

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH

13th Annual General Meeting

Maid's Head Hotel, Norwich, 5 September 2014 at 1800

Present:

Professor Denis Gill	President
Professor Lawrence Weaver	
Mr. Nick Baldwin	Hon. Secretary
Dr. Jonathan Dossetor	Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Penny Dossetor	Committee member
Dr. Bob Postlethwaite	"
Dr. Judith Darmady	Member
Dr. Mary Clare Martin	"
Dr. Philip Mortimer	"
Professor Euan Ross	"
Dr. Hans Steiner	Speaker at Autumn Meeting

Apologies; Apologies were received from Professor Peter Dunn

1. Welcome

Professor Weaver welcomed members to the meeting.

2. President's Report

Lawrence Weaver noted the deaths since the last AGM of the Society's former President, Professor Dan Young, and of Society member Dr. David Gardner-Medwin. Professor Gill expressed the wish that Dan Young's contribution to the Society should be formally marked in some way. Professor Weaver then reported on the difficulty of promoting, and obtaining speakers for, the Spring Meetings, and the need to gain more support for it within the RCPCH/Seniors' membership. He and Denis Gill would liaise with Professor Andrew Wilkinson and Andrew Williams, and potential papers would be sought from outside the College's official submission process. Dr. Mortimer proposed that the General Medical Council might also be cultivated.

3. Hon. Secretary's Report.

The Hon. Secretary reported that membership was currently stable, apart from the recent deaths already noted. His initial 3 year term was completed at the Norwich meeting, but he was happy to continue in the post for a second term; this was approved by the meeting. He also reported the closure in April of the Hospital Museum at Great Ormond Street, although the Archives Service was being maintained, and informed members of the potential risk to research using clinical archives from pending European Union Data Protection legislation.

General discussion then followed on how best to encourage greater interest in medical and paediatric history within the profession, with examples of historical content included in UK and US clinical training courses being cited by Professor Ross and Dr. Martin.

4. Hon.Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Dossetor gave a summary of the Society's expenditure during the preceding financial year, and provided a balance for September 2014, with a current balance of £3851.43 compared to £6104.01 in September 2013, along with £6970.21 in the Society's 'Business Saver' account. The Norwich meeting had required a higher level of subsidy than in previous years, and both the main payments for the 2013 Manchester meeting and the 2014 Norwich meeting had been paid in the one financial year, hence the reduction in the balance. The two Cadogan Prizes for 2013 and 2014 (not yet paid) would also reduce the balance further. (Note; it was subsequently agreed by the Executive Committee to reduce the Cadogan prize from £500 to £300 in future years).

5. Future Meetings

The 2015 Spring Meeting would again be held as part of the RCPCH's annual conference at Birmingham International Convention Centre, on 29 April 2015

Professor Weaver reported that next year's Autumn Meeting would be hosted by Dr. Mark Gardiner at Brasenose College, Oxford, on 25-26 September 2015. Costs would be broadly similar to the Norwich meeting, with the later date aimed at avoiding a clash with the Paediatric Visiting Club. Dr. Gardiner would be invited to join the Executive Committee as a Co-opted member.

The meeting closed at 1820pm

Nick Baldwin

Hon. Secretary

15 September 2014