Present:

Chair: Dr Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary),

Prof Bruce Hendry (President), Prof David Wheeler (Past-President), Prof Neil Sheerin (Honorary Treasurer), Prof Fiona Karet (Academic Vice President), Dr Graham Lipkin (Clinical Vice President), Ashley and Claire (Representatives of MCI), Dr Donal O'Donoghue, Hilary Doxford, Ron Cullen, Dr Jill Norman, Dr David Hughes, Dr Robert Peel, Prof Jonathan Fox, Sandra Currie, Dr Jane Tizard, Dr Wendy Metcalfe, Dr Fergus Caskey, Dr Charlie Thompson, Dr Helen Clarke, Claire Dr Sharpe, Dr Jim Moriarty, Dr Andrew Lewington, Dr Colin Geddes, Dr Mark Dockrell, Dr Elizabeth Lindley, Prof John Feehally, Dr Ellon McGregor.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary) welcomed members to the AGM. Apologies were received from Alan Bevington, Dorothea Nitsch, Jane Deal, Peter Drew and Steve Nelson.

2. Approval of minutes of last AGM 2014
AB asked the AGM to approve the minutes of AGM 2014, [http://www.renal.org/about-us/about-the-renalassociation#sthash.R5ixTis5.dpbs](http://www.renal.org/about-us/about-the-renalassociation#sthash.R5ixTis5.dpbs)
The minutes were approved with no corrections.

3. President’s report
Bruce Hendry gave his report. He thanked all RA members for their support during his recent medical leave, and emphasized that the AGM is a chance for members to hear from and to question the RA leadership. BH welcomed Donal O'Donoghue as RA President-Elect, and future President 2016-2018.

BH then discussed his activities and focus during the last year:

- The current RA joint meeting with EDTA-ERA; BH has worked closely with David Goldsmith and the ERA-EDTA programme committee to ensure that the RA and the UK are well represented
- Relations with the BRS: BH continues to work together with Simon Ball, President of the BRS, towards more joint working
- Politics and Governance with continuing strong RA representation in national initiatives
- Corporate Engagement: BH has invested time and effort to improve links with industry
- A journal for our RA Guidelines: BH is in discussion with Biomed Central (BMC) regarding collaboration for journal publication of guidelines, provisionally 3 per year.
4. Treasurer’s report
Neil Sheerin gave his report:

4a. Renal Association surplus funds for the year total £9,138, which includes a significant contribution from the ANC and the Specialist Exam. There has been a reduction in income from corporate partners, though the RA Secretariat continues to work to try to increase the number of corporate partners. Current corporate partners are AMGEN, Gilead, Janssen and Otsuka. There is a reduction in funds held by £104,001, which has been transferred to the UKRR to fund future spending for PatientView development. The RA also holds funds for the BAPN and the SpR club. Current RA funds held in reserve equates to 12 months operating costs, as required, so overall finances are secure.
4b. NS then discussed the UK Renal Registry accounts. The UKRR has a surplus for the year of £144,000, comprising income from the capitation fee and various grants. There is an increase in funds held by the UKRR, which total £2,566,800 at the end of 2014: these funds held for Reserves equate to 15 months operating costs, so the finances of the UKRR remain secure.
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/about-us/about-the-renal-association#sthash.GtoZe1s1L5xdSbUB.dpbs).

5. Honorary Secretary’s report
AB gave her report.
5a. Current membership of the RA

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For comparison, Phil Mason’s 2013 Renal Workforce Survey figures are given here. The estimated total renal medical workforce was 1075:

- 587 consultants, of whom 144 were female
- 45.7 WTE NCG
- 15 Post CCT fellows
- 56.5 other middle grades (mostly research Sprs)
- 411 trainees in 326 training posts (85 OOPE, maternity leave etc) with only 4.9% training LTFT.

5b. enews report

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5c. Elections and Appointments

- AB thanked Sunil Bhandari, who completes his term of office as an Elected Member of the Executive at this AGM, for his contribution to the work of the RA, especially his sterling work for the ANC. There were 5 nominations to replace Sunil, and following a vote, Mark Brady has been elected.
- AB also welcomed Donal O’Donoghue as President-Elect, and future President 2016-2018
- AB reported that we invited the NKF and the BKPA to nominate a representative from each organisation to join the RA Executive; Fiona Loud is the BPKA representative and Jim Higgins is the NKF representative.
5d. AB asked the AGM to approve the appointment of the President Elect as a Trustee: approved unanimously.

