



AGM Meeting 14.11.14

The following are the minutes of the committee meeting held at the Clifton Pavilion, Bristol on Friday 14th November

Agenda:

1. Review of minutes of last meeting and matters arising
 2. Current council members and regional contacts
 3. Membership of society and fees
 4. Financial report
 5. Subscriptions
 6. Dates for next meetings
 7. Research prizes
 8. AOB
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1. **In attendance:** John Roberts-Harry – president, Kate Claridge – secretary, Jon Luck – Treasurer, Dan Byles, Roger Gray, Rani Sebastian, Richard Lee – (in place of James Morgan), Michael Greaney- ex secretary, Liz French – taking minutes
 2. **Apologies:** James Morgan, Tim Freeguard
 3. **Draft Minutes from 15.11.13: corrections:**
Correction on attendance –apologies received from Tina Duke, Roger Gray and Jon Luck all of whom were not in attendance
Tim Freeguard is at Plymouth not Portsmouth
Details of prize winners for Nov 2013 to be sought from James Morgan
 4. **Matters arising from draft minutes 15.11.13**
 5. **New Website**
New website is now launched and thought to be worth the cost. Website will display committee members, financial report, prizes, archives from meetings and details of future meetings.
Website address is: www.SWOS.org.uk
There were not many submissions for papers this year – in future years plan to e mail hospital contacts and college tutors to alert trainees to prize competition
Rani has had e-mail submissions from Bristol trainees
 6. **Committee members and roles:**

President (from today)	Jonathan Luck	Bath
Ex-president	John Roberts-Harry	Carmarthen
Secretary	Kate Claridge	Truro
Treasurer (from today)	Dan Byles	Exeter
Academic	James Morgan	Cardiff
	Roger Gray	Taunton
	Tina Duke	Newport
	Tim Freeguard	Plymouth
	Rani Sebastian	Bristol
		Swansea
		Cheltenham

KC to ask Rob Hill or another from Swansea if will stand on committee and ask Andy McNaught who might represent Cheltenham

Hospital SWOS contacts in addition to above:

Karl Whittaker	Barnstable
Jay Menon	Glamorgan
Tamsin Sleep	Torbay
Dylan Jones	Carmarthen
James Morgan	Cardiff
	Cheltenham

7. Membership

Jon has details of new members but plan to do a group welcome rather than welcome separately.

Any ophthalmology consultant or SAS grade (retired/NHS/independent) can become member but applying through website. It was decided to abandon a proposer and seconder.

Members from nearby units outside region also very welcome eg Dorchester.

This year some local allied health professionals attended, perhaps as Bristol was hosting.

Disadvantage of this is the costs for meeting will rise but are not supported by subscriptions.

Also 140 people attended for venue for 120. It was decided that a practical way forward would be for AHPs not to be invited routinely but local units could encourage AHPs to attend as appropriate.

8. Financial Report

See report attached to follow

SWOS has a financial growth in the fund and with sponsorship has sufficient to support prizes.

Subscriptions will stay at £16pa

Mr Greaney suggested that a cheque book is bought to AGM in future for issuing prize monies

9. Prizes – discussed with Richard Lee and committee

It was felt unlikely that any of the material presented, which had not already been published or presented at an international meeting, would be selected for an oral presentation at ARVO. Hence the £1000 ARVO prize was not awarded

Best Published Paper £500

Miranda Buckle – Prevalence and incidence of blindness and other degrees of visual impairment in patients with neovascular age-related macular degeneration in a well-defined region of the United Kingdom

Best presentation – 1st £300

Shokufeh Tavassoli (Bristol)

First signs of neovascular age-related macular degeneration requiring anti-VEGF treatment in second eyes under monthly surveillance after treatment in the first eye

2nd £200

Luke Anderson (Cardiff) on the Development of Cardiff iCards.

10. Future meetings

12.6.14	Newport
13.11.14	Cardiff to host meeting in Bristol
2016:	June Cheltenham
	November Exeter to host meeting in Bristol

11. AOB

John Roberts-Harry will acknowledge during his presidential address Andrew Elkington's memorial service which is being held today

Carrie McEwan will be invited to Nov 2015 SWOS meeting at her suggestion - KC to do

12. Next meeting to coincide with AGM 13.11.4