

WELSH INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY

Cymdeithas Feddygol Gofal Arbennig Cymru

**Minutes of the Welsh Intensive Care Society Annual General Meeting
held on Friday 13th June 2002 at**

St. Davids Hotel, Cardiff Bay.

1) Present:	Dr. G. Findlay (Chairman)	Apologies	Dr C. Littler
	Dr. B. Tehan (Secretary)		Dr. S. Grundler
	Dr. A. Saayman		Dr. D. Thomas
	Dr. R. Taneja		Dr. P. Fitzgerald
	Dr. P.R. Roberts		
	Dr. P. Peyrasse		
	Dr. D. Parry		
	Dr. M. Shafik		
	Dr. I. Johnson		
	Dr. P. Temblett		
	Dr. C. Heneghan		
	Dr. C.M.Thorpe		
	Dr. R. Davies		
	Dr. D. Cremin		

Dr. E. Major

Dr. D. Hope

Dr. S.W. Dumont

Dr. W.C.
Edmondson

Dr. C. Taylor

Dr. M.S. Read

Dr.P. Woodsford

Dr. M. Smithies

Dr. P. Frost

Dr. K. Mottart

Dr. E. Farley-Mills

Dr. A. Turley

2) Minutes of the Previous A G M at Portmeirion Hotel, 29th June2001

These were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, without correction.

3) Matters arising from the minutes

(a) All Wales Critical Care Development Group

The final draft is soon to be distributed by the NAFW for comment. Dr. Findlay outlined his plan to hold a further meeting after the issue of this document to allow discussion.

(b) Election to Council of the ICS

Two candidates had sought election from Wales, Drs. Findlay and Edmondson, but neither had been elected. In discussion it was

suggested that in future the better tack might be for some collaboration to occur via WICS to help local candidates

4) Chairman's Report

I am indebted to Council and members of the Society for the support I have received over the past year. Much has happened during this time and I believe the Society is in good health and has an increasingly important role to play in national configuration of critical care services.

Attendance at the summer meeting of WICS has been steadily increasing. The quality of presenters has been excellent. Over the past few years our keynote speakers have been Prof Luciano Gattinoni, Prof David Bennett and Prof Jean-Louis Vincent. Other speakers to address the Society include Dr Julian Bion, Dr Peter Nightingale, Dr Andy Webb, Dr Julia Wendon, Dr Richard Griffiths and Dr Dijalli Annane. Maintaining the high standard of this annual meeting is important, as it is an advert for the Society

Training in intensive care medicine is still changing and in this time of seemingly perpetual change it can be difficult to enthuse staff in training. I am delighted that the Welsh Intensivists in Training group is alive and kicking. Trainee membership of the Society is up and these doctors have been particularly active. A good trainees meeting was held in Autumn last year and has been followed up by a 1 1/2 day meeting preceding this meeting. I would like to formally thank Dr Anton Saayman for his efforts to expand the trainees profile and activities.

One of the most important aspects of Council business this year has been involvement in the All Wales Critical Care Development Group (AWCCDG). This group will inform the Minister for Health on future service provision for critical care services. The AWCCDG has met 3 times so far. The initial work of this group has concentrated on the setting of standards for critical care. Dr Major has led on the development of standards and has consulted widely on draft standards released by the AWCCDG. This consultation has been mostly by email discussion. However to ensure an opportunity for all interested parties to voice their opinion, the Society held a meeting in Landrindod Wells in April this year to which most hospitals had at least one representative. The acceptance of minimum standards for

critical care by the National Assembly for Wales (NAfW) will represent a huge step forward for the specialty and will put patient care firmly at the top of the agenda. This is not the forum for lengthy discussions about the content of the standards but the Society will hold another special meeting in the near future for that purpose.

As well as standard setting the involvement of the Society in the AWCCDG gives us the opportunity to raise critical care up the health service agenda. I have been asked by the NAfW to submit projected plans for critical care over the next 5 years. Whilst this is difficult in advance of the AWCCDG recommendations I have submitted a 5 year plan which is set out to increase level 2 and 3 critical care provision across Wales at a cost of £140M. I await the NAfW response to this request.

