

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 9th September 2017
at the IET, London**

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting in Exeter in September 2016 were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dr Kerr informed members that the society finances are in a good position. It is recognised that the London meeting will probably make a loss due to higher costs of the capital city but this is offset by the 2018 meeting anticipated to be generally cheaper. The committee always aim to keep the registrations costs as low as possible, offsetting a more expensive meeting with a cheaper one.

Dr Kerr reiterated that outstanding grants awarded but as yet unclaimed amount to £44,000. The society also support departmental grants up to £5000 in value which are available twice a year. It is a pleasure for the society to be able to support members in this way and is fully in keeping with the aims of the society.

5. Chairman's Report

Dr Howell reported that the society is in good health. It continues to represent the interests of vascular anaesthetists and is a registered stakeholder with NICE to update the acute stroke guidelines with reference to carotid endarterectomy.

The committee continue to be involved with the RCOA to maintain an up to date curriculum for vascular anaesthetic training.

a) **NVR:** The society engage with and attend meetings of the NVR in conjunction with the Vascular Society - usually represented by Dr Mouton and Dr Pichel. Modifications continue to be made to the data sets. This year a bespoke anaesthetic report will become available from the NVR.

The NVR committee has also agreed that the next snapshot audit should be on an anaesthetic related topic and will probably be on carotid endarterectomy local anaesthetic blocks and the use of dual antiplatelet therapy.

The VASGBI website has links to the NVR.

- b) **Education and Training:** Dr Howell reported that a considerable amount of committee time is spent organising the Annual Scientific Meeting to ensure continued excellence. In addition, a CPD meeting for the ‘occasional vascular anaesthetist’ is organised, alternate years and this is due to go ahead next spring/summer in Manchester. Thanks, were given to Dr Pichel who is taking this on.
- c) **Research and Audit:** The Research and Audit committee continue to represent the society at the NIAA and has made significant awards to successful applicants. Additionally, the society support smaller local departmental grants. Application for these will open 31st January 2018 and close at the end of March. Members were encouraged to consider applying for these with trainees.
- d) **Committee:** Dr Elke Kothmann is leaving the committee and has been replaced by Dr Gary Matthews whom Dr Howell welcomed to the committee. Dr Howell thanked Dr Kothmann for her hard work and support for the society and informed members that she will be on the local organising committee for the 2018 meeting in Durham. Other committee appointments will be advertised in the new year including the trainee representative post which is also vacant with the resignation of Dr Mo Eid who was also thanked in his absence.

6. Next year's meeting

The 2018 ASM is to be held in Durham on the 10th and 11th September.

7. Any other business

Dr Howell thanked the committee for their continued hard work and members for attending and supporting the meeting.

8. The date and time of next meeting

Next year's meeting will be held at the University of Durham on Monday 10th September at a time to be confirmed.