

**Minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
The ICC, Royal Victoria Dock  
1 Western Gateway, London E16 1XL**

**5.15pm**

**In attendance:** Dr Jeremy Groves (JG), Professor Stephen Brett (SB), Dr Sid Khan (SK), Dr Gary Masterson (GM), Craig Brown (CB), Ganesh Suntharalingam (GS), Andrew Bentley (AB), Nish Arulkumaran (NA), Fiona Wallace (FW), Jamie Strachan (JS), Tim Gould (TG)

**1. Welcome**

JG, the Chair welcomed everyone to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Meeting. 40 members were in attendance. JG explained that the previous formal format of the AMM would be replaced by an informal style this year and that Council hoped this would make the meeting more interesting and accessible for members.

There were a number of statutory business items listed on the agenda that needed to be discussed but there would be an informal Q&A session discussion at the end of the meeting where members could ask questions of the Council members and officers present.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the ICC East Excel in London, were accepted by the meeting as a true record. JG asked if subsequently any members noted any adjustment that they should contact the secretariat. There would be a one week deadline regarding this at which time the minutes will be noted as agreed.

**3. The President's Report – SB**

SB spoke about ICS as a membership organisation which continued to flourish and to provide its members with a range of benefits such as State of the Art, JICS, Seminars and also ICS engagement in a number of debates in the past year, most notably the DOLS legislation. ICS are involved in an intervention at the Court of Appeal next week.

The Intensive Care Foundation (ICF) is an integral part of what ICS does and has had another very successful year. Funding for the ICF remains challenging and currently the Foundation is being supported by ICS to deliver its programme of research activities.

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**I confirm these are an accurate record of proceedings.**

**Signed: Chair** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

At the start of SB's presidency it became apparent that the financial underpinning of society was weak and a great deal of energy had been spent in securing financial balance. Governance within the ICS is not robust. Council members understand what their responsibilities are and a restructured secretariat underpins their work to provide the day to day member interface.

SB asked if there were any questions, as there were none the meeting moved on to address the Treasurer's report.

#### **4. Treasurers report - Sid Khan (SK)**

Finances

a. In 2015-2016 expenditure outstripped income and there was a deficit of £100-200k in the year. A transition plan reduced costs by a half, but ICS lost its Financial Advisor and outsourced its booking functions. ICS had to bring in contract staff to achieve this in this transition period as ICS moved towards a balanced financial plan. Reserves were depleted but now the plan is to replenish reserves over the coming years. Members subscriptions support operational costs and as mentioned by SB financial support is given to ICF. Seminars & Meetings are now breaking even and delivering surplus.

Questions were invited but there being none the next item Elections was then addressed.

#### **5. Results of Officer Elections**

a. JG announced the 5 results of Elections:

- GM will be taking over as President of the Society
- SK duly elected as Vice President (SB having decided to resign from Council)
- CB duly elected a Treasurer
- Congratulations were given to CB, the first non-doctor to be an Officer of Society and this reflected the multi-disciplinary nature of the Intensive Care team, reflected by ICS membership.

b. 3 Intensivist places on Council are now vacant, Barbara Phillips (BP) (having stepped down), JG and Richard Innes (RI) eligible for election and keen to re-stand. These elections are underway and the results will be announced at the January ICS Council meeting.

NB With the appointment of CB as Treasurer and the end of term of Lorraine Burges (LB), there will be a requirement for Nursing and AHP elections also.

JG then handed over to GM to talk about the future plans for the society.

#### **6. Council plans for the future**

GM gave a huge thank you, to SB for all his work and the support which he has given to ICS & ICF over the last 1-2 years which were a "rocky" period.

ICS is a success story with 300 more members joining every year. Now membership stands at almost 4000 but ICS is not complacent and strives to continue to improve.

GM commented that he wanted to modernise processes and mentioned the President medal – this was handed over by SB to GM.

GM noted that ICS needs to listen more to what members want. ICS can be quite useful to develop upon new careers, some members are very enthusiastic about funding research and by building a multi-disciplinary Council, ICS can develop so much more.

He commended the new website as attractive and easy to use, the blogs are a success, ICS is trying to listen and to develop – he felt that ICS did "pretty well".

GM remarked that SOA has changed beyond recognition and was grateful to GS who has dedicated his life to this. Jim Lucas (JL) at Hamptons was thanked for the fantastic job which he had done for SOA. The seminar programme now provided more regional seminars and new ones were regularly being created. JICS has developed into a fantastic journal and Jonathan Handy (JH) as Editor is doing a superb job. Pub Med will come in due course and ICF goes from strength to strength. ICF is responsible for the bulk of high quality research. Standards work with the FICM has produced some excellent results.

There are more minor benefits, such as insurance for ambulance transfers and the ICS Affinity scheme.

GM had been told by GS to open a President's twitter account which he will now do.

#### **7. Questions and open discussion on matters of interest to members - JG**

JG announced a small subscription rise (by £8 for consultants and £5 for all other grades of member).

No further questions were raised.

Bronwen Connelly (BC) commented upon the 'fantastic work undertaken and that the move to Liverpool was well received. This would open up access and attract more people. The N&AHP committee had also held a very successful Liver Study Day.

A member asked a question regarding the sustainability of seminars and study days and JG confirmed that these are self-sustaining for ICS.

CB commented that the Delirium seminar had 130 delegates and ICS had to turn people away.

One question raised was whether seminars could be televised and Anna Batchelor (ABa) said that the RCoA is undertaking a large technology review as currently it is not possible to stream events.

**b.** JG noted that there had been a further attempt to seek Pub Med for JICS and it was hoped that this would be achieved in 2017.

#### **c. Research**

TG and AB noted the number of publications available on the website. Key research is supported by Foundation but this is limited by the financial situation. A high priority, going forward is to be able to give 2 new Investigator awards.

TG noted that despite the effort put into fundraising, ICS still had to "bank roll" the ICF.

Work relating to the research of the Directors or Research will be covered in the next version of the ICF report, due out in early 2017.

It was recognised that Tony Gordon (TGo) had personal success and was now a Professor at Imperial in recognition of his work, Gavin Perkins (GP) was now a Senior Investigator and he was confident that Nazir Lone (NL) and Kennie Bailey (KB) will achieve something equivalent, in their own time in due course.

JG commented upon the enthusiasm of those at the start of their careers and the diversity of material being submitted. Members were invited to write blogs. JG introduced Alfie Long (AL) from the secretariat, who manages the blogs process and noted that Helle Sorensen (HS) had gone back to Denmark.

CB noted the growth of regional events and the success of the Liver study day successes. He commended Andrea Berry (ABe) and noted that next year there was to be another study day in Manchester. BC would be leading a 'rehab' seminar in February. Jonathan Downham (JD) will also run a liver day in Birmingham.

A joint FICM and ICS Competency framework is underway which will establish a framework for professionals to benchmark against. Everyone has an appetite for this immense, innovative piece of work.

d. GM thanked NA for delivering sustainable innovation, social media, MIT collaboration and new products. There is a lot more to come. Now that the Trainee committee is led by FIW as Chair and JS (Chair Elect).

Special thanks were given by SK to Peter McNaughton (PM) for his work on Lung Ultrasound and to Markus Peck (MP) for Echo and FICE.

AOB

The results of trainee elections – JS, Aoife Abbey (AA), and Andy Martin (AM) were elected.

JG thanked everyone and invited all to enjoy the rest of the meeting.

#### **8. The Next Annual Members Meeting 2017**

The next annual members meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### **9. Venue for SOA 2017**

Venue for SOA 2017 – ACC Liverpool

Full accounts can be found on the ICS website