

Renal Association AGM
15:00 Tuesday 20th June 2017
Hall 1B, ACC Liverpool

Present

Chair: Dr Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary),

Donal O'Donoghue (President), Bruce Hendry (Past-President), Sandra Currie, Neil Sheerin (Honorary Treasurer), Phil Kalra (Academic Vice President), Graham Lipkin (Clinical Vice president) Karen Clarke (MCI Representative)

Total number of Attendees: 77

Those that signed into the meeting:

PK Chatterjee, Alan Webb, Elaine Davies, Ron Cullen, Jill Norman, G Glancry, Maarten Taal, F Qaasim, Liz Lightstone, Rhys Evans, Haroon Naeem, David Wheeler, M Robson, Steve Dickinson, Peter Hewins, Paul Wawicker, Rachael Wright, John Feehally, Jim Moriarty, Cate Goodlas, Shareen Jaijee, Martin Ford, Clara Day, Damian Fogarty, James Medcaf, Mark Dockrell, Claire Sharpe, Michael Turner, Edwin Wong, Gayathri Rayakanina, E Brown, P Mason, M Thomas, Khalid Mahot, S Gunde, Katy Jones, Fergus Caskey, Richard Hyanes, Mark Thomas, Caroline Whitworth, K Abraham, Indy Dasgupta, Sharlene Greenwood, Sanofi Gonzyme, Nick Selby, Hilary Cramd, Monica Bowa-Nkhoma, Michael Almond, Edmond O'Riordan, Colin Jones, Shiva Ugni, Neil Iggo, Katie Vinen, Paul Cockwell, Adam Macdiarmid-Gordon, Yook Mun Woo, Syothi Kondlapudi, Fiona Dallas.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alison Brown (Honorary Secretary) welcomed member to the AGM

