

WELSH INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2005
AT PORTMEIRION**

Present:

No register taken (Secretary's oversight – Apologies)

Minutes of 2004 AGM Meeting:

No written Minutes were available.
Therefore no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report:

Dr Karen Mottart reported that due to large overspend at the 2004 Summer meeting in Chepstow the surplus money in the account had been used. The balance of the account had dropped from £13,000 in 2004 to about £2,000 at present. There seemed to several reasons for the overspend:

There was confusion regarding the payment for accommodation on the night before the meeting.

Not all Trade stand donations and Lecturer's sponsorships had been collected.

The venue was expensive (compared to Portmeirion)

Delegates who had not paid were not followed up.

Much discussion followed this, there being concern regarding the loss of this amount of money.

Proposals were made by Karen Mottart:

Accounts to be produced for all meetings

All accommodation to be paid for directly by delegates

Value for money for venues

?? Increase WICS fees temporarily

Ed Major proposed that Council should appoint a Meetings Organiser or at least nominate one person to be in overall charge of organizing a particular meeting.

It was agreed that Council would compile a report into the finances of the 2004 Summer Meeting and circulate this to members within one month.

Educational Report:

Dr Chris Thorpe reported that there had been 4 more appointments to CCST posts. The availability of slots was reducing as several of the appointments were non-anaesthetic trainees and they required a longer period for training. He advised that any trainees interested in ITU training should get in touch with him early.

Secretary's Report:

Dr Richard Self reported that there were currently 44 Full Members of the Society and 27 Associate Members.

Election of Officers:

Chris Thorpe was standing down, but would remain an ex-officio member of Council in his role as RA in Intensive Care Medicine
Richard Self was resigning from Council.

Election of Chairman: Dr Ian Greenway was proposed by Ed Major and seconded by John Gough.
Elected unopposed.

Dr Martin Read (UHW) and Dr Paul Hughes (Wrexham Maelor Hospital) were elected to the other posts on Council.

Chairman's Report:

Dave Hope addressed the membership regarding his achievements during his term of office. The Topica web-site was now up and running, however there was still a need to improve communications with the membership. There had been constitutional changes to the society to try and increase the non-medical membership. The Society had run All Wales audit projects including the Activated protein C audit and had held some excellent educational meetings.

WICS had improved its relationship with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) and this was recognized in its involvement in the All Wales Critical Care Development Group (AWCCDG). As well as this WICS had also increased its media profile.

For the future WICS needed to continue to expand its membership both medical and non-medical. Continue to develop its relationship with the WAG and the media, and continue to undertake major audit projects.

The AWCCDG had made slow progress, but meetings with WAG were coming up to establish targets and hopefully issue the initial targets by December 2005. A Common Data Set also needed to be agreed and this too should be done by December. The plan is to establish 3 Regional Networks in Wales, these being: South West Wales, South East Wales and North Wales. The networks need to be established by September 2006.

Other targets to be met include:

- Reduction in the cancellation of major surgery due to lack of critical care beds.
- Through the networks a reduction in the number of non-clinical transfers.
- The establishing of transfer services via the networks.
- A reduction in early discharges due to bed pressure
- Collection of audit data based on the common data set.

It was not clear what if any funding would accompany these developments, but the membership felt that additional funding would be required if these targets were to be met.

Any Other Business:

The membership conveyed its thanks to those members leaving Council.

Date of next meeting:

During the Summer meeting 2006. - Date to be confirmed.