5e. Awards:

- In 2014 the AEG Raine Award was awarded to Thomas Hiemestra
- This year’s Raine Award is to James Fotheringham
- The 2014 Walls Bursaries were not awarded- 2015 awards process now open
- The 2014 Lockwood Award was presented to Jonathan Wong
- 2014 Medical student elective bursaries were awarded to Oluseyi Adesalu, Robert Batley, Mrinalini Dey, Aharani Kirupanandan, Dylan Mac Lochlann, Rose Penfold, Annie Ritson, Rajiv Sethi
- 2014 AMGEN bursaries for highest scoring abstracts submitted to the 2014 conference by young investigators were awarded to Agineszka Bierzynska, John Booth, Stephanie Brown, Diana Chiu, Amy Clarke, Wen Yi Ding, Maurice Dungey, Mark Elliot, James Fotheringham, Suzanne Forbes, Adil Hazara, Nicola Hill, Neil Hoyle, Stephen McAdoo, Lucy Newbury, James Ritchie, Sivakumar Sridharan, Oscar Swift, Emma Watson and Hannah Wilson.
- 2015 AMGEN bursaries are awarded to Andrew Streets, Edwin Wong, Emily McQuarrie, Emma Montgomery, Emma Watson, Ingi Elsayed, Nadia Sarween, Roslyn Simms, Sokratis Stoumpos, and Vishal Nangalia.
- AB thanked AMGEN for their continuing valued support in providing bursaries to help attendance.

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

Dr Simon Lines
Dr Vishal Nangalia
Dr Wendy Baird
Dr Mark Davies
Dr Matthew Butler
Dr Pratima Verma
Dr Ian Logan
Miss Giulia Furini
Dr Tariq Aljemmali
Dr Chrysoula Pipili
Dr Katherine Bull
Dr Natalie Finch
Mr Rishab Kapoor
Mrs Harriet Douthwaite
Dr Venkata Rukmini Latha Gullapudi
Dr Alastair Rankin
Dr Anuradha Jayanti
Dr Yasser Ashraf
Dr Simon Ramsbottom
6. Clinical Vice President’s report
6a. Graham Lipkin discussed his report, and the focus on RA engagement with national bodies to address patient safety, and quality improvement and continuing development of RA joint working with the multi-professional team, through BRS.
GL listed the significant challenges the Clinical Affairs Board has faced over the last year:

- Tariff negotiations with Monitor resulted in successful reversal of proposed 15% reduction for dialysis
- Commissioning: negotiations with NHS England to postpone commissioning of dialysis by CCGs
- Simon Stephens’ 5 year forward review presents many further challenges and the Renal Association remains committed to constructive engagement with NHS England and Monitor.
• NICE Guidelines/Quality Standards review
• 7 day working

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)
– AH arranged a highly rated CD Forum
– The CSC plan to provide reviewers of CPG Committee Draft Guidelines
– Established RA/BRS Patient Safety Committee, led by Paul Rylance

• Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee (Andy Lewington)
  – NICE badging
  – 15 Guidelines, 6 Joint society guidelines, which have a very high ‘hit rate’ on the RA website
  – Agreement that the CPG Committee requires tangible support from RA to provide further support for guidelines preparation and review, plus increased recognition of authors and reviewers by RA President and website
  – RA exploring further support (including administration, literature searches, publication in PubMed-listed Journal
  – Breadth of guidelines supported to be reviewed, with UK commentaries on eg KDIGO guidelines, to be considered for some.

• Equal Opportunities Committee (Claire Sharpe): Mentorship of all new consultants offered and now working with NCG nephrologists.