2. Approval of minutes of last AGM 2016

AB asked the AGM to approve the minutes of AGM 2016,

<http://www.renal.org/about-us/about-the-renal-association#sthash.robH463p.dpbs>

The minutes were approved with no corrections

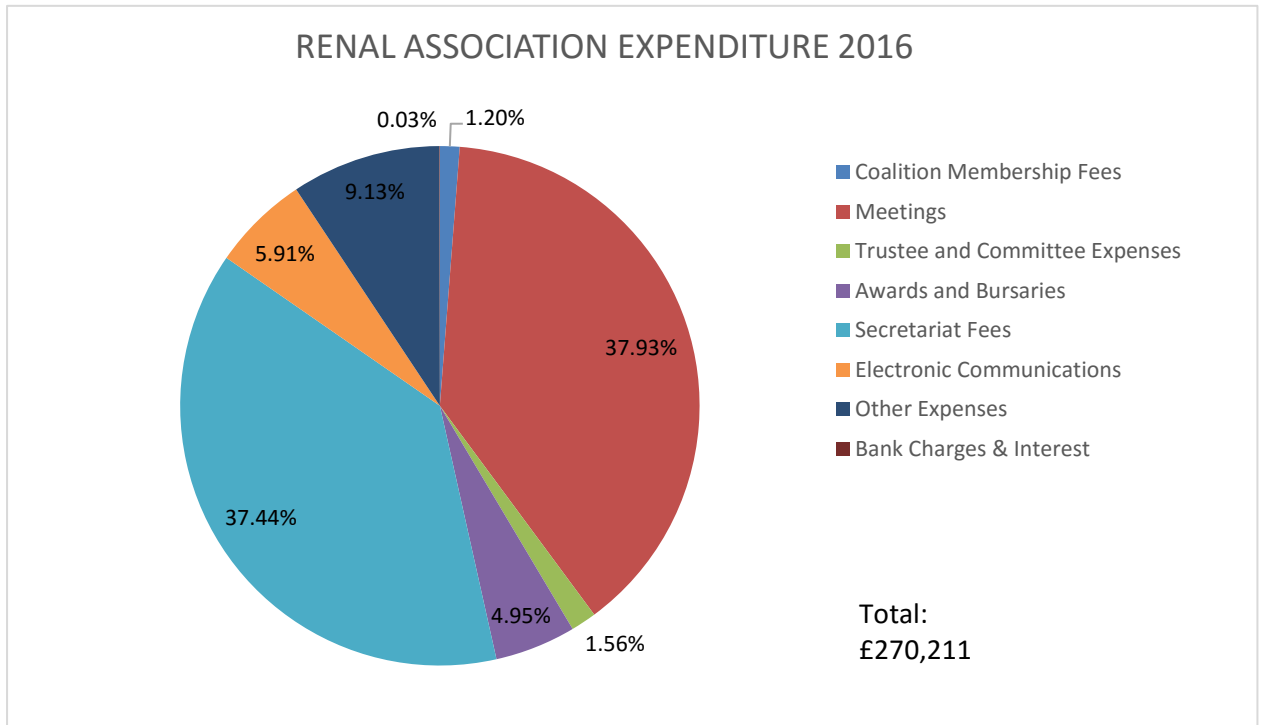
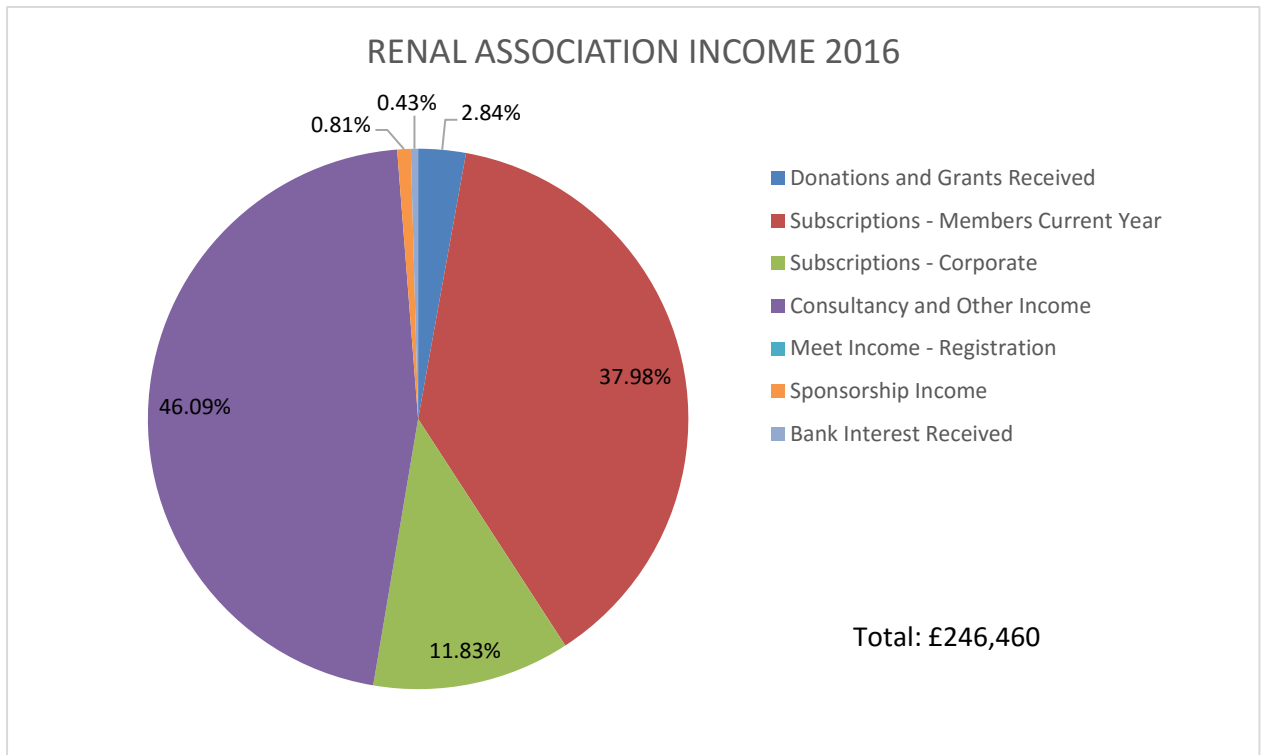
3. Presidents report

Donal O'Donoghue gave his report. He emphasised the purpose of the RA, outlining that they are dedicated to research, education and service to patients for prevention and effective treatment of kidney disease. DOD covered key RA activity from 2016/2017.

