Present:

Chair: Dr Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary),

Prof Bruce Hendry (President), Prof David Wheeler (Past-President), Prof Neil Sheerlin (Honorary Treasurer), Prof Fiona Karet (Academic Vice President), Dr Graham Lipkin (Clinical Vice President), Roisin Jenkins and Bryony Stevens (Representatives of MCI), Dr Donal O’Donoghue (President Elect).

Total number of attendees: 68
Those that signed into the meeting:

Sarah Jenkins, John Stones, Jeremy Hughes, Edwina Brown, Maarten Taal, Damian Fogarty, Liz Lightstone, Peter Rowe, Sandra Currie, S Ramadots, Martin Raftery, A Mahdis, M Rogerson, David Winbudry, Dina Nilasari, Rosa Mongero, Hannah Wilson, Steve Dickinson, Mansoor Ali, M Thomas, S Gunde, Debasish Bameya, Lawrence Goldberg, Katy Jones, Suhier Elshowaya, Paul Warwicker, Julie Wessels, Claire Sharpe, Albert Ong, Pat Wilson, Edwin Wong, Fiona Duthie, Kate Buge, Jonathan Law, Tariq Aljemmali, Lbi Ereflosima, Annette Alfronzo, Amy Jayne McKnight, Marie London, Kate Brammen, Kate Vinen, Richard Haynes, Mark Dockrell, Tim Bowen, Phil Mason, Alan Salama, Charles Pusey, Jill Norman, Helen Warke, Aine Burns

Agenda
1. Welcome and Apologies
Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary) welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Approval of minutes of last AGM 2014
AB asked the AGM to approve the minutes of AGM 2015,


The minutes were approved with no corrections.

3. President’s report
Bruce Hendry gave his report. He emphasized that the AGM is a chance for members to hear from, and to question, the RA leadership. BH welcomed Donal O’Donoghue as the new RA President and wished him well in his new role.
BH then discussed key topics:

- UK Kidney Week 2016
- Highlighting RA Success
- Politics and Governance (Clinical, Educational and Research)
- Visibility of the RA and Corporate Engagement
- RA trading Arm
• UK Kidney Week 2017; partners to include the ISN, BTS, RVC, Phys Soc but unfortunately not the BRS who will hold a separate conference next year.

4. Treasurer’s report
Neil Sheerin gave his report:
4a. Renal Association Income for 2015 was £296,000, with a total amount of £90,000 for membership subscription. There had been increase in corporate partnership for 2015, current corporates at end of 2015 were Alexion, Amgen, Baxter, Genzyme, Gilead, Janssen and Otsuka. The RA also holds funds for the BAPN and the SpR club. A sum of £76,000 was received from the joint conference with ERA EDTA in 2015 London.
NS explained that the total amount of expenditure for the RA year 2015 was £236,000. Current RA funds held in reserve equates to 12 months operating costs, as required, so overall finances are secure.

![RENAL ASSOCIATION INCOME 2015](image)
4b. NS then discussed the UK Renal Registry accounts.

The majority of income came from capitation fees and the main expenditure was on staff salary costs.
4c. The AGM was asked to approve the annual report as given by Neil Sheerin, Treasurer: all in favour. (for more detail go to: http://www.renal.org/docs/default-source/the-renal-association/annual-reports/2015-renal-annual-report-(digital)-(1).pdf?sfvrsn=4)

5. Honorary Secretary’s report
AB gave her report.

5a. Current membership of the RA

Current membership for 2015 was reduced from 1058 to 1002
AB gave the breakdown of membership type by country and explained that there are 179 members who did not state their membership country on the RA database.

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### 5b. Conferences

AB reported that there were 8190 delegates at the Joint RA and ERA EDTA congress in London 2016, with 60% from Europe. The UK had the most delegates from any one country at 803 and UK also submitted more abstracts than any other country (243 abstracts submitted).
AB gave figures for the UKKW 2016 conference, explaining that advance registrations were 1202, which includes 160 stand personnel from 36 stands.

5c. eNews report

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5d. Awards

- In 2015 the AEG Raine Award was awarded to James Fotheringham
- This year awarded to Eoin McKinney
- The 2015 Walls Bursaries was awarded to Amy Jayne McKnight and Neeraj Dhaun
- The 2015 Lockwood Award was presented to Adrian Woolf
- Medical student elective bursaries awarded in 2015 for the following year: Deborah Aldridge, Jennifer McNeill, Louis Evans, Michael Adair, Patrick McMullan, Rebecca Hardman, Sugeeta Sukumar, Nicholas Cereceda
- 2015 - 10 AMGEN bursaries for highest scoring abstracts submitted to the 2015 conference by young investigators were awarded to: Edwin Wong, Andrew Streets, Vishal Nangalia, Emma Watson, Nadia Sarween, Ingi Elsayed, Emily McQuarrie, Emma Montgomery, Sokratis Stoumpos, Roslyn Simms
- 2016 - 10 bursaries, jointly funded with BRS, were awarded this year

