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Minutes of BAPN AGM Tuesday 7th June 2011 (Renal Association meeting, Birmingham)

Present: Mary McGraw (MMG), Judith van der Voort, Jane Tizard, Peter Houtman, Carol Inward, Crysothemis Brown, Jane Deal, Mignon McCulloch, Sally Hulton, Stephen Marks, Rukshana Shroff, Suzanne Stephens, Arvind Nagra, Richard Holt, Manish Sinha, Louise Watson, Alec Howie, Yincen Tse, Mairead Convery, Maggie Fitzpatrick, Larissa Kerecuk, Joanna Clothier, Sally Feather

Apologies: David Milford, Simon Waller, Leah Krischock, Helen Jones

1. Minutes of last meeting/matters arising

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as a true record and are available on BAPN website.

2. President's report (Mary McGraw)

For the first time the BAPN has produced an annual report, in line with the Renal Association. The document contains full individual reports from each member of the BAPN executive and is available on the BAPN website. Hence the reports at the AGM represent a brief summary of the information.

Efforts have been made in the last year to focus on the direction of the BAPN.

Since joining with the Renal Association, the BAPN is represented at the Renal Association executive thus providing an opportunity to put children on the agenda. A large number of consultation documents are reviewed by BAPN executive. A working group chaired by MMG has produced a Nephrology networks document. RCPCH has adopted aspects of this document to produce further network documents for paediatrics, thereby adding to the strength of the nephrology networks document.

3. Secretary's report (Sally Feather)

The BAPN has amalgamated with the Renal Association in the last year. Hence the BAPN secretary is now supported by MCI secretariat who now hold all the contact information for BAPN members. A postal vote of BAPN members was held regarding a number of proposed changes to the BAPN constitution. All the constitution changes were agreed:

Under title the addition of: The Association shall be a Division of the Renal Association

Under membership: include adult nephrology

Under membership committee add: A lay representative who shall serve for 3 years

Under membership executive add: The Chair of the Medicines for Children Research Network Clinical Study Group will serve on the executive committee for the duration of their tenure.

Under finances: An annual subscription shall be paid by Ordinary Members according to the rules of the Renal Association into the Renal Association account.

Under finances: There shall be a restricted fund of the Association entitled the BAPN. Monies received, not including the subscription but including donations and the proceeds of any investments of the BAPN shall be paid into this account. A BAPN committee comprising at least 2 members of the BAPN and the BAPN and RA treasurer shall be responsible for management of this account. The Honorary treasurer shall publish an annual statement of the BAPN restricted fund and present it to the Annual General Meeting.

The BAPN is now producing monthly eNews communication with members. Enews is produced by the BAPN secretary and circulated by MCI. Members not receiving eNews are advised to check MCI hold correct email address and then check their hospital SPAM filters.

A lay member of the BAPN executive committee, Mr Shahid Muhammed has been appointed.

New members of the BAPN welcomed in 2010: Daljit Hothi, Ben Obi, Michele Hamilton- Ayres, Mark Bradbury, Deepa Athavale, Lyda Jadresic, Guy Millman, Stephen Wadams.

4. Treasurer's report (Judith Van der Voort)

BAPN finances are managed by the Renal Association. An update regarding finances was provided by MCI secretariat: £4,000 expenses were provided by

Renal Association for BAPN (however not all committee members claim expenses from Renal Association), £31,094 was currently available in BAPN ring fenced account.

5. Renal registry and audit report (Carol Inward)

The Registry is grateful to clinical teams for providing data. Currently the Registry is undergoing a period of change with electronic systems and there have been personnel issues. There have been changes to BAPN Registry representatives, Farida Hussain, Yincent Tse and Heather Maxwell. Feedback on the most recent registry data for paediatrics will be welcome. Two audits are underway: infant dialysis and anaemia. The BPSU is going to survey prospectively infants in established renal failure and it would be helpful to link this with the Renal Registry.