- RA Guidelines NICE reaccréditation
- European Nephrology Certificate
- Appointed/Re-appointed RSAs
- Independent Service Reviews
- Regional KQulP Programme
- UK Kidney Research Strategy
- UK Kidney Week 2018 19 – 21 June
- RCP 500 AKI Conference 24 Jan
- RA Secretariat Arrangements

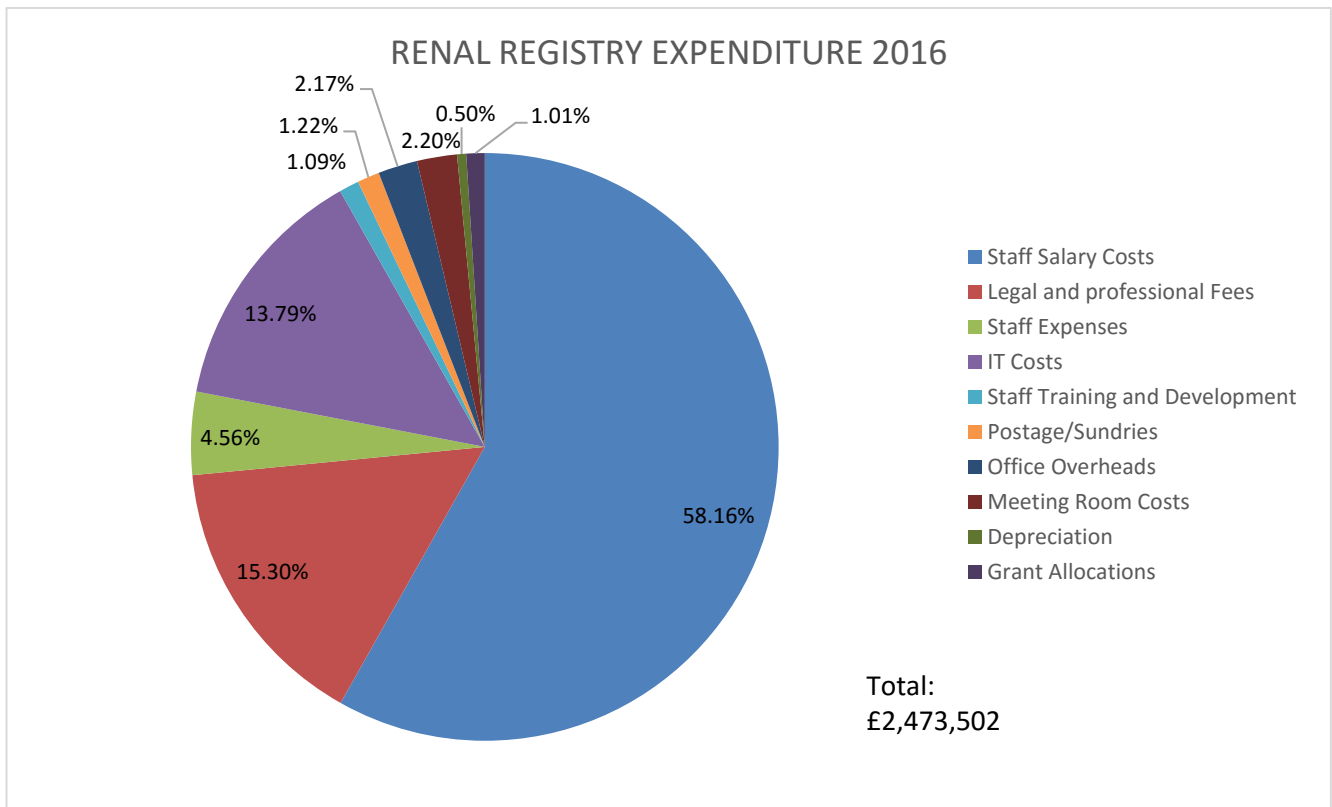
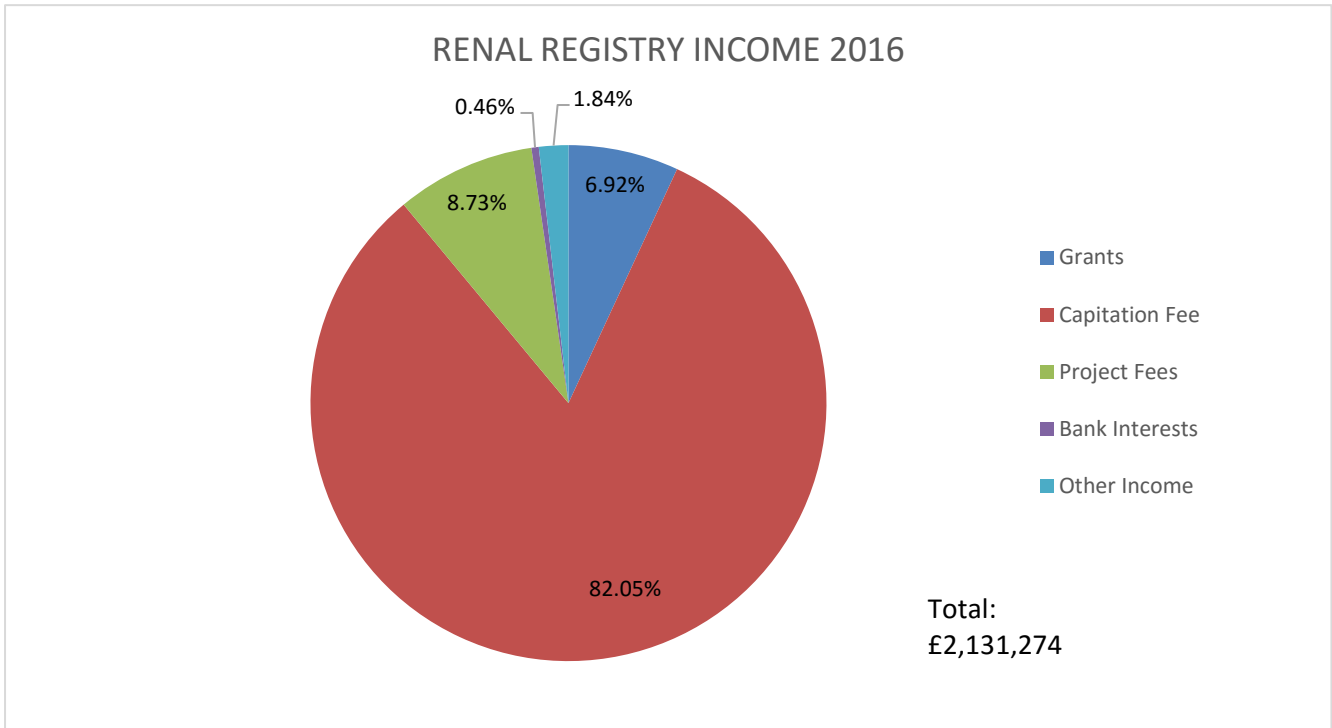
4. Treasurer's report