5e. Update from Jim Moriarty Communications Officer

- 1859 followers on Twitter @RenalAssoc
- Each tweet seen by up to 1000 users
- #UKKW2016 had been trending on Twitter!!
Feedback from RA statement on junior doctors contract:
- Excellent clear unequivocal statement against imposition & gender inequality #juniorcontract will generate" - Liz Lightstone (@kidneydoc101)
- "Well phrased and correct" - Charlie Tomson (@CharlieTomson)
- "Proud to be a member of the @RenalAssoc having read this statement” - Matthew Graham-Brown (@DrMattGB)
- "Great to see @RenalAssoc supporting #JuniorDoctorsStrike " - Tom Oates (@toates_19)
- "@RenalAssoc thank you for speaking out on behalf of all doctors including female nephrologists. #bapnephrology#equality" Kay Tyerman (@kay_tyerman)

5f. Changes to the rules of the Renal Association

AB explained the rule changes that were taking place.

- Academic Vice – President
  The Academic Vice-President will be elected by ballot of the whole membership of the Association, and will normally serve for a minimum of three years and for a maximum of four years.

- Clinical Vice – President
  The Clinical Vice-President will be elected by ballot of the whole membership of the Association, and will normally serve for a minimum of three years and a maximum of four years.

- Membership
  Retired Members will be given Emeritus Membership status however Honorary Membership will remain; this membership category is by invitation only and is considered for exceptional individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Association.

- Business of the Clinical Data Standards Committee
  Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the President and the Committee Chair and will always include (a) representation from the UKTC, and (b) an elected member of the Executive Committee.

5g. Elections and Appointments

- AB thanked Elected Members of the Executive who complete their term at this AGM - Indy Dasgupta, Mark Dockrell and Michael Robson- for their very valuable contributions to the work of the Renal Association
- There were 4 nominations to replace Indy Dasgupta and Michael Robson, and following an election, Aine Burns and Alan Salama have been elected. The renal scientist role was filled by Tim Bowen replacing Mark Dockrell.
• AB also announced that the new AVP Phil Kalra will take over from Fiona Karet when she demits in September 2016, with a 3 month shadowing period from this AGM.

• AB gave the following update on committee chairs:

• Chair of Research Committee **Moin Saleem** retires at the AGM, replaced by **Jill Norman**, Chair of EON Committee

• **Claire Sharpe** stands down from the post of Chair of the EON Committee to become Vice Chair of Research Committee and is replaced as EON Chair by **Bhavna Pandya**

AB asked the AGM to approve the appointment of the Elected members, AP and Committee Chairs for the RA: approved unanimously.

**5h. Two New committees**

AB reported that there are Renal Association rule amendments to include the terms of reference for two new committees:

• Joint BRS-RA Patient Safety Committee, chaired by Paul Rylance
• Patient Information Committee, chaired initially by Andy Stein who then handed over to Rebecca Suckling

**5i.** AB asked the AGM to approve the appointment of the following new members of the Association: approved unanimously.

- Dr Boavovjivie Oseya
- Dr Michael Oliver
- Dr Hithanadura Dilini De Silva
- Dr Farah Latif
- Dr Tani Abedin
- Dr David Wandless
- Dr Caroline Platt
- Dr Helen Noble
- Dr Grace McCall
- Dr Sayyid M Ammar Raza
- Dr Matko Marlais
- Dr Pallavi Yadav
- Dr Rachel Hung
- Dr Andrew Peter Maxted
- Dr Fawad Muhammad
- Dr Bakhiet Osman
- Dr Yu Kwong Wong
- Dr Tharindra Navodhi
- Dr Eileen Nolan
- Dr Sarah Yoon Ai
- Dr Ademola Olaitan
6. Clinical Vice President’s report
6a. Graham Lipkin discussed his report, emphasizing focus on Patient Safety, Quality Improvement and gave details of the Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP), outlining the significant challenges over the last year.

- Tariff: negotiations with Monitor (successful reversal of proposed 15% reduction for dialysis) - agreement to engage with Monitor/HSCIC for year ahead (HD/Pex for AKI)
- Commissioning: Explore collaborative commissioning

- NHSE do not currently see renal as a priority Changes: 5 year forward review
- Renal Association committed to constructive engagement with NHSe & Monitor
- NICE Guidelines/Quality Standards review
- 7 days working issues
- Continue to explore adjunctive staffing models
6b. Clinical Affairs Board: All Committees have been highly active and have worked to develop their multi-professional team links

- **Clinical Services Committee (Alastair Hutchison)**
  - Highly rated CD Forum
  - Reviewers of CPG Committee Draft Guidelines
  - Effective RA/BRS Patient Safety Committee

