

**MINUTES OF THE VASCULAR ANAESTHESIA SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 3.00 PM
SURREY ROOM, DOUBLETREE BY HILTON BRIGHTON METROPOLE HOTEL,
KINGS ROAD, BRIGHTON**

Present: Dr Dan Taylor (DT) – Chair
Dr Paul Warman (PW) – Secretary
Dr Maria Safar (MS)
Dr Vanessa Fludder (VF)
Dr Ronelle Mouton (RMO)
Dr Manik Chandra (MC)
Dr Beth Perritt (BP)
Dr Rajiv Malhotra (RM)
Dr Caroline Curry (CC)
Dr Carolynn Wai (CW)
Dr Grant Harris (GH)
Mrs Jane Heppenstall – Minutes (JH)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Drs Gary Matthews, Hefin Llewelyn and Richard Armstrong.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

DT welcomed the new committee members, Drs Caroline Curry and Carolynn Wai as well as Dr Hefin Llewelyn who was not present. DT will contact Hefin direct to introduce himself and the society roles and responsibilities.

Action: DT

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

VF confirmed that the e-learning module has been ratified by the VASGBI and VF has sent to the College to make this available. It hasn't been uploaded to date, it may take a month or two. VF has also confirmed that the Society would want to review this at least every 3 years.

MS still intends to pursue the bloody tap guidelines and will share with the Committee at a later date.

Action: MS

3. 2023 Brighton

Everything is on track, with 9 trade exhibitors. Haemonetics are a Gold Sponsor, the NVR and JVSGBI have a free stand as do Sonosite for providing the equipment for the workshops. The lanyards have been provided by Mediplus. The workshop rooms are ready and just waiting for the couches and scanning equipment which will arrive tomorrow first thing. The AV are already setting up the stage etc. All agreed that everyone should try and be more proactive with the trade going forward.

We have 227 delegates overall, including speakers and exhibitors, 175 of those are paying delegates. Happy that the delegate numbers are on the rise.

GM was scheduled to chair session 4 but unfortunately he is unable to attend the meeting, Caroline Curry volunteered to stand in.

The Judges for the oral presentations were confirmed as Drs Adam Eddie, Kate McGinigle and Tim Wood.

Dr Alik Farber from Boston has pre-recorded his talk and Talking Slides have the recording ready to present at the meeting.

The judges for the poster presentations will be Drs Raj Malhotra, Judy Gudgeon and Professor Yusuf. If Drs Gudgeon and Yusuf were not available then MS and PW would step in.

MS would like to do a short survey at the meeting and will speak to Talking Slides as to how best to do this.

Past and future event costs were discussed briefly but this will be discussed under item 7, the Treasurer's report.

4. 2024 ASM

The 2024 meeting will be held at the Queens Hotel in Leeds on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September. This is located in the centre of Leeds immediately next to the train station and is very accessible.

The Committee confirmed they were happy to sign off the contract for the meeting and associated accommodation.

5. Elections

TW and GH will demit this month as their term comes to an end. PW and RA will be up for election in September 2024.

To clarify, the decision to appoint both Carolynn Wai and Caroline Curry was made this year simply because they were both very strong candidates and the Committee felt it was better to have them both on board.

GM has finished his term as Treasurer but is still on the Committee until 2025 and up for re-election in 2028.

Beth Perritt will take over the officer role of Secretary from this month.

Nicky Mather will join the Committee as a co-opted member whilst organising the 2024 event in Leeds.

The Committee thanked TW for all his hard work and commitment to the Society.

6. Website

VF will send the link to the e-learning module to JH to add to the website. JH asked the Committee and sub-committee chairs if they could review the relevant sections on the website and send any updates to her for amending or adding.

Action: All/JH

7. Treasurer's Report

As our new Treasurer MS reported on the current financial position.

The current bank balance is approximately £81k with £22k still to pay for final ASM outgoings and £17k to pay for the second instalment of the joint grant.