Neil Sheerin Gave his report:



4a. Renal Association income for 2016 was £246,460, with a total amount of £93,642 being received from membership subscriptions. NS explained that the total amount of expenditure for the RA year 2016 was £270,211, with a large amount being spent on meetings during the year.

4b. NS discussed the UK Renal Registry Accounts for the year 2016. NS highlighted that the majority of income was received from Capitation fees, the total income for the RR in 2016 was £2,131,274. The total expenditure for the Renal Registry was £2,473,502 with the main expenditure being staff salary costs and legal and professional fees.



4c. The AGM was asked to approve the annual report as given by Neil Sheerin (Honorary Treasurer)

<http://www.renal.org/docs/default-source/the-renal-association/annual-reports/ra-annual-report-2016.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

All in Favour

5. Honorary Secretary's report

5a. Current Membership of the RA

AB informed that the membership for 2016 was 1097 up from the previous year of 1002. AB gave the breakdown of membership by category followed by the breakdown of membership by country for those who provide this on the application, 176 members have not specified their country

Membership Type	Renal	BAPN	LTFT
Consultants	434	57	13
Consultant in related specialty	10	17	n/a
Non-consultant grade (NCG) Doctor	115	1	5
Clinical trainee	174	12	8
GP with renal interest	4	n/a	n/a
Clinical trainees in related specialties	2	16	n/a
Multi-disciplinary team member including UKRR staff	26	n/a	3
Post-doctoral scientist	48	1	n/a
Pre-doctoral scientist	7	n/a	3
Retired member	47	2	n/a
Overseas	17	n/a	1
Trainee Free Year	38	6	n/a
Honorary member	9	21	n/a

