

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - Reg. Charity 1098584 & Reg. Company 4691176

Friday 18th April 2008 at 08.30,

The Lomond Auditorium, Scottish Exhibition Conference Centre, Scotland

- 1 PF welcomed the members present to the Annual General Meeting
- 2 No apologies had been received. 24 members were in attendance.
- 3 The minutes from the last AGM of the charity held on 29th March 2007 were approved and accepted as a true record of the meeting.
 - 3.1 The Bursary payments have been suspended for the international meeting's this year, due to the fact that Astellas and Novartis believe that the initiative could only work with the support of all the Corporate Partners
- 4 **President's Report**
 - 4.1 The BTS bid for ESOT 2011
Successful. The meeting will be held in Glasgow, but is hosted by the BTS and is a wonderful opportunity to showcase BTS.
 - 4.3 Organ Retrieval
Launched a working Party to look at developing a national organ retrieval service. Lots of work done so far, proposal written and approved by the council of BTS.
 - 4.2 Retiring members of council
Chris Dudley has served his term on council, and has been responsible for running the bursary scheme. Thanks were given for his commitment. Steve Wigmore, chair of Ethics Committee is also retiring from the committee, and from council, and thanks were given for all his hard work.
- 5 **Vice President's Report**
 - 5.1 Liverpool 2009
Programme currently being developed. Joint meeting with the Renal Association. Plan is to run as joint programme on the Wednesday and Thursday and have the Friday as a BTS day, with a joint social event on the Wednesday evening.
 - 5.2 2010 congress
To be held in London at Kensington Town Hall
 - 5.3 2011 Congress.
Congress strategy to change, in particular to reflect need for it to become financially neutral. Currently looking at a central venue for a rolling 3 years. There will be a national organising committee, with local support.
 - 5.4 IT strategy.
The council and executive have recognised the need to update the whole IT infrastructure including the membership database and website. Looking at re-branding the website and back office functions. Website needs to be the first port of access for members and public with interest in transplantation, and there needs to be member only areas. The Council has agreed to move ahead with this and have appointed Luke Devey to be web manager who has agreed to provide his time free of charge. Web editorial sub committee to sit alongside.
- 6 **General Secretary's Report**
 - 6.1 Elections
817 voting codes distributed, only 184 online votes cast (23%). This compares poorly to 2007 when 272 votes were cast (~33%). The plan is to continue with electronic voting system in the future. There were a few teething problems and two candidates had incorrect statements published. As a consequence Electoral Reform Services (ERS) re ran the election for councillor without portfolio without charging as this was their error. The following positions have been filled.

Mr Hany Riad – Councillor without Portfolio

Dr Iain MacPhee – Councillor representing Nephrology
Mr Derek Manas – Councillor representing Liver Transplantation
Dr Sue Fuggle – Councillor representing Histocompatibility
Mr Luke Devey – Training Committee Member
Mr Vasillios Papalois – Ethics Committee Member
Dr Paolo Muiesan – Ethics Committee Member

6.2 A public apology was made to Cinzia Sammartino as an error was made over her abstracts. The council agreed that a full refund would be given for congress fees.

6.3 Congress Abstracts

A total number of 205 Abstracts were submitted for the congress of which 65 were accepted for oral presentation and 125 were accepted for posters.

6.4 A list of new members was presented at the AGM. There were no objections to the proposed names.

6.5 Roy Calne award – Kathryn Brown

Clinical Training Fellowships – David Vass, Edinburgh: Astellas
Tony Rostron, Newcastle: Novartis

6.6 Presumed Consent survey

119 responses. 70% were in favour of presumed consent; 48% in favour of a soft opt out. 86% were in favour of required referral.

6.7 Rule 5: Associate Membership. There are two ways of achieving this membership, Council have proposed that the names are changed to: International associate member and Commercial Associate member (for CP). All agreed in favour of this. New rule reads as follows:

“*Commercial* Associate Members shall have the same privileges as Members but shall not be members of the company; they shall not pay membership fees and shall not attend the Company Annual General Meeting.

International Associate Members shall have limited privileges of Membership. They shall not be members of the company; they shall not attend the Company Annual General Meeting and shall not be entitled to vote. They shall pay a reduced membership fee and they shall not be entitled to apply for fellowships or bursaries”

6.8 Rule 3: member of good standing – James Douglas’ points were outlined.

Two options discussed: one to revert to original phraseology, the other to adopt the phrase used by the Transplantation Society. Members pointed out initial indication for changing rule, and recommended legal opinion before further changes were made.

6.9 Directed Donation, Laura Ashworth Case.

Council proposed that the BTS write a letter to HTA stating the BTS position. Propose that the society support directed donation in exceptional circumstances, but not conditional donation. The AGM is happy for a letter to be written.

7 Treasurer’s Report

7.1 Finances of Society are currently in good shape. Income over the last two years is almost identical. Saved approx £80k over the past two years. Fall in restricted income, however slight increase in the unrestricted funds. Need to reserve a certain amount of funds. Increased that from £80k to £100k.

8 12th Annual Congress

Liverpool 22-24th April 2009.

9 Any other Business

There was no other business raised

10 Next Meeting

Scheduled for Friday 24th April 2009 – Liverpool.

11 The AGM was closed at 09:15am