



Annual General Meeting
British Psychosocial Oncology Society
3rd December 2010
Chester

Present

Full Members

Anupam Verma, Val Morrison, Lucy Zeigler, Nick Hulbert-Williams, Galina Velikova, Penny Wright, Kathryn Mannix, Trish Holch, Chris Hosker, Anthony Duffy, Wendy Nicholls (applied) Teresa Young. (12)

Associate

Rob Medd, Kate Absolom, James Brennan, Debbie Stevens-Gill, Helen Beesley, Elena Takeuchi, Susan Catt. (7)

Non Members

Christin Aarnes, Sue Chichlowska, Louise Clark (applied) Anne Grinyer (4)

Apologies

Kate Bullen, Laura Ashley, Inigo Tolosa, Dawn Storey. (4)

Minutes from the 2009 AGM - held on December 4th in Cardiff

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising

None

Items for AOB

NCRI Rapid Review

1. Chair's Report

The Manual for Cancer Services 2008: Psychological Support Measures from the National Cancer Action Team is now available from :

www.cquins.nhs.uk/?menu=resources

Brief details of the Psychological Services Survey commissioned by BPOS in 2006 are available on the website. The full survey is available by contacting the BPOS Chair and is supplied with a 'disclaimer'.

IPOS

BPOS is a member of the IPOS Federation. Nick Hulbert-Williams had attended their most recent meeting. There are three federation task forces: a) guidelines, standards, accreditation and training; b) national outreach; and c) scientific research. IPOS aim is to host the next two annual conferences in countries which have no existing national society in order to help establish such a society in these countries. (2011 in Turkey and 2012 in Argentina).

BPOS members will receive a discounted registration rate for IPOS conferences although this will be less than the discount for full individual IPOS members.

Details of other discounts on text books and journal subscriptions are available on the website www.ipos-society.org (The BPOS Chair is required to be a member of IPOS).

Teresa Young confirmed that she has never been asked to update IPOS with a list of current members. (Names only, no email addresses)

SIGOPAC Collaboration

The joint symposium with SIGOPAC the previous day appeared to have been successful, but more details may emerge from the evaluation forms. Nick Hulbert-Williams currently represents BPOS on the SIGOPAC committee. However this role will be taken over by Inigo Tolosa (see elections). BPOS have been asked to ‘badge’ a SIGOPAC symposium to be held in Liverpool in June 2011 (Offering patients what they want.)

2. Treasurer’s Report

See attached sheet.

Income is down on 2009/2010 but this may be due to the fact that the registration fee for Cardiff was lower.

Other notable expenses were the honorarium for the development of the new website.

Committee meeting expenses have also increased.

3. Secretary’s Report

Membership

	2008	2009	2010	(2011)
Full	78	77	60	(37)*
Associate	37	29	36	(6)

- 7 Associate members in 2010 have renewed as full members in 2011

BPOS ‘badged’ the British Breast Cancer Research Conference in July in Nottingham.

There had been representation on the Scientific and Management Committees.

It was suggested that the next BPOS conference should be promoted as an opportunity for the CECO and COMPASS collaborative members to present their research studies. (Both collaboratives have their final meeting in the spring.)

ACTION

4. Newsletter

The next issue is due in the New Year. Contributions to be sent to Nick Hulbert-Williams as soon as possible The recipients of the two sponsored places at the conference are expected to contribute articles.

Teresa Young will supply updated details of the new committee members.

James Brennan and Nick Hulbert-Williams have started to scan back copies of the BPOS newsletter and intend to make them available as an archive collection on the website.

5. Website

It is no longer appropriate for Teresa Young to be updating the web site. There needs to be agreement as to who will take on this role.

ACTION

6. Communication Updates

The two to three monthly updates emailed to all members seem to be a success. Current committee members should continue to circulate relevant requests to all other committee members for a decision.

7. Next Conference

The Constitution allows fifteen months between AGM's so it was suggested that the Conference be moved to mid January and a date of 19th/20th January 2012.

Teresa Young offered to organise this at Latimer Place, Chesham, Bucks. A new researcher from Stirling has offered to organise the conference in 2012.

8. A O B

NCRI Rapid review

The NCRI have recently printed their Rapid Review of Research in Survivorship after Cancer and End of Life Care.

There is also a Grantmanship website: -. www.ncri.org.uk/grantsmanship