Country	Number of members
Australia	6
Austria	2
Belgium	1
Canada	1
Cyprus	1
Denmark	1
Ecuador	1
France	2
Ghana	2
Greece	1
Hong Kong	1
Israel	1
Malaysia	1
New Zealand	3
Pakistan	2
Portugal	1
Qatar	1
Republic of Ireland	8

Country	Number of members
Scotland	6
Spain	2
Switzerland	1
United Kingdom	873
USA	1
Wales	2
No country stated	176

5b. Conferences

AB gave an overview on UKKW 2016 in Birmingham, reporting that there were 1274 attendees in total and 518 abstracts submitted. AB gave figures for UKKW 2017 with advance registration at 750 delegates and abstract that have been submitted at 328.

AB shared that Jim Moriarty (Communications officer) tweets regularly from the @RenalAssoc account to 2,775 followers. UKKW has a separate twitter account with 532 followers.

AB explained that the RA awards this conference were being presented too:

- De Wardener Lecturer is Professor David Wheeler
- Chandos Lecturer is Professor Simon Davies
- Osman lecturer is Professor Paul Brenchley

AB informed that UKKW2018 was back with the BRS and will be held in Harrogate.

5c. eNews report statistics 2016

Date	Sent	Bounces	Opens	Clicks
Jun 16	1059	60	413	105
Jul 16	1056	64	383	55
Aug 16	1056	61	425	94
Sep 16	995	51	429	124
Oct 16	1007	51	402	85
Nov 16	1007	49	428	59
Dec 16	1017	47	436	66
Jan 17	1011	45	425	67
Feb 17	1011	45	436	63
Mar 17	1010	52	418	65
Apr 17	1057	50	441	86
May 17	1066	49	451	45
Jun 17	1092	39	434	68

5d. Awards

- In 2016 the AEG Raine Award was awarded to Eoin McKinney
- This year it has been award to Edwin Wong
- The 2016 Walls Bursaries awarded to Helen Noble and Roslyn Simms
- No Lockwood Award was presented in 2016
- Medical student elective bursaries awarded in 2016 for the following year:

- Anna Fairclough (Oxford), Emma Carter (Glasgow), Grace Pearson (Bristol), Holly Gillott (Birmingham), Jake Tobin (Cambridge), Jennifer Ng (Cambridge), Kevin Joyce (Cambridge), Martin Lee (Sheffield) and Roisin McCormack (Glasgow).

5e. Changes to the Rules of the renal Association

- **For information Only**
- *Changing of CPG Committee Rules To State: The RA Guidelines Committee comprises a Chair, a manager, a patient representative and up to four other RA members. These RA members will usually include an executive committee member, an SpR, and a non-medical member of the renal multidisciplinary team.*

5f. Elections and Appointments

All appointments approved without opposition

Executive Committee

- Peter Hewin (replaces Paul Warwicker)
- Marie Condon (replaces Rebecca Suckling)

Next RA President

- Graham Lipkin becomes president Elect

Clinical Vice President

- CVP Graham Lipkin demits at this AGM to be replaced by Paul Cockwell

Honorary Secretary

- Honorary Secretary Alison Brown demits at this AGM to be replaced by Indy Dasgupta

Committee Chairs

- Chair of the Clinical Services Committee Alastair Hutchison demits at this AGM, replaced by Katie Vinen
- Chair of the Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee Andrew Lewington demits at this AGM, Replaced by Mike Robson
- Chair of the Education and Training Committee Jeremy Levy has retired and has been replaced by Aine Burns

5g. New membership

AB Asked the AGM to approve the appointment of the following 96 new members of the Association: approved unanimously

Dr	Girish	Shivashankar
Dr	Paul	Martin
Dr	Adam	Morris
Dr	Fahima	Imam
Dr	Miles	Witham

