Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Thursday 2nd November 2017, ICC, Birmingham

Minutes

Chairman: Dr Raman Uberoi, President BSIR

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2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2016, in Manchester.
The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 The President’s and Vice President’s Address

President’s Address
Dr Raman Uberoi, President of the BSIR, addressed the meeting.

Membership
The President was pleased to report that membership stands at 966 and continues to grow year on year.

Communications
The President reported BSIR as a strong communications strategy and improvements have been made to the website and modern communications to enhance the profile of the Society. The President stated content is key and encouraged members’ involvement by providing good news stories and case histories, videos, material that members of the public as well as professionals would find beneficial.

PB Consulting – BSIRs’ PR company are getting the message across via tweets, and facebook posts of improved patient care and outcomes by investing in IR nationally. Tweet impressions have risen from 1,500 in Jan 17 to 20,800 in Sept 17.

Education
The President reported Education and research is a major focus of BSIR’s activities and the Society invests a lot of time and effort in to the Annual Scientific meeting which forms a major part of the BSIR calendar.

“The Graham Plant Visiting Professorship” has been funded jointly with the Royal College of Radiologists. The purpose of the post is to invest in IR training in interventional radiology and allows the visiting professor to deliver a series of lectures and small group teaching sessions
on IR topics to radiology training schemes across the UK. Professor Duncan Ettles was the 1st Travelling Professor and addressed the meeting yesterday on his lectures throughout the year.

The President was pleased to report that the Society continues to run The basic and advanced practice courses and supports the IOUK meeting.

BSIR Educational & research bursaries are awarded in line with BSIR objectives of investing in research, information and data to increase the evidence base for IR practise.

Eucomed
The President reported on the new Eucomed rules: from January 2018 members will no longer be able to access direct sponsorship. BSIR members were urged to contact industry colleagues early in the new year if looking for future support to meetings.

Farago
- The President highlighted the e-Referral CQUIN:
  - 2017/2018 there will be a CQUIN payment - Providers to publish all services and appointment slots on the NHS e-Referral service.
  - From October 2018, appointments not available to e-referral will no longer attract a payment tariff.
- As requested by members BSIR are in the process of producing a Job planning guidance for IR.
- Hybrid theatres – guidance document produced.

National Consultations and liaison with other societies
The President reported BSIR continues to have consultations with other national societies:
- RCR the Societies parent College
- Discussions held with SNR regarding the Stroke strategy within the UK, an initial guidance document drafted which will hopefully be ratified by Faculty board and allow an agreement for Fast track training in Stroke thrombectomy for IR’s.
- VS - Training Curriculum – following many years of discussion with the Vascular Society meetings were suspended due to majority of focus been on the requirements of vascular surgeons and very little to do with IR trainees. Agreed to keep the “door open” by continuing to engage and have a more positive and constructive dialogue. A joint statement to be drafted that both Societies can agree too which deals with mutual respect and collaborative working relationships.
- Vascular commissioning and National vascular indicators to be published next year.
- BSIR continue to have consultations on tariffs.

5 Secretary’s Report on Society Activities since previous AGM

Dr Ian McCafferty, Secretary of the BSIR, gave the following report;

The Secretary highlighted some of the activities BSIR had been involved with over the last 12 months.
**Document Review**

Identified all RCR / BSIR documents defined review dates and considered if relevant for practice, 3 published this year; Standards in Vascular Radiology, Safety & Sedation and Nursing in IR. POIR document due for review 2017/2018

**Risk Registry**

Risk registry developed to address potential threats and how to address issues. Updated with VAT and Eucomed guidelines & ASM sustainability. 
VAT – accountancy firm appointed see Treasurer’s report. 
Eucomed guidelines – working with industry re funding / support for ASM delegates. 
ASM sustainability – working on how the conference needs to evolve to be financially viable.

**NICE**

BSIR continue to undertake NICE consultations and received 64 requests and provided input into 34. 
To manage this process BSIR has a panel of volunteers with a wide range / variety of experience. Dr McCafferty thanked existing members and encouraged members interested in joining the panel to contact Dr McCafferty direct or Julie Ellison at council@bsir.org

**RCR/BSIR/VS Liaison Group**

As stated in the Presidents report the last meeting was disbanded which did cause a few ripples in both societies. A new smaller BSIR/VS Liaison group has been formed with a new remit. Agreed a joint statement in principle, wording still being negotiated.

