BAPN Business Minutes  
Tuesday 4th April 2006  
Royal College of Paediatric & Child Health Spring Meeting, York

Members Present

Maurice Savage (President)               Heather Maxwell (Secretary)  
Allan Watson                             Judith Van der Voort  
Stephen Marks                           Denis Gill  
Nick Webb                               David Hughes  
Judy Taylor                             Jane Tizard  
Rachel Lennon                           Richard Coward  
Caroline Jones                          Gail Moss  
Jane Deal                                Eric Finlay  
Ihab Shaheen                            Kjell Tullus  
Brian Judd                              Zahida Ahmed  
Shivaram Hegde                          Farida Hussain  
Chris Reid                              Sally Feather  
Malcolm Coulthard                      Nadeem Moghal  
Raj Krishnan                           Mohan Shenoy  
Mark Taylor                            Kay Tyerman

Apologies

Jean Smellie                         Lesley Rees  
Rodney Gilbert                       Sally Hulton  
Shuman Haq                           Mary McGraw  
Heather Lambert                      Carol Inward  
Sue Rigden                           Richard Trompeter  
Richard Holt                          Kate Verrier-Jones  
Simon Waller
1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the last business meeting after correction of minor typographical errors.

2. **Matters Arising**

All matters arising from the minutes were dealt with in the Agenda.

3. **Renal Association Standards**

The haemodialysis standards are now available and Sally Feather has distributed these to the members of the Haemodialysis Sub-group. The rest of the adult standards are awaited. When they are available they will be put on the Renal Association Website.

4. **Written Report from CSAC**

A written report from CSAC was distributed for information.

5. **Renal Information Strategy**

Kate Verrier-Jones will forward a written report on the Renal Information Strategy for information.

6. **Report from the Renal Registry**

The Paediatric Chapter for the Renal Registry has been written. The Executive and the Membership are grateful to Malcolm Lewis for his efforts in putting this together along with the members of the Registry Committee.

The Renal Biopsy Audit
10 Centres have so far provided data on 470 biopsies. The data is undergoing preliminary analysis at the moment. The audit for 2006 is on blood pressure in renal transplant recipients and Manish Sinha and Larissa Cerecuk will visit all centres to collect blood pressure data on all paediatric renal transplant recipients. To do this work they will require honorary contracts at each of the centres.

The BAPN Renal Registry Sub-Committee will meet on May 15th with Charlie Tomson and David Ansell in Bristol, along with Jane Tizard. This meeting is to discuss how best to take the BAPN Registry forward. Units can start collecting data for April 2006 and in the meantime they are asked to hold onto their data.

7. **Report from the European Registry**

A written report from the European Registry was sent round for information.

8. **Update from ESPN**

A written report from the ESPN was sent round for information.

9. **UK Transplant Update**

The new allocation system is in place as of 3rd April 2006. The Kidney Allocation Review Group has been set up at UK Transplant to monitor the new allocation system.
10. **Kidney Alliance**  
Nick Webb updated the membership on the activities of the Kidney Alliance. They continue to have discussions about Payment by Results, but no new business has been raised.

11. **British Renal Society**  
The annual BRS meeting is to be held in Harrogate at the beginning of May and is held jointly with the Renal Association. The programme is interesting and contains paediatric presentations.

A research Fellowship is being offered between the BRS and Kidney Research UK (formerly NKRF) on renal disease and its management. This is aimed at multidisciplinary and patient orientated research. Information about this fellowship is available on the BRS website [www.britishrenal.org](http://www.britishrenal.org)

Work on the NSF continues. A meeting on Acute Renal Failure was held on 23\(^{rd}\) March and Nadeem Moghal and Sally Feather attended on behalf of the BAPN. There was a heavy adult influence, but paediatric commissioners were present, as were representative from paediatric ITU. We are aware that there is a considerable amount of work going on with the NSF at present and the Executive have been communicating with the Department of Health to keep up to date with this work. Criteria for Success – Part II is being devised. Jane Tizard has been involved in this work.

12. **Payment by Results**  
Jane Tizard has been in communication with a representative from the Department of Health, who has had a very full diary but has agreed to meet Jane this month. In the first instance the Representative has asked to speak to Jane on her own, so specific questions should be addressed via Jane. It will take 2yrs to put the renal HRG’s into use, but it is important that we are involved at this stage to make sure that these are accurate. Jane has also been involved in the work of the ITU / High Dependency Group.

13. **Trainee Issues**  
There were no new trainee issues.

14. **Treasurer’s Report**  
A written Treasurer’s Report was sent round for information.

15. **New Members**  
Ganesh Ganesan and Zahida Ahmed were welcomed as new BAPN members.

16. **UK Juvenile SLA Steering Group**  
The UK SLA Study Group has proposed a Steering Group to look at Juvenile SLA. Kjell Tullus has been invited to be the nephrology representative on this steering group and David Hughes is his deputy. They are proposing yearly collection of data on patients with SLA to look at outcome and prognosis. The group is driven by the Paediatric Rheumatologists.

17. **Future Roles of the BAPN**  
This agenda item was discussed in detail. Mark Taylor, as incoming President, had previously circulated a paper with 5 proposals for changes to the BAPN constitution to allow the BAPN to be more responsive to changes in the workings of the NHS.
17. **Future Roles of the BAPN contd…**

Proposal 1 This is for a Communications Officer to oversee the development of BAPN pathways and protocols for patient management. Discussion took place as to the difficulty in producing guidelines when there is little evidence in many areas of practice, but it is possible to agree minimum standards for the management of certain conditions.

Proposal 2 This is the setting up of a Service Advisory Working Party to look at different ways of delivery service with an emphasis on networks and collaborative working with DGH paediatricians.

Proposal 3 This is the setting up of a Working Party to investigate the impact of Payment by Results. Some work has already been done in this area by the BAPN.

Proposal 4 This related to research and the suggestion that we should work collaboratively with the Renal Association to form a Renal Research Network. With this in mind it was proposed that Nick Webb be asked to stay on for at least 1 further year or for a full further term of office, depending on whether there is interest in the Research Secretary’s Post.

Proposal 5 This looked at the role of the BAPN as an advocate for our patients and whether we should look at working with a “patron” to advise us on future activities. There was considerable discussion about this proposal and some concern that by appointing a patron that we might risk our close association with the Renal Association, that it might be costly and that to a certain extent the Kidney Alliance already perform this role to a certain extent. After a full discussion it was felt that Proposal 5 should not be taken forward.

Proposals 1-4 will be sent out to the membership who will be asked to vote on them separately. A deadline for responses will be set. These proposals will require the BAPN constitution to be revised.

18. **AOCB**

There was no other competent business.

*The membership thanked Prof Savage for all of his hard work during his term of office as BAPN President, and welcomed Mark Taylor as incoming President.*

19. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Business Meeting will be held on 8th December 2006 at the Institute for Child Health in London.