

Unapproved Minutes of the 43rd Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 in The Capital Suite Rooms 8-11, The ICC, East ExCel, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock. London E16 1XL.

1. **The Minutes of the 42nd Annual Members Meeting held on 17 December 2013 at The ICC East ExCel, London** (Minutes posted on the ICS website)
The Minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record.

2. **President's Report**

Professor Bellamy opened the meeting and thanked all present for attending. There were 38 in attendance. Professor Bellamy thanked those who contributed to the meeting success including the Education and Meetings Committee, Members, industry and the Events Team within the Secretariat. Dr Sid Khan was thanked in particular as programme lead.

This was to be Professor Bellamy's last meeting as President as he was to hand over to Dr Stephen Brett at the end of the meeting. He thanked all those who had supported him throughout his term, including Council, the sub committees and the Secretariat.

During his term, there had been a number of successes. These include:

FICM - working positively with the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (FICM) under the leadership of Professor Julian Bion and subsequently Dr Anna Batchelor. The Faculty and Intensive Care Society worked together for the good of the specialty, with a common voice but not always saying the same thing.

GPICS – This was to be the intensive care bible. Both the ICS Standards, and Safety and Quality (SSQ) Committees had worked collaboratively with the FICM bringing this together which had been a big job. Dr Gary Masterson, in particular, was thanked.

NHS England & the Commissioning process – the document was due to go out soon for consultation. Both the ICS and the FICM had been involved.

Members Services Committee – membership engagement and benefits to members was under review, led by Dr Chris Danbury. A number of new initiatives and benefits for members included the launch of the ICS Affinity Scheme, as offered by organisations such as the Royal College of Physicians, now open to all ICS members. Athens, the online service for access to journals, was under review.

Communication Strategy – this had been implemented by Dr Stephen Brett and was being led by Dr Jeremy Groves on behalf of Council. This included the development of social media and improvements to the search ability within the ICS website.

Council blogs – this was a new venture and offered the membership the opinions of Council individuals and the opportunity to comment. Members were encouraged to agree or disagree!

Lobbying and influence – this included the CQC. The Society had also helped raise awareness of sepsis with a joint initiative in the summer with the UK Sepsis Trust, with the event attended by Dame Julie Mellor and Professor Sir Bruce Keogh and there were signs undertakings given were

being delivered. The event was hosted in the presence of the Society's Patron HRH The Princess Royal.

Moving forward, it was recognised that how research was funded was changing. The importance of strengthening the relationship with industry was noted. The Society had embarked on working with Manchester Business School and their international MBA students over the past 3 years. The third year had produced a very insightful piece of work that should help the Society to work towards raising its profile and fundraising.

The Society's journal, JICS, was entering a new and exciting phase. It was noted that only 1% of GDP spend went into intensive care, far less than other hospital departments.

Finally, Professor Bellamy thanked Council and members of the Executive Committee, and in particular Dr Jonathan Goodall who was demitting office as Honorary Treasurer at this meeting.

3. Honorary Secretary's Report

Dr Danbury Reported

- i. Elections to Council
Dr Andrew Bentley (re-election)
Dr Jagtar Pooni
Dr Stephen Webb
- ii. Nominations for Honorary Membership (Citations posted on the ICS website)
Dr Jane Harper
Dr Kevin gunning
Mr Keith Willett

Nomination for the Whitaker Award
Dr Bob Winter
- iii. Membership
Membership as of 11 December 2014 stood at 3186. During 2015 there would be a membership recruitment drive to grow the membership, in particular with the Nurse & Allied Healthcare Professionals. There was the potential to recruit from 100,000 critical care nurses.
- iv. Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Dr Stephen Brett</i>
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Dr Chris Danbury</i>
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>Dr Zahid Khan</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Professor Mark Bellamy</i>

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dr Goodall reported.

- i. Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 (available from the ICS website).
The Society's strategy was to ensure membership subscriptions covered the Society's operating costs and for meetings and seminars to break even. The Industry Partnership income should support the Foundation's support for research, together with fundraising. Member donations are also supporting the work of the Foundation. The policy was to use reserves to implement the Society's strategy.

Looking back at 2013, the membership subscriptions did not cover costs as intended.

Operating, in particular IT, costs were higher. The investment in the new member database was completed. The Society's meetings were running at a loss of £54,000 - supported by industry income. Income from investments went up by £64,000 on a rising market.

During 2014, subscriptions had been held for another year. Industry income was down and operating costs continued to rise. Concerning investments, there was more limited growth on the stock market. The Foundation continued its priority setting project. Reserves would need to be used to cover increased costs and to fund the Foundation.

For 2015, there would be a financial transition plan to return to break even. This would include adding value for the membership, including the ICS Affinity scheme. There was also the need for a gradual increase in subscriptions, following a 4 year freeze. The Society would need to adjust to lower industry income and sponsorship. Overall costs would need to be reviewed and reduced.

ii. Membership Subscriptions for 2015.

Membership Category	Subscription
Intensivist member in year 2+	£225
Intensivist member in year 1	£115
SAS doctor in year 2+	£155
SAS doctor in year 1	£80
Trainee member in year 5 - 7	£155
Trainee member in year 2 - 4	£110
Trainee member in year 1	£80
Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional in year 2+	£50
Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional in year 1	£25
Overseas member	£90
Student member Year 1 - 3	£25
Retired member	£70

Direct Debit mandates would be required for subscriptions.

In addition, the donation by members to the Intensive Care Foundation for 2015 was proposed at £15 and £5 for Nurses and AHPs. Members could opt out of donating. Members were reminded of the importance of Gift Aiding their Foundation donation. In 2014, donations were more than £34,000 – if all were gift aided, HMRC would give the Society and additional £8,500.