Dr	Vinod	Ravindran
Dr	Deriye Deren	Oygar
DR	James	Tollitt
DR	Saif	Al-Chalabi
Dr	Revathi	Jain
DR	Shiang Chung	Kwan
Dr	Martin	Durcan
Dr	Waleed	Elkerany
	Retha	Steenkamp
Dr	Stephen	West
Dr	Katryn	Frame
Dr	Ai May	Lee
Dr	Pallavi	Prasap
Dr	Monica	Bowa-Nkhoma
Dr	Nong	Aye
Dr	Edward	Carr
Dr	Hannah	O'Keeffe
Dr	Navneet	Kalsi
Dr	Jason	Mcminn
Dr	Aisha	Geeson
Dr	Rachael	Wright
Dr	Jessica	Kitchen
Dr	Rachel	Fllloyd
Dr	Jenny	Harper Gow
Dr	Tom	Blakeman
Dr	Samuel	Duffy
Dr	Jack	Beadle
Dr	Ailish	Nimmo
Dr	Jonathan	Pang
Dr	Josh	Storarr
Dr	Dapanaduwage	Ratnapala
Dr	Sharmila	Bandyopadhyay
Mrs	Joanne	Stout
Mrs	Angela	Watt
Dr	Michael	Turner
Dr	Yosra	Dafalla
Dr	Ramnath	Balasubramanian
Dr	Madhu	Mati
Dr	Rebecca	Dalrymple
Dr	Gemma	Banham
Mrs	Faatihah	Niyi-Odumosu
Mr	Daniel	Nixon
Dr	Stephanie	Chong
Miss	Roseanne	Billany
Dr	Michael	Avoseh
Mr	Tom	O'Sullivan

Dr	Lynne	Sykes
Dr	Sarah	Roy
Dr	James	Littlewood
Dr	Leanne	Odgen
Dr	Rajbharath	Shunmugavelu
Dr	Claire	Brocklehurst
Dr	Sarah	Henderson
Dr	Carolyn	Amery
Dr	Megan	McWade
Miss	Paraskevi	Dimou
Dr	Bhamini	Gutty
Dr	Maaz	Babiker
Dr	Amarpreet	Thind
Dr	Tayeba	Roper
Dr	Syed	Zaidi
Dr	Astrid	Baumaann
Dr	Chukwuma	Chukwu
Dr	Carmen	Mallett
Dr	Kavita	Gulati
Dr	Alvin	Karangizi
Dr	Sumayee	Basu
Dr	Katey	Atkins
Dr	Mark	Canney
	Muhammad	
Dr	Tassaouq	Khan
Dr	Kevin	Loudon
	Patrick	Walsh
Dr	Gabrielle	Goldet
Dr	HSU Pheen	Chong
Dr	Kiel	Greene
Dr	Waheed	Aliyu
Dr	Taimoor	Shafiq
Dr	Camilla	Pillay
Dr	Miguel	Malheiro
DR	Arunraj	Navaratnarajah
Dr	Arslan F	Butt
Dr	Daniel	Adlington
Dr	Hugh	Leonard
Dr	Muhammad Umair	Sharif
Dr	Madelena	Stauss
Ms	Elizabeth	Lamerton
Dr	Marilina	Antonelou
Dr	Sharlene	Greenwood
Dr	Jonathan	Chevassut
Miss	Evangelia	Smpokou
Dr	Matthew	Rutherford

6. Clinical Vice Presidents report

Graham Lipkin, discussed his report, emphasizing the role of the Clinical affairs board on supporting Excellence in Clinical service Delivery, through key points:

- Quality improvement: Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP)
- Constructive working with Renal Dialysis and Transplant CRG, NHS Improvement, NICE, RCP
- Additional Committees developed: (RA rep on Rheumatology CRG)
 - Patient Information Committee
 - Interventional Nephrology Committee
- Kidney Health Delivering Excellence Update 2017

GL highlighted the significant challenges:

- NHSE do not currently see renal as a priority
 - Tariff: set until 2019 Engagement with NHS Improvement (HD/Pex for AKI?)
 - NICE appeal against Transplant IS
- How to improve quality of care
- How best to staff renal units to deliver quality care
- Incomplete fill rates of Registrars for Renal training Programmes

6a Clinical Affairs Board

GL gave an overview on all the committees that lie under the Clinical Affairs board, outlining that all committees are highly active.

