



Annual General Meeting 2014

Minutes

Council Members:

Dr. Harry Frizelle	President
Dr. Louise Moran	Vice President
Dr. Gabrielle Iohom	Honorary Treasurer
Dr. Jane Bruton	Honorary Secretary
Dr. Pat Conroy	
Dr. Ciara Hanly	Trainee Representative
Dr. Mona Mumbarak	

Date: Friday 16th of May 2014

Time: 17.15

Venue: Dublin Convention Centre

In attendance: Drs. Harry Frizelle, Louise Moran, Jane Bruton, Pat Conroy, Ciara Hanly, Mona Mumbarak, Jubil Thomas, Mark Johnson and Eric Korba.

Apologies: Drs. Gabriella Iohom and Brian O'Donnell

Chair: Dr. Harry Frizelle

Minutes of AGM 2013 agreed. Proposed by Dr. Harry Frizelle and seconded by Dr. Pat Conroy.

President's Address

Dr. Frizelle welcomed the council and members in his first address as president since his term in office commenced in September 2013.

Council:

There were some changes to council in 2013 with Drs. Brian Kinirons, Brian O' Donnell and Stephen Mannions' terms on council ending in September 2013 and the council positions being filled by Drs. Jane Bruton, Pat Conroy and Mona Mumbarak.

Dr. Iohom and Dr. Hanly will complete their terms on council in September 2014. Dr. Jubil Thomas and Dr. Mark Johnson, who were nominated to council in May 2014, will join council in September 2014.

Officers:

In September 2013 Dr. Harry Frizelle commenced his term as president for a period of 2 years. In February 2014 Dr. Louise Moran was elected vice president and Dr. Jane Bruton was elected honorary secretary.

Dr. Gabriella Iohom continues in office as honorary treasurer and Dr. Ciara Hanly as trainee representative (both terms in office end in September 2014)

Members:

There were 76 ISRA members in 2013 and 55 ISRA members to date in 2014. It is an ongoing challenge to maintain numbers. All Irish ESRA members constitutionally entitled to ISRA membership, however not all Irish members of ESRA are paid up as ISRA members.

Dr. Frizelle highlighted the importance of maintaining an active campaign for ISRA membership. A number of 50 or greater ISRA members is required to have ISRA representative on ESRA council.

Educational Activities:

The ISRA Update day held at the College of Anaesthetists (CAI) on March 13th 2014 was a success with positive feedback overall and credit is due to Drs Stephen Mannion and Gabriella Iohom for organising the event. The day was well attended with good turnout at the lectures and 22 attending the workshop in the afternoon.

The first ISRA Foundation Course was successfully run in Cork in April 2012. To date there have been 68 participants at 11 courses. Six courses have been run in Cork, 3 in Galway, 1 in Letterkenny and 1 in Drogheda. Next on the agenda is to run courses in Dublin with a proposal to run the first of the Dublin courses in September 2014. Dr. Conroy to lead on this.

Approval from CAI Educational Committee for PDP programme has been sought for both ISRA Foundation Courses and Update Day 2015.

Dr. Louise Moran attended the RA-UK Congress in Nottingham on May 13th and 14th 2014 and chaired the ISRA session. Dr. Moran commented on the success of the meeting with Day 1 consisting of advanced masterclass workshops and

update lectures with over 100 in attendance and Day 2 consisting of scientific sessions with approximately 300 in attendance. The 2015 RA-UK annual meeting will be held in Oxford.

Dr. Frizelle continued the president's address by thanking Dr. Moran for organising the ISRA Workshop 'A Masterclass in Upper Limb Sonoanatomy' at the Congress today and also both ISRA and guest faculty for their participation at the workshop.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Iohom was unable to attend. The ISRA treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Bruton and approved by Dr. Frizelle and Dr. Moran.

The society has been successful in generating income chiefly from sponsorship with some additional income from membership and the update day. Thanks to Baxter, MSD, Ultrasonix and BBraun for their continued support of the society and its educational activities.

The foundation course expenses (seven courses) were refunded by the College of Anaesthetists.

Upcoming anticipated expenses discussed were the purchase of 2 further phantoms and website costs.

Election of Officers 2014 & further Council Elections 2014

Dr. Thomas nominated as treasurer (proposed by Dr. Moran and seconded by Dr. Bruton) term to commence September 2014. Agreed Dr. Johnson to act as trainee representative from September 2014.

Dr. Mumbarak confirmed to be leaving council in July 2014 resulting in one further vacancy arising on council this year. Options of (1) coopting additional member to council and (2) seeking further e-nominations discussed. (Dr. Tanya O' Neill, Dr. Edel Duggan and Dr. Ecimovic proposed as Specialists with an interest in Regional Anaesthesia)

AOB

Dr. Bruton provided a summary of information gathered regarding website setup. Two companies approached for information.

1. www.pixel.ie – very slow reponse to initial enquiry
2. Paul Lavoie – website consultant based in Cork. www.lvc.ie. Prompt response to any queries to date. Two options proposed: Custom designed website using a pre-existing template. Colour change, logo, enews, eletter, login etc. all possible. Cost in the region of €1000 approximately for initial set up. Support provided in how to update website. Bespoke website the second

option but comes in at a minimum cost of €4000. Examples of his template websites: www.mojoco.ie, www.irbea.ie.

Wish list for features that should be incorporated onto website put together by council to date presented by Dr. Bruton:

This included reactive website with simple navigation menu including 'about us' course information, contact information etc., membership database, link to payment facility, call to action for subscription, renewal reminder, links to ESRA / NYSORA, members only educational material, social media integration. All possible with template website.

Dr. Conroy previously suggested seeking sponsorship and informed the group that Accuscience are willing to support the website.

Agreed proceed with template website set-up.

The meeting was closed at 17.55