

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

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

Friday 24th February at 1.00pm

The Alsh meeting room, SECC, Glasgow

1. Chris Watson welcomed the members present to the Annual General Meeting and apologised for the mix up with the meeting times in the printed programme.
2. No apologies were received. 40 members were in attendance.
3. The minutes from the last AGM of the charity held on 11th March 2011, Tregonwell Hall, Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth, were approved and accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **President's Report**
 - i The President welcomed new members and thanked all retiring members of the Council and Executive for their services. The President welcomed BMS as a new Gold corporate partner and thanked Astellas for continuing to support the BTS as Gold corporate partners and Novartis for their Silver corporate partnership. He also thanked Roche & Pfizer/Wyeth for their support in the past.
 - ii **Achievements: Guidelines**
 - CW thanked Peter Andrews for his hard work in gaining accreditation for the BTS Clinical Guidelines by NHS evidence. CW reviewed the guidelines published in the last year.
 - The BTS has contributed to several consultations over the year and numerous requests from the media. CW listed the contributions, particularly referring to those concerning the EUO Organ donation directive and the Welsh proposals to introducing Opt out legislation. He also commented that the UK DEC document, 'An ethical framework for controlled donation after circulatory death' will be very helpful to transplantation.
 - CW asked Keith Rigg to update on Transplant 2013. The group was established with an aim to promote leadership of organ donation and transplantation within Parliament and other institutions and to facilitate communication within the transplant community. Keith Rigg advised that Transplant 2013 continues its activities and regularly submits briefing statements to prompt debate in Westminster. They have also devised a toolkit which includes ten ideas on how to promote transplantation. This is available to MPs. *The members asked if this could also be made available to BTS members on the website in the member's area.* KR advised he would look into this.
 - iii **Multiple disciplines in transplantation**

The BTS wants to encourage more nurses to become members and to attend Congress and are looking at ways to do this by reviewing membership fees and ensuring there will be suitable topics/sessions at future congresses that will be of interest to them. CW added that BTS should also focus on getting more of the multidisciplinary team involved in transplantation to join the BTS, including psychiatrists/ologists, and pharmacists as well as increasing basic science membership.
 - vi **Future Events**

20th April 2012 – Transplantation through the keyhole
Autumn – Transplant Education Forum
Joint BTS/NHSBT organ retrieval workshop – There are discussions with the Royal College of Surgeons to get the workshop accredited.
5. **Vice President's Report**

AW thanked the Congress Organizing Committee and abstract reviewers for their time and support. He also thanked the corporate partners. AW confirmed the next Congress will be

combined with the Renal Association in Bournemouth from 12th – 15th March 2013. There was discussion around how the overlap will work and which days should be overlapped with the RA. This will be discussed further by the COC when all feedback from this Congress is received.

6. Secretary's Report

i Elections

664 eligible voters, 170 votes cast (25.6%) this is slightly less than last year where 228 votes were cast (30%).

ii As a result of the above votes the following positions have been filled:-

Secretary: **Iain McPhee**

Councillor representing Liver Transplantation: **Steve White**

Member of the Clinical Trials Committee (3yrs): **Rachel Hilton**

Member of the Clinical Trials Committee (2yrs): **Martin Drage**

Positions unfilled

Councillor representing Histocompatibility – **Craig Taylor co-opted for further year**

Councillor representing Transplant Nephrology – No-one co-opted

Member of the Standards Committee (2 posts) – **Peter Andrews co-opted Derek Manas and Lisa Burnapp**

iii Membership

A total of 94 new members have joined since the last AGM bringing the total membership to 792. CD showed a comparison of membership figures since 2009 and advised that membership figures has fluctuated in the past but now seemed quite stable. There was no opposition to the list presented.

vi Abstracts

A total of 240 abstracts had been submitted this year, 182 clinical, 50 Laboratory/H&I, 6 Ethics and 2 Coordinator/Nurse. From these 227 were accepted, 66 Oral and 161 Poster.

v Awards

The Roy Calne award was presented to Dominic Summers, University of Cambridge. CD thanked the other judges, Jacob Akoh, Jacquie Spencer and Iain MacPhee.

Medawar Medals were awarded to Sarah Hosgood, Clinical and Jennifer Cole, Science. CD thanked the judges, Giovanna Lombardi, Anthony Dorling, Marlene Rose, Andrew Bushell, Peter Friend, Rachel Hilton, Derek Manas and Charles Newstead.

7. Treasurer's Report

i RB showed a breakdown of the annual income streams for BTS totaling £319,521 (not including deferred income). RB confirmed the importance of income from the corporate partners and advised this had been secured again for next year, totaling £65,000. RB gave a big thank you to ESOT whose Congress in Glasgow had been a great success and from which the BTS had received an £86,000 donation as the host organization for the efforts of its members in putting on the meeting.

ii RB advised the restricted funds will reduce as they will be used on the Education Grants and Fellowships, Workshops, Guidelines and the Carrell Club. RB advised that the Secretariat was also a large part of the BTS costs. Total expenditure for 2011-12 amounted to £329,433 with a total of £537,000 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

iii New Activities – Council have agreed to run the Education Forum again this year and it will be aimed at training in all areas. Others include ESOT bursaries, Guideline production, other meetings and the Transplant Library.

vi RB advised that more had been spent on Congress this year investing in interactive keypads in three of the sessions, filming of keynote speaker sessions to go on the BTS website members' area, Ceilidh entertainment at the Gala Dinner and Congress bursaries.

v RB showed a breakdown of corporate and individual membership. There was some

discussion on membership rates for consultants and whether or not they should pay more. RB responded that there would be so few it would not affect the income greatly. RB also asked if the members felt the extra costs spent at Congress were of value. These questions will be included in the feedback form which will be e-mailed to delegates in due course.

8. **16th Annual Congress**

BIC, Bournemouth, 12th – 15th March 2013

9. **AOB**

The Executive were asked about the NHSBT not having enough information on their website about Transplantation and it being biased towards issues relating to blood transfusion rather than organ transplantation. One example quoted was the lack of senior representation from NHSBT at the congress. It was also pointed out that the NHSBT board was quite large but had only one representative from the transplantation community who is a non-executive director. Members expressed concern that when he leaves there is no guarantee that he would be replaced by another person with an interest in transplantation. members were unanimous in their opinion that the president write to NHSBT highlighting the concerns of the BTS regarding the lack of transplantation representation on the board and its other concerns regarding the way transplant issues are being dealt with by NHSBT.

10. **Next meeting**

Scheduled for Friday 15th March 2013, BIC, Bournemouth.

11. **The AGM closed at 2.00pm**