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Minutes of AGM

9.00 Wednesday 14 April 2010 Torquay Riviera Convention Centre

Chairpersons: Phil Toozs-Hobson Honorary Secretary
Ralph Webb Honorary Treasurer

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Phil Toozs-Hobson

Phil Toozs-Hobson opened the meeting by briefly discussing the 3 committee's progress so far and informed the members that these will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

PTH informed the members that the UKCS database is to be updated and it was important to have all the members up to date email address as newsletters, correspondence etc will be sent out electronically. It was advised that members should email Elaine (on the above email address) with their current email address.

PTH suggested that when a UKCS Newsletter is sent out to the members that any responses are very much appreciated and should be sent by email to either himself or Ralph Webb (on the above email addresses).

All UKCS information is available electronically on the UKCS website www.ukcs.uk.net.

Treasure's Report: Ralph Webb

Apologies given for the late response in sending cheques for the small grants

Financial report: Account in 2009 was approximately £50,000
Account in 2010 was approximately £36,000

One of the reasons given was falling membership (480 members at present) and again it was reiterated that the need for member's details to be updated was important. A suggestion was made that this could be done by way of a handbook, there was a positive response to this by the members at the meeting. **Action Ralph to lead**

Links with ACA: The ACA approached the UKCS in 2009 with a view to have joint meeting and also to share profits/expenses but it was questioned that this would be of no particular benefit to UKCS.

Simon Emery voiced his opinion that it seemed logical to join.

Mandy Wells responded by saying that numbers were down for UKCS this year especially from nurses and physiotherapists. She also mentioned that there were probably too many conferences and expense is a major issue for people attending the conferences especially if there is no sponsorship involved therefore people choose which ones to attend and not to attend. The same applies to companies choosing which conferences to attend.

Doug Tincello said that another problem for people not attending was the distance i.e travel expenses.

The present ACA chair said that there are no problems with ACA membership or profits and they currently have 600 members.

James Malone Lee responded to the above by saying that the UKCS has always been an annual meeting and that the ACA and UKCS are two completely different societies with different views.

Ralph Webb then invited members to express views by email regarding ACA/UKCS having a joint meeting.

Meeting Report:

Mandy Wells host of UKCS 2010 informed the members that attendance was down from last year. There were 86 abstracts presented, which was slightly down on 2009. The trade side was also down from Swansea but overall the meeting broke even. She thanked Rebecca and Peter for their help with the organisation of the meeting.

Simon Emery reported back on the close out of the Swansea meeting 2009 and suggested that attendance at these meetings are up and down. He reported that there were 121 abstracts (25 oral, 85 posters etc). These presentations are an essential part of the meetings.

Income for the Swansea meeting was £115,000 with a profit of £3,000. It was suggested that maybe Index Communications were becoming ore expensive and perhaps a DIY approach was an idea to lower costs.

(Because of time constraints this final point was not discussed in any detail, however I can confirm that Index negotiated discounts of greater than their charges for the Birmingham meeting. Phil)

Committee Reports: (the 3 committee's documents are all on the UKCS website)

Carmel Ramage-Grandfathering

Certification will last for 3 years then after 5 years the certification will need to be reapplied for. There are different levels of the certification therefore a specific will need to be applied for.

PTH made the point that there are different levels of urodynamic and experience.

There is a two stream criteria.

The aim is to roll this out in May 2010 application form are on the website

There is a need for an administration team and an assessment team.

Lucy Swithinbank-Education

Terms of reference for urodynamics discussed

ICS=accreditation process being used

E-learning

Requirement of courses

Lucy Dolan-Quality Assurance & Clinical Governance

Membership for urology and urogynaecology

Terms of reference are on the UKCS website

Urodynamics database-survey for members of UKCS for feedback

FUTURE DIRECTION OF UKCS

Phil Toozs-Hobson

Need for a constitution was discussed and will be developed over the next 12-24 months. PTH is in discussion with two companies with regard to help fund this and the introduction of certification.

PTH has been approached by the BBF (bladder & bowel foundation) regarding the UKSC having an input into their twice yearly magazine in the way of short pieces on research and results. Also to include a copy of their magazine on UKCS website

Doug Tincello expressed concern that this is an informal meeting and a move to different areas was not necessarily a good idea

PTH responded that the UKCS was a multidisciplinary organisation and that over the last few years this had been discussed each year. There had been overwhelming support in previous years for these initiatives and there had allows been a 2-4 year programme discussed. Previously this had been supported and the other organisations involved in the minimum standards document had agreed that UKCS was the best vehicle to take this process forward. Additionally this would almost certainly be imposed if not introduced as self regulation. It would allow medics to demonstrate scope of practice for revalidation and also protect other members of staff WRT scope of practice. It has been demonstrated that this has led to a significant improvement in standards in colposcopy over the last 20 years. One of the common misconceptions was that this would lead to a policing role, this is factually incorrect. The role is setting the standards and accreditation of individuals. Regulation of units and individuals was the remit of clinical governance and the responsibility for this rests solely with the employing body (usually the trust).

DT said do members rally want to move on. Doug has agreed to put some of his thoughts down to be included in the next news letter.

JML said that restrictions will be needed and after gentle persuasion agreed to be involved in the process of reviewing proposals to ensure that there were checks and limitations in any proposed constitution to restrict this to urodynamic practice

There was a show of hands-the majority was for.

It was suggested that there should be a vote to stay the same or move to certification. This will take place at a later date when more details are available (2011). One other way of addressing this would be to collate views using an online questionnaire.

FUTURE MEETINGS

2011 UKCS “Rising to the Challenge” 18th Meeting

This meeting will take place in Bristol 6-8 April 2011

2012 UKCS

This meeting will take place in Liverpool

2013 UKCS

This will take place in Bradford

AOB

P T-H reported back that there appeared to be a trend for some individuals submitting work to the meeting and then being able to attend to present without registering. Technically by submitting work the authors are entering into an agreement to attend and present the work. This will require registering. There can be no exceptions and he hoped that this would not be a problem in future years

There was a positive vote for UKCS press release responding to Ryanairs announcement to reduce toilets on flights. **Action Bob Freeman**

