

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 Council Chamber, The Royal College of Anaesthetists

Members attending:

Dr L Brennan, President	Dr J Cheung
Prof R Mahajan, Vice-President	Dr C Mallinson
Dr J Fazackerley, Vice-President	Dr S Ramsay
Dr S Fletcher	Dr H Johannsson
Dr W Harrop-Griffiths	Dr C Shannon
Prof J Pandit	Dr M Forrest
Dr K May	Dr J Strachan
Prof M Grocott	Dr C Waldmann
Dr F Donald	Dr Barry Miller
Prof E O'Sullivan	Dr A Theron
Dr D Bogod	Dr D Selwyn
Dr K Ramachandran	Paul Clyburn (AAGBI)
Dr L Williams	Dr M Nixon
Prof J Hall	
Dr C Carey	
Dr R Perkins	

In attendance: Mr T Grinyer, Ms S Drake, Mr R Ampofo, Mr M Blaney, Ms K Stillman and Miss C Mayall

Apologies for absence: Prof Judith Hall, Paul Clyburn, and Carol Pellowe

1. STRATEGY

1.1 Technology Strategy Programme

Aaron Woods presented on this item outlining the latest progress of the wide ranging programme, including the imminent launch of the e-portfolio and log-book functions of the new life long learning platform.

Council discussed:

- CPD will be part of the lifelong learning platform but not at launch.
- What are the user acceptance tests testing? Russell Ampofo responded that it's testing that the system we've built maps back to the original plan and matches our requirements.
- There have been issues with Skype for Business functionality that need to be picked up on. For further discussion over the weekend.

1.2 The Cappuccini Test

Dr Bogod presented to this item. Council expressed interested and prior to a wider role out agreed a limited trial that would be progressed by the Clical Quality team in conjunction with Dr Bogod.

1.3 Regulatory changes for FPM

Dr Barry Miller spoke to this item, proposing the tabled changes to the FPM's regulations.

Motion resolved: Council agreed the proposed changes to the Faculty of Pain Medicine's regulations.

2. COUNCIL IN DISCUSSION

2.1 President's Opening Statement

The President announced:

- a) Following a competitive open recruitment process, Prof Mike Grocott was recently appointed as NIAA Board Chair, effective July 2018.
- b) Dr Mark Forrest has been appointed Chair of Examinations Committee effective September 2018.
- c) Su Underwood has been confirmed in post for a second and final 3 years.
- d) Prof David Bogod will represent the College on the BJA board. Prof David Lambert will take seat on Council from September.
- e) The deaths of former College of Anaesthetists president Prof Michael Rosen and Dr Ruairi Greer, Dr Robert Ware, Dr Catherine Wisely, Dr Michelle Absolom, Dr Amanda Webster, and Dr Yashwin D'Costa. Council stood in memory.
- f) There will be a short trustee-only meeting at the end of Council.
- g) The President noted that Council will be aware of the error in the RCP-led medical training recruitment processes that affected ICM recruitment. RCP and HEE have been working hard to resolve the issues and correct rankings are currently being issued. The FICM and the College has been given assurance that nobody in our speciality will be disadvantaged. The President thanked all officers, RAs and staff who helped to deal with this over the bank-holiday weekend.
- h) The President noted the UK core training fill rate of 100%. Specialist level training is 91% compared to 86% in 2017.
- i) Council discussed recommendations arising from the Williams review into the Bawa Garba case that include Royal Colleges involvement in expert witness training and accreditation. However, it was expressed that there is a need for action in this area, and we should consider instituting basic requirements, such as expert witnesses holding a current licence to practise and an up to date portfolio in the area they are commenting on.
- j) New Council members mentorship pairings have now been confirmed.
- k) AoMRC SAS event was held in April and was well attended. The President thanked Kirstin for organising.
- l) There are five places left at the NHS confederation meeting in Manchester on 13 & 14 June. Please contact Liz Scott or Kathryn Stillman if you would like to attend.
- m) The President had dinner at Downing Street with the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff and Health Policy Advisor to discuss the NHS' long-term plan. The President predicts we will see an announcement around funding in July.
- n) The President thanked those who attended Diplomates' Day.

