

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE

The Association shall be known as the **British Association for Paediatric Nephrology**.

2. AIMS

The aims of the Association are:

- i. To set and to improve the standard of medical care of children with renal disease. (Clinical guidelines will be based on medical evidence where it is available, supported by research and audit, and linked to patient/parent information)
- ii. To formulate and express opinions on policy concerning the care of children with renal disease.
- iii. To conduct clinical and scientific meetings in order to advance the knowledge and skills of doctors with responsibility for children with renal disease.
- iv. To conduct collaborative research and audit and to disseminate results.
- v. To consider the training, continuing education and professional development of paediatricians with responsibility for children with renal disease.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall consist of **Ordinary Members and Honorary Members**.

- i. **Ordinary Members** shall be resident in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland at the time on nomination, and shall be engaged in the practice or teaching of paediatric nephrology or closely allied disciplines, or in research in paediatric nephrology.

Any Ordinary or Honorary Member may propose the name of a candidate for election as an Ordinary Member by writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than one month before a business meeting, and providing contact details. The candidate will normally be expected to have presented a scientific paper to the Association before election.

A member may resign from the Association by giving notice to the Honorary Secretary not less than one month before a business meeting. Membership may be terminated on the recommendation of the Executive Committee for (i) persistent non-payment of subscription or (ii) conduct prejudicial to the good name of the Association.

- ii. **Honorary Members** shall consist of British and foreign medical or science graduates, and others, who have made distinguished contributions to paediatric nephrology. They shall be elected by Ordinary Members annually, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

4. THE OFFICERS

The Association shall elect the following honorary officers:

- i. a **President**, who shall be an Ordinary or Honorary Member, and shall serve for three years and shall not be eligible for re-election;
- ii. a **Treasurer**, who shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years, but shall be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum of two years;
- iii. a **Secretary**, who shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years.
- iv. a **Research Secretary** shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years
- v. a **Chairman of the Audit and Registry sub-committee** shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years
- vi. a **Chairman of the Clinical Standards sub-committee** shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years
- vii. a **Communication Officer** shall be an Ordinary Member and shall serve for three years

In the interest of continuity:

- a) the President and the Secretary should not demit office at the same time
- b) where possible, incoming officers (i-vii) will attend executive meetings in the six months prior to taking office.

- viii. an **Ordinary Member** who will serve for three years. The ordinary member should be elected within the first 5 years of appointment to their career post.

and ex officio;

the **Chairman of the College Specialty Advisory Committee (CSAC)** who shall be elected by the Council of the Royal College for Paediatrics and Child Nephrology Health and will serve on the executive committee for the duration of their tenure.

5. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers described in (4), the CSAC chairman, and a trainee. The trainee member shall be an Ordinary member of the Association and shall be elected by the trainees to serve for 1 year.

The Executive Committee may co-opt any members to serve on working parties or to perform other specified functions.

The Executive Committee will nominate from amongst the membership individuals who will represent the Association on other professional associations or in political matters.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Association, and shall meet as often as required. Reasonable travel expenses shall be paid.

6. **MEETINGS**

Clinical and Scientific Meetings

The Association shall hold clinical and scientific meetings, either independently or in association with other organisations, such as the RCPCH and the Renal Association, with such frequency as shall, from time to time, be decided by the members.

Business Meetings

The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting, and any other meetings as required to transact its business. Meetings shall be notified to members by the Honorary Secretary not less than three months in advance. Any Ordinary or Honorary Member may introduce business by notifying

the Honorary Secretary at least one month before the meeting takes place. The Honorary Secretary shall keep minutes.

All members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association, but only Ordinary Members shall be entitled to vote, except that, in the event of equality of votes, the President (whether an Ordinary or Honorary Member) shall have a casting vote.

Research Meetings

The Research Secretary shall convene meetings to discuss collaborative research at times and locations as requested by a majority of participating members. He/she will work with research partners within the wider renal community to ensure that paediatric aspects of research are represented and integrated. He/she shall be responsible for arranging the meetings, circulating members, preparing the agenda and keeping minutes.

7. **FINANCES**

An **annual subscription** shall be paid by Ordinary Members, to be determined by the Treasurer, in consultation with members of the Executive Committee, and shall not exceed the maximum approved for the following year by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. In the case of exceptional hardship, the Executive Committee may agree to reduce or waive the subscription of an Ordinary Member. Honorary Members shall be exempt from Subscriptions.

A bank account shall be kept by the Association, into which shall be paid all monies received, including subscription, donations and the proceeds of any investments held by the Association.

The Honorary Treasurer shall publish an annual statement of accounts and present it to the Annual General Meeting.

8. **AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

Amendment of the Rules may be proposed in writing to the Honorary Secretary by any five members of the Association not less than three months before the next business meeting. Such amendments must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of Ordinary Members at a meeting at which not less than half the members are present, or, failing that, by a postal ballot.

9. **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution of not less than three-quarters of the Ordinary and Honorary Members present at an Annual General Meeting. Notice of its intended dissolution shall be circulated to members with the meeting agenda.

If, upon dissolution, there remain, after settling all debts and liabilities, any assets, they shall not be distributed to members of the Association but donated to one or more charities with objects broadly similar to those of the Association, as recommended by the Executive Committee

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