5. Trainee Division

i Report from the Trainee Division

Dr Maryam Crews confirmed this would be her last report as Chair of the Committee as she was stepping down as Chair. Dr Adrian Wong would be taking over as Chair and Dr Nish Arulkumaran as Deputy Chair.

Following the Trainee elections, there were 3 newly elected members:

Dr Fiona Wallace
Dr Peter Bamford
Dr Jamie Strachan

Departing members were:

Dr Maryam Crews
Dr Graham Barker
Dr Hugo Buckley

The Committee continued to be very active. This included representation on a number of internal committees including Council, Education and Meetings, SSQ, Members Services, JICS and

Research / Foundation. Representation on external organisations committees and activities included FICM, AAGBI, ICACCST, FICE, Ultrasound: CUSICS.

Trainee successes in 2014 included the Careers day, pre State of the Art focused Intensive Care Echo Course and during State of the Art 3 trainee led sessions. There was to be a Trainee Day in 2015.

Dr Nish Arulkumaran was leading on the Trainee Linkman scheme with increased engagement and strengthening networks and involving the Linkmen more in the Society's activities.

Dr Adrian Wong was also leading on the Audit Recipe Book. This was due to go online in 2015.

In addition, Dr Arulkumaran was leading on the UK Critical Care Research Network website www.critcareresearch.com

Dr Sarah Linford was leading on a Women in Intensive Care Medicine survey which would be presented in 2015.

The Trainees continued to lead on social media within the Society.

6. Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professionals

i Report from the Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professionals Committee

Ms Lorraine Burgess reported.

There had been one vacancy on the committee and Ms Burgess was delighted to confirm that Ms Ella Segaran, previously co-opted, was now a full member. The Committee continued to represent their groups on the Education and Training Committee, Patients and Relatives, Research, SSQ and Member Services.

During 2014, they continued to represent and promote the Society externally. They were working towards the proposed membership increase of 20%. They had made an inaugural award for N&AHP Foundation Fellowship of £5,000. They had also run a successful advanced Tracheostomy day in October.

There were a number of personal and professional successes by the committee members. This included Ms Segaran and Ms Graham-Clarke completing their PhDs, Ms Segaran presenting CALORIES trial results in Barcelona, with paper published in NEJM, and Dr Brown contributing to the GPICS publication.

The Committee had a number of proposals to increase their seminar programme during 2015 and beyond, including running a seminar the day before the start of the State of the Art conference and two further seminars.

7. Intensive Care Foundation and Co-Directors of Research Report

Dr Gould presented his report.

The Foundation has successfully hosted a Colloquium earlier in the year. The demonstrated future changes in how funding for research would be changing.

Two new Deputy Directors of Research had been appointed. They were Dr Kenneth Baillie and Dr Nazir Lone both from Edinburgh. They brought a different portfolio to the existing Directors of Research which, in the changing climate, was needed in order for the Foundation to compete for funding in the future. All candidates had a history of winning awards with the Society (such as the Gold Medal or New Investigator Awards).

Fundraising continued to be a challenge, with a number of small events taking place. The Snowdon Challenge would be run for a further but final year in 2015 and already additional support was forthcoming. It was hoped the change of timing would help with its success. The Foundation would seek funding from charitable trusts and had received support from the Wolfson Foundation in the past.

There had been 4 New Investigator Awards presented in 2014.

Dr Tony Gordon presented his report on behalf of the Co-Directors of Research and where studies were at. These were:

VANISH, published July 2014

Leopards, published June 2014

VACS, published June 2014

BALTI-2, published March 2014

Patient recruitment for the following projects:

VANISH – with a target of 4123

LeoPARDS – 142 / 516

Breath – 177

Other projects included:

Do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation

NOVAP

MoDUS

VARrapid2

SuDDICU

Future activities will be around translating the 3 top James Lind Alliance priorities into clinical research projects. An update to the James Lind Alliance project would be one of the forthcoming State of the Art presentations.

8. Industry Partners' Report

Dr Khan reported that Ms Anna Wong looked after the Industry Partners on behalf of the Society. Industry had been invited to the summer sepsis event and there would be a further meeting with them at the State of the Art.

9. Linkman

Dr Richard Innes was the new Linkman representative on Council.

10. JICS

Dr Brett gave a report on behalf of Dr Jonathan Handy, JICS Editor, who was unable to attend the Annual Members Meeting.

A JICS Editorial Board Meeting had taken place earlier in the day. The success of the journal was very much due to the contribution of Ms Christine Bishop and Stansted News. The journal had now moved to Sage Publishing and the JICS website was live. Sage used the Scholar One system. The Society's social media strategy would support the journal to assist with promoting it. Back issues of past journals were already available in the archive. An application would be made to Pub Med Central in 2015, with a view to apply for full listing again in a few years. There would be prize of £2000 for the best article published each year, with the first to be awarded at State of the Art 2015.

11. Open Forum for all Members to raise questions (members are invited to submit questions in advance of the Annual Members Meeting to pauline@ics.ac.uk)

There were no questions from the membership or the floor.

12. President's concluding address

Professor Bellamy's final duty as President was to hand over the presidency to Dr Stephen Brett. Dr Brett thanked Professor Bellamy for his sterling work and thanked him for leading the Society with subtlety, skill and wisdom. Dr Brett presented Professor Bellamy with a set of lead crystal glasses. Dr Brett thanked the audience for attending and confirmed the next Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society will take place in December 2015. Date, venue and time to be confirmed.