

AGM, British Psychosocial Oncology Society, 18th September 2007, IPOS Congress, London

Present

19 members plus 4 non-members. The meeting was therefore not quorate.

Members: Penny Wright, Sue Gessler, Karen Cox, Donald Sharp, Galina Velikova, Alex Mitchell, Manoj Kumar, Ann Orr, Sue Catt, Nick Hulbert Williams, Val Morrison, Teresa Young, Judith Mills, Frances Goodhart, James Brennan, Mary Burgess, Anne Marie Lydon, Denise Cotrell, Jane Howarth, Maggie Watson.

Non-members: Margaret Evison, Claire Moynihan, Ziv Amir, Phyllis Alden.

1. Minutes from 2006 AGM (14th December, Edinburgh): minutes of 2006 AGM were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising: It was noted that there had been no Peter Maguire plenary lecture this year due to the symposium arrangement at IPOS but to reinstitute this for 2008.

3. Executive reports Karen Cox and Manoj Kumar: KC noted this was her final AGM as Chair. KC welcomed Galina Velikova as incoming chair. KC noted membership stood at approx 115 with approx 90 full members and 25 associate members. There had been a number of new membership applications due to IPOS being held in the UK and reduced registration fees associated with BPOS membership.

It was noted that the BPOS commissioned survey was underway and the preliminary results had been reported at the symposium yesterday and a full report was due to the Executive by November and would be shared with members via the website.

KC noted the following re. the latest call for nominations for executive positions:

- Psychology: Val Morrison (nominated Ian Russell, seconded Karen Cox)
- Treasurer: Penny Wright (nominated Sue Catt, seconded Donald Sharp)
- Open position: Nick Hulbert Williams (nominated Val Morrison, seconded Karen Cox)
- Secretary: Theresa Young (nominated Galina Velikova, seconded Anne Orr)

Thanks were expressed to those standing down: Donald Sharp, Manoj Kumar and Anne Orr.

It was also noted that Nici Evans (palliative care position) had resigned and that this position would be called for in the next newsletter.

KC noted the executive had met twice since the last AGM once in Leeds and once at IPOS. A small number of enquiries had been received via the webpage this year relating to the IPOS conference.

The treasurer MK reported a balance of approx 16k in the BPOS account (not full year reported) There had been a small profit from the Edinburgh conference. The commissioned survey had a budget of 7k with 1k approx outstanding to be paid.

4. Psycho-oncology report Maggie Watson: Maggie Watson noted that she was happy to raise any membership issues related to Wileys with them. KC noted all was running smoothly in this regard re. communication. MW noted that the journal had an impact factor of 2.7, had an increasing number of subscriptions and was receiving more copy and would also be likely therefore to be

increasing its rejection rate which was about 68%.

Response from membership: The membership noted the increasing demand from funders that researchers publish in open access journals and queried the journals position on this. MW noted that she would query this with colleagues at Wileys and would get back to us on this point.

5. Newsletter Alex Mitchell: The newsletter editor AM requested further copy re. individual reports on the services where they work or research group etc. It was agreed to give further consideration to an e version of the newsletter which would also keep costs down.

Response from membership: The membership agreed that the survey should be made available. The membership noted that there may be short internal reports that could usefully be shared about services via the newsletter.

6. Next AGM meeting: suggestion for the 2008 BPOS conference had been made for Leeds. To consider dates and venues at the November Executive meeting and make a booking and communicate via the newsletter.

7. Any other business: No items noted.