Minutes of BAPN Executive Committee

Friday 30th November 2012

10.00-13.00

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, London

Present

Jane Tizard (JT), Sally Feather (SF), Andy Lunn (AL), Maggie Fitzpatrick (MMF), Mohan Shenoy (MSh), Manish Sinha (MSi), Daljit Hothi (DH), Sally Hulton (SH)

Apologies

David Milford (DM), Judith van der Voort (JV), Sheetal Bhojani (SB), Munir Ahmed (MA), Shahid Muhammed (SM)

1. Minutes of last EC meeting were accepted

2. Matters arising

a) Terms of office of EC. Agreement was reached at Winter meeting that all EC members other than President and Ordinary member are allowed to extend terms of office by one year.

b) Workplan for EC had been amended by SF. This was reviewed and approved.
3. Items requiring discussion/decision

a) Annual report. This is organised by communications officer AL. Reports for Winter meeting to be modified for annual report and sent to AL. Draft to be reviewed at next EC. **Action all EC members.**

b) MCI. JT has had discussion with MCI. MCI are not currently planning to support BAPN website but with the new website upgrade the BAPN will be incorporated - this will remain on agenda for discussion. The membership application process for BAPN is to be aligned with Renal Association process. The BAPN will be informed at AGM (Action JT)

The expense of the BAPN recent electronic elections has been raised with MCI. In order to reduce expense, the BAPN needs to align voting for membership of EC annually, ideally with Renal Association, with a plan for members to all demit at AGM. Ideally there should be a 6 month overlap for incoming members to have a fuller handover from outgoing member. Need update from current EC members to confirm end of term (Action SF)

The 2013 RA meeting and hence BAPN AGM is being organised by BTS secretariat. (Action SF to contact BTS secretariat).

There is a plan to increase consultant RA (BAPN) membership fees to £140 per annum with a discount for direct debit. EC approved this increase but also considered that other categories of membership could be increased in particular SPIN consultant membership (Action SF to inform MA).

c) VTEC document. The document came from Health Protection Agency to RCPCH (Jan Dudley) and this was then forwarded to JT for comments from BAPN. This has been circulated to leads in each BAPN centre and comments were discussed. Main concerns were regarding the dogmatic statement that plasma exchange should not be used in HUS. A number of BAPN centres do use plasma exchange for cerebral D +HUS and in atypical HUS. Hence, in the absence of randomised controlled trials EC felt that the statement regarding plasma exchange could not be supported by BAPN. This will be fed back to authors of paper (Action JT).

d) ISN representative. Two candidates had come forward. After much deliberation, EC chose Kjell Tullus. Action SF to inform candidates and Albert Ong of decision.

e) Acute Kidney Injury (AKI). SF was invited speaker on paediatric AKI at UK consensus meeting on AKI in Edinburgh. SF highlighted areas of development in adult AKI including e-alerts, audit, data collection which would be beneficial to develop in paediatric AKI. DM has applied for funding from NHS Kidney Care to organise a day to develop paediatric AKI.

f) ACCEA 2013. More information is awaited from DOH as to 2013 round.

g) Proposal for honorary BAPN membership. EC was pleased to accept Mary McGraw as honorary BAPN member (Action JT to inform Mary McGraw).

4. Treasurer’s report

JV sent apologies, report already discussed at Winter meeting.
5. Secretary’s report

a) Feedback from Winter meeting. SF presented feedback from Winter meeting which was very good overall. In 2013 Winter meeting the business meeting will be extended.

b) British Renal Society. SF had attended recent teleconference. BRS are seeking advice from BAPN re cheaper venues for future conferences. There has been agreement from BRS that the wider paediatric multidisciplinary team will be present at BRS Council (Action SF to chase).

6. Registry and Audit Committe report (MSi)

In addition to report given at Winter meeting, MSi mentioned that all registry returns will be electronic this year. The quality of data has improved considerably.

7. Clinical standards and guidelines (DM)

DM sent apologies but requested that correspondence from RCPCH regarding support of guidelines literature search for BAPN at cost of £10K be reviewed. EC felt that this should be placed on hold at present.

8. Research report (SH)

No further update after Winter meeting. RCPCH nephrology session and paediatric session at Renal Association are well in progress with planning.

9. Clinical services committee (DH)

Martin Christian has done funded work on paediatric renal networks in Nottingham region. The paediatric renal network committee has highlighted the importance of funding for managed clinical network and to discuss how networks can develop in different regions. DH had attended the Health Forum meeting in Westminster which mainly focussed on primary care and prevention and obesity. The importance of nephrology looking for opportunities within the scope of this work was discussed including patient education. On 14th December the established kidney disease patient decision aids launch occurs.

10. Communication officers report (AL)

AL was welcomed to EC. He reported that he is reviewing the website at present and hoping to obtain software from Leah Krishoch and Larissa Kerecuk.

11. CSAC report (MMF)

Grid interviews took place day before EC and the standard of applicants was extremely high. 5 candidates will be appointed to grid. Changes to composition of CSAC will be discussed in future meeting.
Dates of future meetings:

2013 BAPN Executive meetings: Friday 1st February, Friday 21st June, Friday 20th September, Friday 22nd November (RCPCH London).

BAPN Winter meeting 2013: Friday 13th December, Birmingham

BAPN AGM Thursday 14th March 12.30 at Renal Association Meeting, Bournemouth.

Clincopathology meeting: Monday 8th April 2013