

WELSH INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th July 2006. Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod wells.

Present:

Dr Ian Greenway (Chair)
Dr Chris Littler (Secretary)
Dr Karen Mottart
Dr Chris Thorpe
Dr Chris Hingston
Dr Pete Matthews

Apologies:

Dr Martyn Read
Dr Paul Hughes

Minutes of Council Meeting held 25th January 2006.

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record, apart from one change to the Chairman's Job Description, regarding attendance at ICS Council meetings.

Matters Arising:

Independent Sector Transfers - There had been recent developments regarding admitting rites. There needed to be local arrangements for ITU Consultants. A draft document was being prepared by Carl Waldmann on behalf of AAGBI.

Treasurer's Report:

The accounts for the Summer meeting were presented. (enc.)
There would be a net surplus of around £800 - £1200.00

The overall balance for the WICS account was about £10,000.00

Sarah Malcolm had done a good job with the overall organisation of the meeting, however problems with communication still persisted due the distance between the Meeting Organiser and the Secretary. For next years meeting it was felt that it would be better to have the Organiser and secretarial support on the same site.

Due to the narrow profit margin it would be necessary to increase the conference fee next year to between £280 and £300.00. Annual subscription fees would remain unchanged.

Audit & Research Secretaries Report:

In the absence of Paul Hughes there was little to report. There were no new developments regarding the Joint Audit with the Surgical Society. Council felt that WICS should move forward on its own, possibly with a pilot audit.

Education & Training Report:

Chris Thorpe advised that there had been an increased interest in Joint CCT posts recently. At the last interviews 4 candidates were appointed from 8 applicants. One appointment was an anaesthetist from outside Wales.

MMC was progressing though the pathway for ICM training still needed further work. ICM would still need the support of other specialities especially anaesthesia to staff rotas.

Trainees Report:

Chris Hingston reported that the WITS meeting had been a good meeting. It had been well attended and included delegates from other specialities. A presentation had been made to Ed Major in recognition for his work as Regional Advisor.

AWCCDG:

The last meeting was held on 28th April. The Standards Document had now been published and the Welsh Health Circular had set a timetable. This needed to be taken forward. In North Wales the Secondary Care Review had taken up the issue of ITU Networks under the Surgical Group. A meeting involving Karen Mottart (Bangor), Les Gemmell (Wrexham) and Brian Tehan (Glan Clwyd) had been set up.

Several models for the networks had been discussed, however the current model was to go with 3 networks, with a central co-ordinating group.

Retrieval / Transfer Teams - Each network should have a team. This would require funding or the re-allocation of resources. Practically a single team in North Wales would be difficult due to the geography. The practicalities elsewhere would depend on the re-arrangement of ITUs in South Wales.

Minimum Dataset - Paul Hughes and Les Gemmell had met several times. The dataset would be based on the English model with local modifications.

WICS Website:

The idea of an independent commercial website was approved and Paul Hughes was advised to proceed.

Summer Meeting:

The meeting had been a success. The feedback had been very positive. Most comments centred around the air-conditioning in the conference room.

Planning for 2007 at Portmeirion needed to commence now. It had been decided previously to relocate the secretarial support to the North. A theme was needed, and ideas should be brought to the next Council meeting.

Ian Greenway would look into venues for the 2008 meeting in South Wales.

Any Other Business:

Concerns were raised about the management of the critically ill child and the responsibilities of the Paediatric Retrieval Team. Clearer guidance was needed on this matter. Concerns were also raised regarding the de-skilling of Critical Care Consultants and Anaesthetists in the management of children.

Date of Next Meeting:

11th October 2006.
10:45am
The Metropole Hotel
Llandrindod Wells.

Projected Accounts for Summer 2006 Meeting.

Hi Ian

Meeting: WICS summer

Date: 20/21st June 2006

Location: Marriott Hotel, Swansea

Income

Item Projected income Item Cost

Industry reps £6,600.00

Delegates £7,800.00

Dinner £870.00

Total £15,270.00

Expenditure

Speakers £2,701.00

Hotel £8,375.85

Grants and prizes £1,900.00

£12,976.85

here is overview of projected expenses for the meeting. I have not heard from the taxi company, or got converted costs in for euro exchange. Also found a discrepancy of approx £300 on hotel bill that I will query when I get the invoice. However a couple of grand buffer is good I reckon. The challenge now is to get money in ASAP so that folk don't forget!

Let me know if you need anything (info etc). I will keep you in touch with progress.

Regards

Karen