Unfortunately, Belfast made a loss of approximately £25,000. It was agreed that we should only offer trainee grants at the minute and no large grants for the next couple of years.

The membership fees were discussed in detail and it was agreed that this should be increased by £10 per annum. JH will investigate the process and put the increase in place as soon as possible

Action: JH

Registration fees were also discussed and it was agreed that these should be increased by £50 on the headline cost, the remaining registration types and associated fees would be worked out based on this. Workshops would also be increased to £20 for members and £30 for non-members.

Action: JH

Recordings of talks should only be made available to members, if someone would like access to the recordings all they have to do is join. Members will also be charged a flat fee of £100 to access the virtual platform, details advertising this will be posted on the website.

Action: JH

MS asked JH to contact Talking Slides so that all events were on one platform if possible.

Action: JH

8. Education and Training and Committee Report

VF reported briefly on the e-learning module and thinks it will be a great resource for the trainees. JH will email the membership with details and add a link to the website to confirm that the VASGBI endorse this.

Action: VF/JH

Rob Hinchliffe has been asked to write an anaesthesia chapter for a text book about Peri-operative care and would like to write this with Judy Gudgeon. VF will ask Rob if we can have the details to add to our website.

Action: VF

This year we had 27 abstract submissions, 3 of which were rejected. 20 of these will be presented as posters and 4 of which will be presented orally on the second day of the meeting.

The current sub-committee members are VF, PW, Jo White but Kate Nickell is no longer on the Committee. The New Trainee representative, Hefin Llewlyn, will hopefully also join the sub-committee. We do need someone to review and gather more FRCA questions so this could be a role for the trainee representative.

The trainee symposium was discussed briefly and it was agreed we should run this again in 2025. No need to change the content too much but we would revisit this next year and consider the costs at the same time.

9. Research and Audit Committee Report

RM reported on the activities of the Research and Audit Committee. The VASGBI/ACTACC joint grant for 2022 was awarded to Bristol at a total of £68,426 (VASGBI are accountable for half this amount). In total there were 3 applications.

There were no applications for the trainee grants this year and a previous grant for £5,000 was awarded to the Lothian region.

The most recent NVR summary is published on the website. VASGBI will be involved with further revision of an anaesthesia related field in the coming year. The NVR team are also keen to engage with QI/audit work.

We currently have no surveys running. A recent survey on smoking cessation was advertised on the VASGBI website and received 93 responses, this is now closed.

Current collaborations still ongoing are the NAP7 with RM acting on behalf of VASGBI. The VASGBI have also had an input into the Vascular Societies ASM which is being held in November 2023 in Dublin.

RM asked if the NVR section of the website could include two areas 1. The current NVR with this years summary and 2. Past NVR summaries with all other years on there.

Action: JH

The Research and Audit Committee are meeting tomorrow during the lunch break at the ASM.

10. Linkperson Scheme

MC was not in attendance so this item was deferred to the next meeting. Jonty Robinson was a new linkperson and keen to share his ideas, JH will introduce MC and Jonty at the meeting tomorrow.

Action: JH

11. Any other Business

a) NAP7 Update

RM is still involved with NAP 7 along with RA and RM will be presenting in November.

b) GPAS Update

DT is representing the VASGBI on the writing committee. This should go out for public consultation in January 2024.

c) CPD Meeting

A date for the next CPD meeting was set at Friday 15th March 2024, JH will add this to this years holding slides for information. DT will start work on the programme and JH will add a save the date to the website.

Action: DT/JH

d) Joint Meetings

Potential joint meetings in the future was discussed briefly, it could help by sharing the cost of an event. There is potential with the British Geriatric Society or the VSS, DT will follow this up.

Action: DT

12. Date and time of next meeting

JH will conduct a Doodle poll for the next meeting date to be held in November 2023. This meeting will be held via Teams and the March 2024 meeting will be held in Leeds at the Queens Hotel.