

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH

20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS, 18 NOVEMBER 2022 at 6PM

Present:

Committee Members:

Professor Mike Dillon, President (Outgoing)
Dr. Tony Hulse, President (Incoming)
Mr. Nick Baldwin, Hon. Secretary
Dr. Jonathan Dossetor, Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Penny Dossetor, Administrative Secretary
Dr. Robert Scott Jupp
Dr. Mary Clare Martin
Dr. Colin Michie

Members

Dr. Doug Addy
Dr. Martin Brueton
Mrs Paddy Brueton
Dr. Richard Purvis
Professor Euan Ross

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Professor Alan Craft, Dr. Tim Chambers and Dr. Omar Ahmed.

2. Approval of Last Year's Minutes

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Society at Sarum College, Salisbury on 3 September 2021 were approved, with no matters arising.

3. President's Report

Mike Dillon reported that the Autumn meeting had been obliged to be postponed from the original September dates due to ongoing rail strikes. Professor Stephen Holgate had been unable to attend as a guest speaker on the revised date, but Roy Meadow had agreed to give a paper in his place. An apology was offered for the increased Premier Inn costs for members attending the meeting, as a result of losing the original September deal.

The meeting held as part of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health's conference at Liverpool in June had been a success, with notable guest speakers Professors Sanath Lambadasuria and Terence Stephenson attracting a good attendance.

4. Next President and Committee Membership

Professor Dillon reported that Dr. Tony Hulse had agreed to take over from him as the Society's President, and was already de facto in post.

Jonathan Dossetor and Nick Baldwin had agreed to continue as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for a further year.

The Committee had been expanded to include co-opted members, as in earlier times, with Drs. Robert Scott Jupp, Mary Clare Martin and Colin Michie being welcomed as members.

5. Secretary's Report

The Hon. Secretary congratulated Mike Dillon on behalf of the Society for his energetic work as President for an extended 4 year term, dealing since 2020 with multiple disruptions to the meeting programme due to the Covid-19 epidemic and more recent rail strikes.

6. Hon. Treasurer's report

Jonathan Dossetor reported that the Society's Current account as of 16 November 2022 contained £11,702.79 (including advance payments for the November meeting), and the Deposit Account contained £7013.34. The November meeting costs were likely to be c.£5,500.

The 2021 Salisbury meeting had cost £5,143.95, with Society subsidy of £43.53, and donation of £200 by Judy Dunn for the wine reception.

Income from Standing Order subscriptions in 2022 was £950.

The Cadogan Prize of £300 had not been awarded for 2022.

The Society's subscription to the British Society for the History of Medicine had increased to £70, and the Committee had agreed to cease its BSHM affiliation.

7. Future meetings

Tony Hulse reported that the 2023 Spring Meeting would be held as part of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health's conference at Glasgow on 24 May, with a 90 -minute session offered. A speaker for the annual George Armstrong Lecture was being sought, and 3 or 4 shorter papers would be included, dependent on abstracts received via the RCPCH system.

The 2023 Autumn Meeting would be hosted by Dr. Colin Michie at Preston. Provisional dates were 8-9 September. 15-16 September was also available, but would clash with The Paediatric Visiting Club's meeting. Student accommodation at the University of Central Lancashire was potentially available, with limited options for local hotels. If student accommodation were used, the Dinner could be held at a local restaurant.

8. Any Other Business

Euan Ross noted the need for adequate audibility of speakers and microphone provision at both the present and future meetings, with a number of older members having a degree of hearing loss. Professor Ross also raised the need to attract new and younger members. The annual meeting at the RCPCH conference should provide opportunities for this. Robert Scott Jupp noted that a large number of paediatricians were planning early retirement, and could potentially be cultivated. Mary Clare Martin noted past discussion of bursaries for students, who might be encouraged to at least attend individual meetings.

Dr. Richard Purvis proposed Linda Bauld, Professor of Public Health at Edinburgh and Covid-19 advisor to the Scottish government, as a potential guest speaker.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30 PM

Nick Baldwin

Hon. Secretary

24 November 2022