The Secretary announced the winners in the 2017 BSIR and BSIRT Elections and welcomed those concerned and thanked members standing down for their work and involvement.

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### Treasurer’s Report on Society Activities since previous AGM and BSIR Accounts for Financial Year 2016/17 & Report on Year 2017/18 to date.

Dr Fiona Miller, Treasurer reported BSIR’s main income streams are subscriptions, annual meeting delegate fees and industry sponsorship, which remain stable. Expenditure increased due to hire of conference venue and AV costs. Future conference attendance uncertain due to changing funding systems from industry and reduced study leave funding from NHS Trusts.

VAT – BSIR was contacted by the HMRC requesting the society to review VAT status and rectify as appropriate. It transpired that advice given in previous years that the Society did not need to register was incorrect. New accountancy firm Brian Paul Chartered Accountants based in Ealing now appointed to support registration for VAT with HMRC and retrospective review of accounts, over the next few months BSIR will have an idea of the cost implications.

**In Conclusion**

Current wealth remains stable with:
- Approx. £240,000 in Nationwide Instant Access Account. 1%
- Approx. £200,000 invested Schroders Charity Multi-Asset fund. Stable.
- Approx. £100,000 in Nat West Current Account.
Two areas of uncertainty:
- Conference options in the light of
  - Venue and AV costs
  - Conference sponsorship from companies
  - Study leave budgets
- VAT registration
Good buffer remains thanks to the previous treasurers Prof Duncan Ettles and Dr Nick Chalmers.

7 Proposal of Auditors for BSIR
The Treasurer proposed a vote of agreement for BSIR to appoint new auditors Brian Paul Chartered Accountants, Ealing, London for 2017-2018. There was a show of hands, motion was carried.

8 Discussion Items
8.1 RCR Faculty of IR
The President reported that the view of the Officers and Council is that the Society needs a radical change in the structure of the RCR to enable us to respond more effectively to the changing and evolving needs of IR practice in the UK.

Just under 200 members supported an IR Faculty and a motion to go forward when it went out for consultation earlier this year. It was felt there was insufficient support to carry any national ballot and ultimately the RCR privy council felt it was unachievable.

It was agreed to form an IR Committee led by an IR Chair with the bulk of the committee being IR members and groups with an interest to see if we can achieve the change we need for IR speciality. Adverts for Chairperson and Committee members circulated today.

If the BSIR feels the IR Committee is making no headway, Officers and Council would like to go back to the College and ask for a Faculty of IR.

Motion for Vote: If BSIR officers consider that they are failing to make sufficient progress on key issues for Interventional Radiology through the RCR IR subcommittee 'Should the BSIR seek to become a faculty of the RCR' YES / NO'

Members questions/comments
- Clarification of the IR Committee was requested – the President responded that adverts for Chair and members for the IR Committee have been circulated today. First meeting to be planned for January 2018. 12-18 months of meetings to understand what can be achieved for IR via the Committee before re approaching the College re Faculty status.
- Faculty involves time and work
- Diagnostic imaging – needs more time and attention
- IR Committee to address all aspects that impact on IR care, key issues:
  - Training / education (training numbers, training curriculum pathways)
  - Tariffs
- Patient care
- Job planning

- IR Committee will not fulfil the needs of BSIR
- BSIR encouraged to be clearer about the values that members think need to be driven in interventional radiology and this committee and the measures that they account for these values been achieved.
- Realistic goals for the IR Committee to drive forward and achieve.
- Would it be a source of conflict if Chair of IR Committee was also BSIR President – Committee Chair and members to be decided by RCR.
- Essential that members of the committee include members of the BSIR officers and council.

The President asked for members to vote on the motion via the microsite which will include meeting delegates and those that cannot attend the ASM. Closing date midnight 02/11/17.

9 Installation of Dr Trevor Cleveland as BSIR President for 2017-19

Dr Raman Uberoi handed over the Medal of Office to the new President, Dr Trevor Cleveland.

Dr Cleveland thanked members for this opportunity in what are exciting and challenging times for IR. Dr Cleveland was delighted to be working with the newly appointed Council Officers’ Ian MacCafferty – Vice Chair, Phil Haslam – Secretary and Fiona Miller – Treasurer.

Dr Cleveland thanked Dr Uberoi for his diligence and hard work maintaining the running and success of the Society.

AOB
None.

Close of Meeting
The President thanked those who had attended for their comments and time and declared the meeting closed.