• Patient View (Neil Turner)
  – Major successes built upon: Patient View 2 had a successful launch in January (Phone/tablet)
  – 40,000 users are signed up, of whom two thirds log in regularly, and Patient View is now being adopted by other specialities

• Terminology Committee (Afzal Chaudhry)
  – This joint RA/RIXG committee advises the UK Terminology Centre on all aspects of Snomed CT codes relevant to Nephrology

6d. Direction over coming year
• Develop the patient safety agenda jointly with BRS
• Engage with NHS England: Monitor (Tariff & Commissioning model)- current tariff expected to roll over for next year
• Ensure adequate resource and support to enable Clinical Practice Guidelines development: review
• Greater involvement with patients groups (BKPA and NKF)
• Update the Renal Chapter for the RCP first written in 2013, now requires updating
• Workforce options – biggest challenge is likely to be maintaining and improving the quality of care with reducing numbers of trainees plus 7 day working

6e. Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP).
GL discussed this initiative involving the following professional bodies and patient groups, together with the UKRR, and explained how it is envisaged that this partnership will provide tangible improvements in patient care:

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
with additional reporting from the BAPN - Richard Coward
and from the Chair of the UKKRC - Paula Ormandy
Elected Executive members Sunil Bhandari and Mark Dockrell
7b. FK gave the following updates:

- Research database: the original database developer is no longer involved, and discussion is ongoing about how to progress this useful database.
- Better integration of non-clinician scientists (Chair Amy-Jayne McKnight) into the main research committee to reduce overlap and duplication.
- Clinical Trials methodology training (Dorothea Nitsch): restarting soon!
- Advanced Nephrology (Paul Harden and Sunil Bhandari).
- Development of the European Renal Specialty Exam (Jeremy Levy).
- The SpR Club (Weng Oh).
- ERA-EDTA conference chair: David Goldsmith.
- RaDaR: over 100 patients per month being registered.
- New groups: progressive IgA nephropathy and calciphylaxis.
- UKKRC, now chaired by Paula Ormandy; new Exercise group formed, led by Sharlene Greenwood.
- National Research Strategy: the Steering Group for this is chaired by FEK, and has now produced the first full draft which is to be published in the next month.
- Welcome to David Hughes, the BAPN’s chair (replacing Jane Tizard).

8. Renal Registry Report
Fergal Caskey (Medical Director of the UKRR), reported on the core work of the Registry:

- Great progress has been made with the UK Renal Data Collaboration, and further announcements about real-time data will be issued within the next few months.
- In partnership with the Scottish Renal Registry, Patient View, RADAR, BAPN, Northern Ireland Nephrology Forum, Welsh Renal Clinical Network, RIXG & NHSBT.
- Dataset.
- Acute dialysis and Plasma Exchange data collected from Jan 2015 and via version 4.0 from Jan 2016.
- National Programmes
  a. Acute Kidney Injury – slow start with labs introducing the e-warning algorithm but now gaining pace.
  b. Transforming Participation in CKD (PROMS, PREMS, quality of life, experience and activation); preliminary work is about to start in pilot sites.
- Research
  a. 2 PhDs, Retha Steenkamp in Bristol and James Fotheringham in Sheffield.
  b. Co-applicant on six NIHR grants and two Health Foundation grants.

9. AOB
9a. AB listed the future meetings:
- Advanced Nephrology Course, Monday 4 to Friday 8 January 2016.
9b. AB thanked Jane Tizard for her invaluable contribution as a member of the RA Executive whilst President of the BAPN.
9c. AB discussed the planned 30% reduction in membership fees for all members working less than 70% for 2016 RA membership.
9d. FEK mentioned the events for academic trainees planned during the conference.
9e. John Feehally asked about recruitment of trainees; do we know what percentage of current trainees join the RA and then become consultant members? Discussion followed about RA membership for trainees and newly appointed consultants and how to encourage them to join the RA. ALB replied that the conference fee structure and first free year for trainees does encourage trainees to join.
Phil Mason’s 2013 survey of numbers for the UK renal workforce is as follows: There were 587 consultants of whom 144 were female.

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This gives a total of 1075 estimated total renal medical workforce.
9f. John Feehally asked why the RA is funding Renal PatientView when the NHS should provide funding for development. BH replied that Renal PatientView has been a great initiative for which funding has been identified, and we expect in future to recoup our investment. Hilary Doxford commented that we are no longer subsidising other specialties such as gastroenterology.

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

10. Date and time of next AGM
The 2016 AGM will be held during UK Kidney Week Jointly with the British Renal Society, Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 June 2016, and in a bid to encourage attendance we plan to timetable the AGM within main programme next year.

AL Brown
May 31st