



The Association for Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine

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South West & Wessex Region AGM

Minutes of the 39th AGM Meeting held on 6th March 2017
Princes Elizabeth Orthopaedic Centre R D and E, Exeter EX2 5EW

Committee Members Present:

Dr Anthea Patterson	Chair	AP
Anna Barton	Joint Meeting Sec and treasurer	AB
Rachel Cooper	Joint Meeting Sec and treasurer	RC
Rebecca Hopkins	Trainees Rep	RH

Approximately 17 other members

Agenda Item		Action
1. Apologies	Tim Mc Donald Joe Bailey Mary Stapleton	
2. Minutes	Minutes of 15 th March 2016 were available and accepted	
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes	No Matters arising	
4. Standing agenda items		
4.1 Report from Chair/Council Representative	<p>STP was discussed at the council meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big changes for many hospitals especially community Hospital. Threat of Closure/ downgrading services.• FCS released a paper to highlight pace of change and possible dangers• Lack of discussion communications and negotiation <p>Personal proficiency and EQA for Biochemists was discussed UKAS keen to expanding the present scheme to cover all individuals but this was felt to be untenable due to the numbers involved. ACB and the college are looking into developing a QA scheme for Clinical Scientists. A computerised option with a tick boxes was considered practical but it would not mimic day to day practice</p> <p>The S W & W News sheet was discussed. It was felt to be a very useful and positive contribution to communication with the members. Further other regions could develop something along similar lines.</p> <p>Finance There was discussion on standard pricing structure for ACB meetings. The regions were asked to report back to the council as to what they considered the minimum cost to members to attend a meeting could be.</p>	



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	<p>ACB News ACB news is changing. Jonathan Berg is stepping down and associate editors taking over. In future the newsheet will be bimonthly. Ian Hanning from Hull will be over seeing process.</p> <p>Training. Uncertain future of the training course ? self funded. Route 2 grow your own. Looking at grade A log books. MSc courses.</p> <p>Informatics Spotlight meeting to look at bioinformatics and lab data.</p> <p>Feedback from the floor of the AGM agreed that the newsletter has been a very useful and well received innovation.</p> <p>Maurice Saltzmann commented that it was confusing that STP could mean both Scientists Training programme and Sustainability and Transformation plan.</p>	
<p>4.2 Appointment of officers</p>	<p>Over the past year members have been co-opted on to the committee to fill the vacant posts.</p> <p>Joe Bailey was appointed as the Secretary and we have 2 new ordinary members, Oliver Roberts and Mandy Perry. Mary Stapleton has taken on the Audit remit. Anne Armston has stepped down and Janina Mazurkiewicz is now the regional Tutor for the East of the region. We also now welcome a Rep from Clinical immunology , Kirsten Lilly All posts were ratified by the members present at the AGM.</p>	
<p>4.3 Report from the Treasurer</p>	<p>The Region had good reserves and meetings have been self-financing due to good commercial sponsorship.</p> <p>Registration for Scientific meeting has been reduced to £10 for members and £20 for non-members and it is hoped that this will improve attendance.</p>	
<p>4.4 Annual report from Secretary</p>	<p>An interesting meeting was held at one in Plymouth in November 18th November, 2016: Metabolic Bone Disease & ACB Trainees' Award The second meeting was held directly after the AGM on Pregnancy and Newborns.</p> <p>Planned meetings: A meeting focusing on Trace Elements will be held on Friday 6th October 2017 Oake Manor Golf Club, Taunton</p>	
<p>4.5 Report from FCS</p>	<p>At present Angela Mallard is fulfilling the FCS rep but she is retiring in the summer. A new recruit into the region Oliver Clifford-Mobley has expressed an interested and the chair will be encouraging him to take on that role</p>	



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4.6 Report from the Trainee's Committee Representative	<p>All trainees progressing satisfactorily.</p> <p>The region welcomes it's 2 new STP trainees; Daniel Isemede at Torbay hospital and Divya Patel at the Royal Cornwall hospital.</p> <p>Trainee Reps Rebecca Hopkins, informed the meeting that her 3 year term that come to an end. There are 2 trainees interested in the post. AP and RH to arrange for a ballot of the trainees to select the new trainee rep.</p>	
4.7 Report from tutors	No report.	
4.8 Report from Workforce advisors	No report	
4.9 Report from Webmaster	The webmaster Nicola Pullen has indicated she wishes to step down from the post. RH has expressed an interest in taking over this role and will be co-opted on to the Committee when the new trainee rep is in post.	
4.10 Report from Microbiology/Immunology representative	No representative available	
4.11 AOB	none	
5. Date of next meeting	► TBA	

Minutes Signed by _____ Date _____