising the profile and awareness of continence issues

Future Venues:

2009 Swansea

2010 Exeter

2011 Bristol

2012 there had been expressions of interest from Bradford to host the meeting and expressions of interest for hosting future meetings was requested.

AOB: None

