

Unapproved Minutes of the 44th Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society

**Tuesday 8th December 2015
The ICC, East ExCel
One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London, E16 1XL.**

- 1. The Minutes of the 43rd Annual Members Meeting held on 9 December 2014 at The ICC East useful results ExCel, London**
- 2. President's Report**
Stephen Brett

Dr Brett opened the meeting and thanked all present for attending. Dr Brett started proceedings by reminding members of the purpose of the meeting as being intended to inform. He then stated the charitable objectives of the society being the following;

- i. Promotion of medical science concerned with critical care
- ii. Study of research in critical care
- iii. Publication of useful results of such studies and research

He spoke about the conduct of the major membership review, which is intended to better inform the council on services to offer members. Dr Brett outlined that the organisation continues to develop external relations to advocate on behalf of our members, and developing relationships with bodies such as the academy of royal colleges, in addition to the faculty of royal care medicine.

Dr Brett reflected on the doctor trainee contracts issue and the challenges that it presents. He expressed concerns regarding the risks about the disincentives put in place to recruit and retain people in the intensive care speciality. He expressed hope that the ACAS will lead to progress on this issue now it has been appointed on the intermediary. He stated that the ICS will continue to apply pressure in this issue.

- 3. Honorary Secretary's Report**
Dr Chris Danbury Reported

- i. Elections to Council

Mrs Sarah Clarke
Dr Steve Mathieu
Professor Hugh Montgomery
Dr Tony Whitehouse

ii. Honorary Membership

Ms Pauline Kemp
Ian Farquhar

- i. Membership
Membership as of December 2015 stood at 3418, with the breakdown as follows.

AHP	138
NURSE	337
TRAINEE	1081
SAS	82
INTENSIVIST	1674
RETIRED	29
HONORARY & DISTINGUISHED	50
STUDENT	27
TOTAL	3418

iv. Officers for 2016

President

Dr Stephen Brett

President Elect

Dr Gary Masterson

Honorary Secretary

Dr Ganesh Suntharalingam

Honorary Treasurer

Dr Zahid Khan

Dr Danbury noted that he would be stepping down from his duties as honorary secretary to the ICS.

One of the attendees noted Dr Danbury's long service to the council and the positive contributions he has made on behalf of members.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dr Khan reported.

- i. Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014

The Financial strategy for the society was to remain the same in 2016. It is expected that the annual subscriptions will cover the operating costs and the membership's supporter's society. Meetings and seminars are expected to break even with new industry support strategy. There has been losses through membership services and operating but no real loss. It is hoped that incomes will be maintained through industry partnerships, continuation of fundraising and membership donations. The society would continue to use reserves to implement strategy and maintain activities.

2014 ran a large deficit of £215 000, which was attenuated by gains on investments of £50,000. Meetings had an overall loss of £143,000 however support from industry income was down. Investment values were also down by £22,000, and operating costs were higher due to increased spending on IT. However research spending had been maintained at a high level during this time.

To address the operating deficit 2015 was a year of review. 2015 saw a small increase in subscriptions, industry income and investments. Operating costs have also risen, though at a slower rate than previously. Reserves continue to cover the increased costs/funding the foundation.

Dr Khan outlined the elements of a financial transition plan targeted to return to break even. It is hoped that the membership survey will attract new members and that an increase in new subscriptions will match rise in costs. There is a focus to increase industry income and sponsorship, in addition to fundraising. There has also been a real effort to continually review and reduce costs.

ii. Membership Subscriptions for 2016.

There has been a small increase in subscription fees from 2015.

Membership Category	Subscription
Intensivist member in year 2+	£235
Intensivist member in year 1	£120
SAS doctor in year 2+	£165
SAS doctor in year 1	£85
Trainee member in year 5 - 7	£165
Trainee member in year 2 - 4	£115
Trainee member in year 1	£85
Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional in year 2+	£60
Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional in year 1	£30
Overseas member	£95
Student member Year 1 - 3	£25
Retired member	£70

Dr Khan encouraged the members to consider GiftAid membership subscriptions as well as gifts. He highlighted the benefits of doing so for members.

5. Trainee Division

Report from the Trainee Division

Dr Adrian Wong outlined that there had been two major activities over the year.

1. ICS Trainee Day in March. Covered nebulous subjects of the curricula and was well attended.
2. ICS career day at the college. This was very well attended and students showed a genuine interest in speciality.

The trainee division led the web promotion for the state of the art, including driving the social media presence. Other activities included the Cauldron Sessions.

Dr Brett noted the value that the Trainee Division added to the State of the Art Conference, in particular the twitter moderation.

6. Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professionals

Ms Lorraine Burgess reported.

Dr Bronwen Connelly has been welcomed as a new member.

Emma Graham-Clarke has been re-elected.

There are currently also two co-op committee members but are looking to expand that next year.

Activities in 2015 have included:

- The promotion of the views of nurses and AHPs to council.
- Have surpassed the KPI target to increase members by 20% over 2014/15.
- Awarded second OCNHP scholarship for research £5000.
- Ran a successful and profitable multi rehabilitation seminar. Ms Burgess noted the input of Craig Brown.

The committee is currently working towards a comprehensive strategy for NHPs within the ICF.

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

i. Intensive Care Foundation

Dr Tim Gould Reported.

Dr Gould outlined the successes of members this year undertaking fundraising activities for the ICS and expressed gratitude for their efforts. Over £21,915 was raised. Dr Gould noted that the success of giftaid would be even greater if there was 100% compliance.

Dr Gould in particular thanked Iain Farquar for being the top fundraiser of 2015, undertaking a long bike journey for the ICS and raising over £11,600. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the many activities he has undertaken for the ICS over the years.

In addition to the membership fundraising, the ICS has entered into a partnership with Draeger and B Braun for a five year commitment to put money into the foundation. Through this, the ICS is able to offer a New Investigator Award and Nurses and Allied Health Professional Foundation Fellowship award.

Dr Gould then outlined the productivity of the directors of research that the ICS invests in and collaborates with. These recipients are Danny McCauley, Gavin Perkins and Tony Gordon. The outputs were as follows.

In Progress	Completed
- DNACPR	- ABLE
- LeoPARDS	- ACRE

- Paramedic-2
- VAP
- BREATHE
- MoDUS
- REST
- SuDDICU
- BALTI
- HOPE
- ICON
- VANISH
- LUCAS

ii. Research Committee
Dr Andrew Bentley reported.

The research committee currently has 19 members. Activities have included the following:

- Giving two travel fellowship awards to the total of £5,000.
- Supporting the new Investigative awards with a total of £45,000.
- Issuing of four Gold Medal Awards.
- Selection of the medical essay student prize.
- Issuing of the £50,000 Research Prioritisation Award (with James Lind Alliance).
Four proposals were selected and the winner was announced.

Dr Bentley outlined that the key priority of the group is to support and prime the research of the up and coming researchers in the field.

Activities for 2016 will be:

- To support the implementation of the research prioritisation award as it goes ahead.
- Ensure the committee has a key understanding of the outputs from the Research Committee's Awards and Grants.
- The new investigator award will be going ahead next year for £30,000.
- Conscious of costs, the Travel Fellowship Award has been suspended for 2016.

Dr Bentley raised the possibility of the release of a report outlining the work that the foundation has achieved over the years. This is still under discussion.

8. JICS report and JICS award

Dr Jonathon Handy reported.

Dr Handy outlined three major points.

- i. Commenced with SAGE as the new publisher.
- ii. High quality has been maintained.
- iii. Noticed the important role of JICs for job intermissions. The downside has been that the application for indexing with the PubMed journal was rejected. They have put forward an appeal and there is currently a second review process underway.

There has been an introduction of a new award for the best original manuscripts submitted to the journal each year. This is an award of £1000 + £1000 in gratuities for next year's State of the Art. The winning article was the Post Intensive Care Exercise study project. Professor Stephen Bonner collected the award on behalf of the team of authors and summarised the work for the meeting. The work was a supervised post intensive care exercise program aimed at giving the patients the capacity and confidence to integrate back into society.

Dr Handy noted the importance of qualitative studies to intensive care research, which JICS is featuring more of. He also reiterated the importance of JICS in general as the journal for this field of medicine. He encouraged members to provide feedback on the direction in which the journal is going. He and another member present reiterated the frustration of not being

indexed by PubMed. Until this is addressed this remains a challenge to support academic colleagues.

9. Industry Liaison Report

Dr Richard Innes reported.

Dr Innes reported that funds from industry partnerships has been positive, increasing from £205,000 in 2014 to £250,000 in 2015. This has been related to a drive for industry fundraising and State of the Art. There will be a continued push for this in the New Year. Dr Innes also updated the membership on the Linkman scheme. The Linkman scheme has been evaluated by a group of business students from Manchester Business School, regarding whether it is best suited to continue or be cancelled. Feedback from the students has indicated that it should undergo radical change and relaunch, and have come up with a series of interesting ideas about how to proceed. This input is to be considered as the program is currently in a state of flux.

10. Open Forum for all Members to raise questions

No questions were raised.

11. President's concluding address