6. CSAC report (Maggie Fitzpatrick)

The CSAC is currently advising on aspects of speciality curriculum development and appropriate assessment of trainees. Kay Tyerman is the current RCPCH speciality advisor to the committee and Helen Jones is trainee representative. Eleven applicants applied to the National training grid in the last round, 6 were shortlisted and 4 offers were made; two trainees will be based in London, 1 in Birmingham and 1 in Glasgow. The next round of grid applications is about to begin again. Currently there are 12 trainees in posts around the country.

There have been 2 trainees meetings in last 12 months, one in Manchester and one at Evelina Hospital. Trainees are aiming to become involved in clinical guideline development with appropriate consultant supervision.

In 2010 5 trainees were appointed to Consultant Paediatric Nephrology posts and congratulations extended to those trainees.

Level 3 training (special study module) is being developed for paediatric trainees with specialist interest in nephrology (SPIN).

ST7 assessment pilot occurred with 3 trainees taking part. In the future this will become mandatory. Larissa Kerecuk is leading in developing question writing for the assessment.

There is currently no complete list of SPIN doctors in training, any BAPN member aware of SPIN trainees in their region is advised to forward their contact details to Maggie Fitzpatrick/Peter Houtman so that they can be invited to trainee days.

Action: all members

7. Clinical standards and guidelines (report in absentio, David Milford)

Word version of kidney care plans is available on BAPN website.
Hypertension guidelines are being finalised. The committee responds to a large number of consultation documents. The nephrology standards document also has clinical standards input.

8. New consultant member (report in absentio, Simon Waller)

The main role of the new consultant member is to represent BAPN to Kidney Alliance. The financial difficulties of the Kidney Alliance were noted and in particular World Kidney Day will cease to exist.

Paediatrician with a special interest in nephrology report (Peter Houtman)
Currently there are 50-60 SPIN members of BAPN. Thanks were extended to Mary McGraw for all her hard work on the Nephrology Networks working group. The group had made it clear that SPIN training should be a discrete and definite module of importance in paediatric training.

9. Research report (Moin Saleem)

CSG update: The committee continues to meet 3 times a year. The PREDNOS trial is now underway.

RaDaR is recruiting to a number of projects. There has been a call for funding applications for new groups for RaDaR. A committee has been established under the governance of the Renal Association; Mark Taylor is chair of the committee. The RaDaR website is being rebuilt.

The paediatric nephrology session at RCPCH meeting in Warwick was successful.

Next year there will be a joint meeting of the Renal Association with the Mayo Clinic, the content of the meeting is currently under discussion.

There will be continuing grants for trainees to attend meetings (details to be finalised at BAPN executive meeting and circulated in eNews).

Kids Kidney Research will continue to fund the MCRN.

10. BAPN members' items;

Kidney Advisory Group (Jane Tizard)

Documents have been produced on guidelines for matching criteria and also reasons for decline of kidneys for transplant. A new allocation system has been circulated. There will be a European directive that every renal transplant unit will need to be licensed (currently no details of how this will be achieved).

International committee (Mignon McCulloch)

The BAPN has insufficient funds to support a BAPN/ISN scholarship. However it would be possible for units to apply for an ISN/Renal Association paediatric scholarship. There will be a paediatric nephrology meeting in

Ghana next year, BAPN members who would be interested to speak at the meeting are invited to contact Mignon McCulloch.
A survey has been undertaken of BAPN units that have international links.

Renovascular hypertension

Stephen Marks invited interested BAPN members to contact Kjell Tullus or himself if they would like to be part of a Renovascular hypertension group, the group is planning to bid for funding from RaDaR

Action: all members.

Eculizumab trial

Stephen Marks informed the BAPN membership that Eculizimab trial in atypical HUS is underway at GOSH. Clinicians are invited to contact the on call consultant at GOS if they wish to enter a patient into the trial.

Action: all members

Date of next meeting: BAPN Winter meeting Friday 9th December, Birmingham Children's Hospital.