

British Pain Society Meeting Notes

Annual General Meeting

28 April 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Officers:

Kate Thompson (KT Chair)

Amelia Swift (AS Honorary Secretary)

Sue Jenkins (SJ Honorary Treasurer)

Committee members:

Martin Galligan

Ed Keogh

Members

Karin Cannons

Sarah Clayton

Colin

Lorraine de Gray

John Hughes

Nicola Rhind

Katherine Wall

Michael Coupe

Hilary Holloway

Pravin Dandeganokar

Apologies:

Raj Malhotra RM

Jonny Rajan

Louise Trewern

Chris Seenan

1. Welcome and thank you (KT)
Goodbye and thank you to Rajesh Menon and Ruth Murran who left the committee in 2020.

2. Secretaries report (AS)
Membership 118
The committee structure comprises 4 people (Chair, Vice-chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer). Currently those positions are filled by:
Chair, Kate Thompson, (term of office 2017 to 2020)
Honorary Secretary, Amelia Swift (term of office 2016-2019)
Honorary Treasurer, Sue Jenkins (term of office 2017-2020)

The committee also has five elected members:

Ed Keogh (2018-2021)

Martin Galligan (2019-2022)

Jonathan Rajan (2019-2022)

Chris Seenan (2019-2022)

Rajiv Malhotra (2019-2022)

Louise Trewern, (2019-2022)

Co-opted member:

Deborah Stevens (2021-)

The committee met 4 times as a whole group in 2020.

We currently have 4 members whose terms have come to an end and will therefore be seeking nominations from the membership for those who wish to be elected to the committee. The BPS secretariat will contact members of the SIG following the ASM to seek nominations via email. The closing date for nominations will be 31 May 2021. Information about the work of the committee and the roles within it are available on the SIG pages of the BPS website.

3. Honorary Treasurer's report (SJ)

No income over the past two years

Last expenditure was SIG strategy meeting

Balance £2260

4. Working Group Reports

Professional Education + Research (KT/EK)

Working together on a scoping review: What freely available online (non-accredited) information is available that aims to educate HCPs (students and non-specialists) about chronic non-cancer pain?

Protocol ready to test. Aim to submit protocol for publication and initiate review in next month.

Patient Education

RM developing patient information video to support people with fibromyalgia. Project supported by BPS Communication and Education Committees.

Will involve input from a variety of specialists and patients. Seeking funding. Will seek endorsement from BPS.

Twitter survey: 25 responses who said most trusted source of information was the pain specialist. The most accessed source was Google. 25% find videos useful for education/support.

Communication

Newsletter to be published following ASM/AGM.

Knowledge Hub: 82 members. Difficult to get engagement and discussion going.

Action: Divert energy into growing twitter to discuss, debate and engage members of the SIG.

Any other business:

Question from KC: how does the BPS disseminate the £10 SIG membership monies? **Action:**
AS to follow up and add to newsletter via JR.