

Annual General Meeting of the
Welsh Intensive Care Society
Held on the 27th June 2003 at Portmeirion Hotel

Those Present:-

Dr G Findlay - Chairman
Dr D Hope - Secretary
Dr L Gemor
Dr A Sayman
Dr R Self
Dr C Littler
Dr S Edwards
Dr E Major
Dr S Eggert
Dr P Temblett
Dr S Grundler
Dr P Frost
Dr B Tehan
Dr D Hughes
Dr C Subbe
Dr E Farley-Hills
Dr J Gough
Dr T Shambrook
Dr P Morgan

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr M Read, Dr N Stallard, Dr C Taylor, Dr C Edmundson, Dr D Thomas.

2. Minutes of 2002 AGM were agreed and signed off without alteration.

3. Election of Chair

Dr D Hope was unanimously elected by the Society after being proposed by Council.

4. Chairman's Report.

Dr Findlay outlined the main issues facing the society and thanked members for their support over the 2 years of his chairmanship.

5. Secretary' Report

Dr Hope reported that there are now 61 full members and 14 associate members. This is an increase from last year when there were 55 full and 13 associate members.

6. Treasurer's Report

Dr Self circulated a summary of the current accounts, which show the finances to be in healthy position:

The financial state of the society continues to be healthy. The balance of the society's account at the end of the financial year 2002-2003 was £17,016.17. Traditionally the balance of the account has increased by about £2,000 each year due to the success of the Annual scientific meeting. The balance has been stable this year.

Financial summary for the Welsh Intensive Care Society April 2002 to April 2003

Outgoings

Room hire for council meetings £840.57
Council members travel expenses £1,138.20
Registrars prizes £500.00
Colin Wise Fellowship £1,000.00
Other travel award £667.00

Income

2002 summer meeting delegates and sponsors £10,599.00
Venue hire £6,556.65
Speakers expenses £1,671.00
Secretarial time £761.00

Full members (52x£30) £1,560.00
Associate members 52x£10 £140.00

Interest after tax £112.78

Total outgoings:£13,224.42

Total income: £12,411.78

Balance -£812.64

7. Training Report

Dr Major reported his predictions that 40 extra Consultants will be needed over the next five years to adequately staff the Intensive Care Units in Wales. He said it was unlikely that enough Consultants could be trained over this period. On the positive side he reported that there is a currently an advert in the BMJ for Advanced Trainee in Intensive Care Medicine. These will be appointed by the end of August. There are also opportunities still for converting non-training to training posts at SHO and SpR level. All 9 posts that have been notified to him have been approved and the door is still open, if funding is available.

8. Council Elections

Nominations were invited for a new Council member. Dr Paul Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

9. Constitutional Changes

Dr Hope proposed the following motion:-

(a) Section 3, sentence 4. Replace with “Non-medical Full membership will be permitted to a maximum of 20% of Full Membership.”

Presently:-

“Membership

All clinicians with a responsibility for Intensive Care or High Dependency Care within Wales will be eligible for Full Membership. Doctors in training may become Associate Members at a reduced rate of subscription. Doctors in training will be allowed to choose Full or Associate membership. Non-medical members will be permitted to a maximum 20% of the total full membership.”

b) Replace references to “Ordinary Members” with “Full Members”.

c) Replace references to “Chairman” with “Chair”.

d) Section 17 Sentence 2. Replace “Secretary” with “Treasurer”.

Presently:

“Finance

The society will require funds to continue its activities. Any such funds will be administered by the Secretary who may establish a bank account...”

After some discussion the motion was seconded and approved.

Any other business

Dr Hughes asked if Dr Hope would now take over Dr Findlay's seats on the All Wales Critical Care Development Group and ICS Council. This was confirmed.

Dates of next meetings

This has yet to be decided