- **Clinical Services Committee (Alastair Hutchison 2013-2017)**
 - Highly rated CD Forum
 - Reviewers of CPG Committee Draft Guidelines
 - Effective RA/BRS Patient Safety Committee
- **Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee (Andy Lewington 2011-2017)**
 - 15 Guidelines, 6 Joint society guidelines, very high 'hit rate' on website
 - Effective Project Management support via the Renal Registry. publication of 3 guidelines/y in BMC Nephrology
 - NICE accreditation until 2022, Paediatric guideline concurrent where appropriate
 - Breadth of guidelines to be reviewed, Commentaries considered for some. SpR, MPT, patient group support input,
- **Equal Opportunities Committee (Bhavna Pandya, 2016-2019)**
 - Mentorship of all new consultants offered. Sub consultant grade census, Diversity in RA
- **Patient safety Group (Katy Jones, 2017-2020)**
- **Patient View (Afzal Chaudhry -)**
 - Major successes built upon: Patient view 2

- 55,000 signed up (2/3 log in regularly), Trading arm-adoption by other specialities?, Vanilla version of PV?
- **Patient Information Group (Rebecca Suckling)**
 - BKPA Project management support
 - Engaged group, Commitment to PI production this year
 - Target to achieve information standard

6b. Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP) launched, 1y ago

- Regional Network-KQuIP/Registry Days (4 this year)
- KQuIP Hub-Online repository eLearning platform planned,
- 3 National QI Priority Projects
- 2 PMs funded-KCUK (BKPA) Explore sustainable long term funding
- CD Leadership Training Programme

6c. GL finished with the direction for the coming year, highlighting focus on GiRFT, and welcomed Prof Paul Cockwell as new CVP.

7. Academic Vice Presidents report

Phil Kalra discussed his report, highlight the key issues.

- Fewer junior doctors are choosing a career in nephrology, highlighting that 2017 national SpR training scheme applications, 0.8 applicants per NTN in nephrology and 5 applicants per NTN in dermatology. The committee's response to this is to consider road shows, career fairs. Working with RCP. But the overall challenge is how can the specialty be seen to be more attractive.
- Maintain the growth and successes of the UK Kidney Research Consortium (UKKRC) CSG structure
- Increase momentum of the UK Renal Research Strategy
- Increase educational reach of the Renal Association to non-medical health care professionals
- **Maximise attendance at UK Kidney Week 2017**

8. Renal Registry Report

Fergus Caskey discussed the renal Registry report.

- Annual report
 - 2016 report expected to be published by end June 2017 – extra validation required for acute HD last year and CKD 4/5 this year.
- Information governance
 - New S251 permissions for audit and research and REC approvals for research
- Clinical Informatics
 - PV, RaDaR and TPCKD data now flowing through UKRDC
 - Test files have been received from the first pilot site and one renal system supplier
- Improvement and innovation

- AKI: 71% of English labs now reporting; programme finished March 2017
- TPCKD: Pilot PROMs & PAM work in 14 sites; first PREM data collection nationally in 2016.
- KQuIP: 2 national projects; regional meetings with UKRR replacing Annual Audit meeting
- Research
 - Lead on 2x successful NIHR HTA grants; 1x NIHR PhD fellowship
 - Supporting other groups in various NIHR, MRC and Health Foundation

9. AOB

9a. AB listed the future meetings:

- RCP 500 AKI Conference Jan 24th 2018
- UK Kidney Week 2018 together with BRS
- Harrogate week beginning 18th June

9b. AB finished with thanking all current and previous RA trustees and Executive members and all the Renal Association members for their help and support during her time as Honorary Secretary

9c. Questions received:

Q1) In 2009, the RA adopted a sustainability policy, what is happening with this now? Plastic water bottles given out at the conference which are not recyclable.

A1) ALB agreed that the RA will try to avoid this in future but noted that the conference was paperless due to the availability of the app.

Q2) The lack of trainees is one of the biggest threats facing the profession, what are the plans to tackle this?

A2) ALB stated that this has been discussed at the Executive Committee meetings and representatives are meeting to put together a strategy on what trainees are looking for. ALB acknowledged it was very important. PK had worked hard to engage trainees at the conference by asking them to co-chair and to mark abstracts. ALB said that should members have any suggestions on engagement of trainees, please pass them on to the working group.

Q3) Martin Taal commented that BRS were delighted to be entering into a 3 year agreement with RA to deliver an annual conference. It is a positive development and over the coming months meetings will take place to discuss working together more closely.

9d. DOD presented ALB and GL with gifts to mark the end of their terms of office and thanked both for their significant contributions to the Renal Association.

9e. DOD closed the meeting.

10. Date and Time of next AGM

TBC