2.2 Chief Executive's Report

- a) AGM is taking place next Tuesday 22 May. Materials have been circulated.
- b) Lay trustee appointments will be discussed in Trustee Board meeting after Council.
- c) Emails will be sent next week regarding nominations for president and vice-presidents.
- d) Anaesthesia 2018 is taking place on 22 and 23 May.
- e) Global partnerships - 350 e-learning bursaries to low-income countries.
- f) Work has been completed on computer-based testing and we are collecting functional requirements for exams.
- g) We are interviewing a number of website development companies at the end of May.
- h) On Monday and Tuesday we will be launching the 2018 membership survey. It will be open for 3 weeks and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The results will be ready in early July. The survey will be circulated to Council for their information after the meeting.
- i) College accounting ledger – we are in the process of tendering and interviews will be taking place next week. There will be a full conversation about this at the June Trustee Board meeting.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Council Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held in March 2018 were approved with the following amendments:

- 1) Dr Williams presented the finance minutes
- 2) Exams review due in 2018 - it has been decided not to carry out a formal review as many of the changes proposed in the 2015 review are still underway particularly in the Final FRCA i.e. CRQs and change of structure of the SOE. However, the committee will review progress against the 2015 review and discuss any further proposed changes to the structure of the exams.
- 3) Problems with recruitment of examiners - The committee has decided to offer the option of more flexible working as well as LTFT examinership in order to try and attract more applicants.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3.3 Lifelong Learning Board

Professor Grocott presented two sets of minutes of the meeting held on 18 March. Council agreed they preferred the detail of the long minutes.

3.4 Clinical Quality and Research Board

Dr Harrop-Griffiths spoke to this item, presenting the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018.

Motion resolved: Council approved the revised terms of reference of the Board.

3.5 Communications and External Affairs Board

Professor Bogod presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April, the first meeting of this Board.

3.6 Faculty of Pain Medicine

Dr Miller presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March.

3.7 RCoA Welsh Board

Dr Theron presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2018.

Council were asked to discuss and agree a change to the Welsh Board's Terms of Reference (ToR). The Pain subgroup, which is currently a corresponding member of the board has been amalgamated with the Welsh Pain Society (WPS), therefore the amendment is to make the WPS the corresponding member instead of the Pain subgroup.

The President noted that he attended the Wales Advisory Board meeting where concerns about the severe pressures on intensive care units in Wales were raised. Ventilation in recovery is a serious concern.

Motion resolved: Council approved the above change to the Terms of Reference.

3.8 RCoA Scottish Board

Dr Ramsey presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February.

3.9 TSP Sub-committee

Dr Fazackerly proposed changes to reporting arrangements and frequency of meetings, suggesting a streamlined pack of information circulated to members one month before a Trustee Board meeting. In between meetings if anything needs to be discussed immediately a teleconference would be held.

Motion resolved: Council approved the change in reporting arrangements.

3.10 Examinations Committee update

Motion resolved: Council approved the following appointments, which have been made using the relevant processes:

- Dr Kevin O'Hare to take up the position of Deputy Chair of the Final FRCA examinations from 1 August 2018. (Kevin will succeed Dr Fiona Donald who moves to Chair of Final.)
- Dr Patrick Hopton to take up the position of Chair of the Primary MCQ examinations from 1st August 2018. (Patrick will succeed Dr Phil Hodgson who wishes to stand down from the position of Chair)
- Dr Carl Hillerman to take up the position of Deputy Chair of the Primary MCQ examinations from 1st August 2018. (Carl will succeed Dr Patrick Hopton who moves to Chair).
- Dr Geraint Briggs to continue his term as an FRCA examiner with effect from 1st September 2018. With adjustment for absence, his new examiner term will complete in August 2026.
- Dr Coralie Ann Carle, Peterborough City Hospital is selected to become an examiner for academic year 2018-2019.

3.11 Regional Advisers

Council **agreed** the following appointments and re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

North West

Dr S Maguire to succeed Dr R Perkins as the RAA for North West

3.12 Deputy Regional Advisers

Council **agreed** the following appointments and re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Defence

Colonel G Nordmann to succeed Surg Cdr S Mercer as Deputy Regional Adviser for Defence

3.13 College Tutors

Council **agreed** the following appointments/re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Wales

*Dr E Curtis (Nevill Hall Hospital)

Scotland

East of Scotland

Dr P Fettes (Ninewells Hospital and Medical School) in succession to Dr C J Weir

Dr G Campbell (Ninewells Hospital and Medical School) in succession to Dr C L Beecroft

East Midlands

Dr N Cooper (University Hospital Nottingham) in succession to Dr C Gornall

London

North Central London

Dr E Fernandez (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children) in succession to Dr J Smith

Dr N Dobby (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children) in succession to Dr M George

South East

Dr A McKechnie (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich) in succession to Dr A Barry

St George's

Dr T Katawa (Epsom & St Helier University Hospital) in succession to Dr P Bathke

North West

Mersey

Dr M J McGovern (University Hospital Aintree) in succession to Dr S McClelland

Dr N Coulson (Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital) in succession to Dr K Palmer

South West**Severn**

Dr C Streets (North Bristol Trust) in succession to Dr S Plastow

3.14 Head of Schools

Council **agreed** the following appointments and re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Dr D Lowry Head of School for Northern Ireland in succession to Dr S-A Phillips

4. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**4.1 Consultations**

Council received, for information, a list of current consultations.

4.2 New Associate Fellows, Members and Associate Members

Council noted the information circulated electronically with the papers.

5. MEETING CLOSED