I am delighted that interest in the Welsh Intensive Care Society is burgeoning and hope that for the good of the Society this continues. It is also encouraging that WICS members are taking a more active interest in the UK ICS. However it is unrealistic to expect more than one consultant from Wales to be elected to ICS Council and for this reason it was disappointing to see two consultants from Wales standing for election this year, neither of whom was successful. I hope that in future years the Society can co-ordinate this process to maximise the chance of election to ICS council of one Welsh representative.

Finally I would like to thank again Council members for their support over the past year and in particular those members who are stepping down.

5) Secretaries Report

Full members	53
Trainee members	11
Full members “Pending”	2
Trainee members “Pending”	2

Above is the present state of the membership of the Society. The 4 memberships “Pending” await confirmation from the bank of receipt of Standing Order Payments.

It is as ever heartening to see the Society, not alone continue to maintain its membership but also to continue to attract Trainee members.

From the above when payments are received we will have 55 Full Members and 13 Trainee members. This compares with 53 and 11 respectively from last year.

6) Financial Report

After this there was some discussion concerning Travelling Fellowships. A proposal was received to allow up to 3 of these, without stipulation as to their nature. This was seconded and approved by the AGM.

The financial state of the society continues to be healthy. The balance of the society's account at the end of the financial year 2001-2002 was £17851.64. Over the last 5 years the balance of the account has continued to increase by about £2000 each year due to the success of the annual scientific meeting. At the last AGM it was agreed that such a balance was excessive to the needs of the society and expenditure should be increased.

The WICS council has agreed the following measures to achieve this.

1. Awarding the £1000 Colin Wise Fellowship to more than one applicant if the quality of the applications justified it.
2. Sponsoring the organiser of the following years meeting to attend the spring Brussels meeting in order to secure high quality speakers. This is for a fixed sum of £1000.
3. Refunding first class rail travel expenses for the chairman when attending the ICS council meetings in London.

I propose that we should aim for a stable working balance of £8000 - £10 000 in the society's account. This should be achieved gradually over the next few years. The annual membership subscription should remain unchanged.

Room hire for Council meetings - Expenditure - **498.70**

Council Members Travel Expenses - **607.80**

Registrar's prizes - 500.00

Brussels Meeting expenses - **1,000.00**

WITS Meeting 2001 - **290.00**

Colin Wise Fellowship - **1,000.00**

Portmeirion Meeting Income **1,279.20**

Membership - **1,760.00**

Interest after tax - **112.78**

Total Expenditure – **3,896.50**

Total Income - **3,151.98**

Balance £ **-744.52**

7) Training Report

Dr. Major outlined progress to date in the creation of the CCST in ICM. He summarised the most recent proposals put to the STA in April. These proposals will remove the two-track system and create 1 CCST program, open to applicants from Medicine, Anaesthesia, A&E and Surgery. At present the requirement is that applicants have a SpR post in their parent specialty. The proposed CCST program is in essence the same as the present programs, however, it is envisaged that applicants deficiencies in complementary specialties, will be able to make up this short-fall within the program. Moreover, training already completed in ICM will be considered as part allowance toward the CCST requirements.

8) Council Elections

Dr. Tehan Secretary 3 years – Retired at end of term

Dr. Chris Thorpe 2 years – Retired at end of term

Dr. D. Hope due to retire end 2002

Dr. Joe Jaidev – Resigned

It was decided not to replace Dr. Jaidev consistent with the new constitution, and an election was held to elect 3 Councillors.

Drs. Tehan, Thorpe, and Hope stood unopposed, and were re-elected.

9) AOB

Dr. M. Smithies proposed, and the AGM supported him in a vote of thanks to Council for their industry over the preceding year.

10) Next Meeting

AGM and Summer Scientific Meeting to be arranged for June 2003 at Portmeirion

Signed: -

Chairman

Dr. G. Findlay

Secretary

Dr. B. Tehan