- **Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee (Andy Lewington)**
  - 15 Guidelines, 6 joint society guidelines, very high ‘hit rate’ on website
  - Agreement that Committee requires tangible support Project Management support via the Renal Registry. Support with draft Guidelines review, recognition of authors and reviewers by RA President, increased profile on website, agreement to increase profile of authors
  - Literature searches, publication of 3 guidelines/y in BMC Nephrology
  - NICE accreditation lapsed-to reapply, Paediatric guideline concurrent where appropriate
  - Breadth of guidelines supported to be reviewed, Commentaries considered for some. SpR Club input, patient group support

- **Equal Opportunities Committee (Claire Sharpe)**
  - Mentorship of all new consultants offered. Sub consultant grade census, new contract review underway re LTFT Cons impact

**Patient View – newly appointed Director Afzal Chaudhry** has taken over from Neil Turner

- Major successes built upon: Patient view 2 successful launch in last January
- 50,000 signed up (2/3 log in regularly), adoption by other specialities?
- Trading arm?

- **Terminology Committee (Afzal Chaudhry)**

- **Patient Information Group (Rebecca Suckling)**
  - Proposal to BKPA for funding Project management support
  - Engaged group, Commitment to PI production this year
  - Target to achieve information standard
  - Plan to coordinate with guideline committee

6c. Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP)
Launched, design event, 6 active work streams, website developed, Support Regional Networks - Annual Network Day, Repository & Education platform planned, Develop 2 National QI Programmes, Seed funding inc. HF Grant

- Source bridging funding (grant), Explore sustainable long term funding (NHSe-service specification

6d. Direction over coming year
• Engage with NHS England: Monitor (Tariff & Commissioning model)
• Ensure adequate resource & support to enable Clinical Practice Guidelines development: review
• Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP)
• NICE RRT engagement-scoping & other NICE consultations
• Appoint successor to post of CVP with overlap

7. Academic Vice President’s report
7a. Fiona Karet thanked all members of the Academic Affairs Board for their hard work, all of which is done in their own time.
   Research - Moin Saleem
   Training and Education - Jeremy Levy
   International - David Goldsmith
   Rare Diseases - Detlef Bockenhauer
   and BAPN research lead - Richard Coward
   Advanced Nephrology Sunil Bhandari and Paul Harden
   RSWP – Amy-Jayne McKnight, Mark Dockrell and Jill Norman

7b. FK gave the following updates:
• National Research Strategy: completed January 2016
   – Ministerial support
   – Priorities and gap analysis recently sought
• Advanced Nephrology 3-7 Jan 2017: 10% discount for RA members
• ISN membership is free to RA members under 37 y old
• RaDaR: over 5000 patients now registered
   – 23 groups
   – Sustainability via UKRR, and portfolio survival via Kidney Research UK
   – ADPKD is now a rare disease....
• Challenges
   – The funding climate
   – Career prospects for non-clinical scientists
   – Involving the MDT in research, and training
   – Database, networking and communications
• Welcome to Phil Kalra (replacing FK in September)

8. Renal Registry Report
Fergal Caskey (Medical Director of the UKRR), reported on the core work of the Registry:
• Information governance
  • New S251 permissions and database REC approvals for research
• Data breach identified, reported and investigated; processes tightened

• **UK Renal Data Collaboration**
  • PV data now flowing through UKRDC
  • Working with several pilot sites and meeting with IT suppliers

• **Dataset**
  • Collecting dialysis AKI and PEX from 2015; CKD4/5 from 2016

• **National Programmes**
  • AKI: 58% of English labs now reporting; programme finishes Dec 2016
  • TPCKD: Pilot PROMs PREMs & PAM work started in 10 sites; extending to 23 later in 2016

• **Research**
  • New S251 permissions and database REC approvals for research
  • Co-apps on 2x successful NIHR HTA grants
  • Leading on 2 NIHR HTA grants; supporting several MRC/NIHR grants and doctoral/post doctoral fellowships

9. **AOB**

9a. AB listed the future meetings:
   • Advance Nephrology Course - Corpus Christi College, Oxford Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 January 2017
   • UK Kidney Week 2017- ACC Liverpool, Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 June 2017

9b. DO’D thanked BH for his commitment and hard work over the years as RA President. He addressed the attendees regarding the 2017 meeting and said that this was an opportunity to voice their views.

9c. Following a question from the floor inquiring why the RA and BRS would not co-host a joint conference in 2017, general discussion followed after DO’D explained the meetings between BRS and RA and the issues involved. Following a show of hands, the AGM was almost unanimously in favor of DO’D meeting BRS officers again to see if it was possible to arrange a joint 2017 BRS-RA conference, and failing this, committing to a joint 2018 conference.

9d. BH thanked members for attending and declared the AGM closed.

10. **Date and time of next AGM**
The 2017 AGM will be held during UK Kidney Week 19-21 June 2017, ACC Liverpool.

AL Brown
June 2016