

Council Minutes January 2003

These are the draft minutes for the Council Meeting 15 January 2003 - they have not yet been approved by Council.

Welsh Intensive Care Society Minutes of Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th January 2003

Metropole Hotel

Llandindrod Wells

Those Present:-

Dr C Thorpe

Dr B Tehan

Dr P Temblett

Dr E Major

Dr D Hope

Dr D Hughes

03.01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr George Findlay and Dr Richard Self. Dr Hope chaired the meeting in the absence of Dr Findlay. Dr Paul Temblett was welcomed to the Council as the new Trainee Representative and WITS Chairman.

03.02 Minutes of Previous Meeting Held on 6th November 2002:

Item (5) Activated Protein C Meeting – The All Wales Prescribing Strategy Group Meeting is chaired by Professor Roger Walker and not Professor George Walker. The minutes were otherwise correct.

03.03 Matters Arising

Standards for Intensive Care:-

A new draft of the Standards document was circulated in December 2002. The next meeting of the Group is in the Spring. Dr Major reported no other developments on this.

(3c) Transport Standards

Dr George Findlay has updated the WICS Standards for Transport of the Critically Ill Patient.

(4a) Manpower Planning

Dr Major informed the Council that Mr Howard Young had circulated a letter inviting Trusts to convert non-training grade posts into training grade posts. This is of particular relevance in creating new SHO posts in Intensive Care Medicine. Dr Major pointed out that the training posts are 50% funded by the Dean's office and also require educational approval by the STC.

5. Activated Protein C. Council approved the WICS position statement written by Dr Thorpe. It was thought that use of the drug should be audited using the standard audit form that is in circulation. Members supported the concept that an All-Wales audit of this drug would best be co-ordinated through the pharmacists. Council decided to write a letter to Professor Walker before the March meeting suggesting that he could consider setting up a mechanism whereby this could happen. APC should be quite an easy drug to keep track of in this regard.

Action [GF]

Register of Interests

Dr Hope has only received two replies to his request for Council Members to register their competing interest. Council members indicated they still support the proposal and promised to provide the requested information. Action [All]

4. ICS Council Elections.

Council noted that Dr Findlay wishes to stand for the ICS Council. WICS is not able to become involved as individuals are elected to Council, not regional representatives.

5. Meeting Secretary's Report

Dr Dermot Hughes announced some speakers that had given verbal promises to speak at the Summer Meeting and he is awaiting confirmation of these and their lecture subjects. He will have a programme to present to the next meeting in April. Action [DHug]
Dr. Major suggested that speakers like to be given a subject, preferably within a theme and always appreciate an honorarium, which may be in the region of £150-£250. Various suggestions were made for themes for sessions and hot topics.

Dr Paul Temblett announced that a WITS meeting is planned in April of this year, in the Vale Country Club. He will need the support of Council members and will circulate a programme soon. Action [PT]

6. Audit Secretary's Report

Dr Thorpe outlined the grant application previously received from Dr Ravi Taneja. Council agreed that the research was likely to be of high quality and relevant to the Intensive Care field. It was decided to award £1500 towards this project. Council decided to budget approximately £4000 per year towards fellowship grants. As described previously, these will be considered and awarded every six months. The next deadline for applications will be June this year, for consideration by Council at the July meeting. Action [RS]

Dr Thorpe also announced that the Training Audit he had conducted recently is shortly to be published in the Journal of the Intensive Care Society.

7. Treasurer's Report

No report was available in the absence of Dr Self.

8. Education and Training Report

Following on from previous discussions, Dr Major confirmed that he hopes to convert all four Advanced Training posts into CCST posts. This should be effective from the next time the posts are advertised to start in January 2004.

9. Any Other Business

Dr Hope announced that he had negotiated free web space on the Swansea University server and will set up WICS web site within the next few weeks.

Action [DAH]

He asked for any suggestions and donation of content.

Dr Dermot Hughes requested information on the development of the proposed managed clinical networks in Intensive Care Medicine. Dr Major, as a member of the Critical Care Development Group stated that the Group is known to be keen on a model of three networks in Wales. No definite model has been proposed yet and no funding has become apparent.

10. Date of Next Meeting

This has been arranged for April 9th 2003 at 10.30am in the Metropole Hotel, Llandindrod Wells