

Annual General Meeting 2007

Minutes

Held in the Governors' Hall, St Thomas' Hospital, London on Thursday 25 September 2007, starting at 12.50h.

1. Quorum

The quorum for this meeting was set at 30 members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

These were approved and signed by the Chair, Professor David Eisner, as being a true record of the proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Chair's Report

Professor Eisner highlighted a number of developments over the past year, including enhancement of the BSCR website and increased interaction with the British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) and affiliate groups, particularly the British Atherosclerosis Society.

4.1. Annual Report

The accounts had been prepared and were being looked at by an independent examiner. The Annual Report covering the period April 2006 to March 2007 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and would be submitted along with the audited accounts to the Charities Commission in October 2007.

4.2. Past and Future Meetings and Workshops

4.2.1. Spring 2007 meeting

A meeting on the subject of "Emerging Therapeutic Targets and Technologies for the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease" was held at the University of Reading under the direction of Katrina Bicknell and Gavin Brooks on 29-30 March.

4.2.2. Autumn 2007 meeting

Dr Michael Curtis had organized the current meeting entitled "The QT Interval and Drug-Induced Torsades de Pointes" (24-25 September at St Thomas' Hospital, London).

4.2.3. Spring 2008 meeting

A joint meeting with the British Cardiovascular Society entitled "Causes and Consequences of Myocardial Infarction: New Concepts" will be held on 3-4 June in Manchester, organized by Professors Barbara McDermott and David Eisner.

4.2.4. Autumn 2008 meeting

A meeting focussed on young investigators will be held at the University of Bristol on 15-16 September.

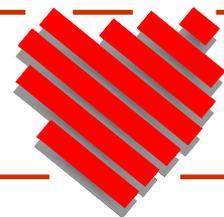
4.3. Sponsorship

Meeting organizers obtained significant funding from the BHF and commercial sponsors. The journal Clinical Science continued to sponsor a Young Investigator Award of £250 at each main meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer explained that changes had been made in the way the accounts were presented. Income/expenditure for scientific meetings were lumped together in last



year's statement, accounting for a negative figure in the period covered. The bank balance at the end of the financial year (31.03.07) stood at £98,114.

5.2. Membership

Total membership had increased (440 vs. 405 in September 2006).

5.3. Subscription Rates

Subscription rates would remain as in 2006: £15/£40 (ordinary membership – BSCR / BSCR & ISHR), £9/£34 (student membership - BSCR / BSCR & ISHR) for payment by direct debit or with a £5 surcharge for payment by cheque.

6. Secretary's Report

6.1. Committee Meetings

Over the past year the committee had met on two occasions: 29.3.07 (University of Reading) and 24.9.07 (St Thomas Hospital, London).

6.2. Committee Membership and Office Bearers

The voting for the position of Secretary, held by an email poll of current committee members, resulted in the election of Chris Jackson. Michael Curtis will carry on as Treasurer. Vacancies for a total of 4 new members of the committee were notified in the April 2007 issue of the Bulletin and eight nominations were received. Profiles of the candidates and voting papers were included in the July issue. A total of 83 members voted for up to 4 individuals and the results were: Yvonne Alexander (46), Katrina Bicknell (48), Carolyn Carr (20), Alison Cave (42), David Grieve (39), Derek Hausenloy (28), Yaldi Jamshidi (19), Jian-Mei Li (22). The election of Chris Jackson as Secretary, Michael Curtis as Treasurer, and Yvonne Alexander, Katrina Bicknell, Alison Cave and David Grieve as ordinary members of committee were ratified by a show of hands.

6.3. Constitution

Suggested revisions of the constitution as agreed at the last committee meeting (29.03.07) had been circulated to the full membership and were put forward for discussion and ratification at the AGM. All of the suggested changes were agreed by the members present.

7. Bulletin Editors' Report

Nicola Smart reported that all was going well with getting suitable material and meeting publication deadlines.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM would be held at the Autumn meeting in 2008.