

AGM Minutes 2009 Edinburgh

BRITISH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY

Practitioner Group

Minutes of Practitioner Group Committee meeting

Sunday September 13th 2009 Edinburgh.

1. Welcome by Chairman, Helen Newbrook: after welcoming two new members, Nick Hall and Dan Daly, Helen informed the Committee that Cindy Brown, a long-time member of the group, was seriously ill. David McAleavy would send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.
2. Apologies for absence: received from Tony Mills, Sarah Ransome and Katy Kelly.
3. Minutes of last meeting: were agreed by Helen Newbrook and John Brown.
4. Matters arising : none.
5. Contract and problems arising: problems with cross-border referrals in some areas (Stafford and Wolverhampton) and problems with PCT's setting up triaging arrangements were discussed. Patient choice when it came to referral pathways should not be overlooked. Sometimes the PCT's are not always in the wrong - the practitioner starting many cases and then disappearing was discussed.
6. Chairman's report: Helen alerted everyone to the National Orthodontic Week in March 2010 and hoped that our group would make a contribution.
7. Secretary's report. David McAleavy: a few members of the PG had suffered serious problems this year when the BOS mistakenly listed their names under the specialist grouping. Although it was eventually sorted out the GDC were involved.
8. Treasurer's report. John Brown: John reported that we had spent a minimal amount this year.
9. Sub committees:

Clinical Standards. Mike Biccard has sent a letter of resignation. New rep. needed - Dan Daly offered his services.

Ethics. Katy Kelly Orthodontic Practice. Tony Mills has stepped down and Nick Hall offered to replace him. Chris Sutherland reported comprehensively on the activities of the OPC. He talked about BSA monitoring, the Steele report, par scoring, and the orthodontic commissioning day organised by BOS at the Edinburgh conference.

Scholarship and Grants. David Manger reported that the Dental Directory prize, suspended this year, will return next year at the same value, £500. He also mentioned the possibility of a charity auction to raise money for the BOSF.

Managed Clinical Networks. Helen Newbrook reported that this task has been taken over by Andrew diBiase.
10. Next study day: Since there can be no January study day this year because of the international meeting in Australia, the possibility of arranging a smaller study day for the PG later in the year was discussed. Possible subjects were PAR and IOTN.
11. Schedule of meetings for 2010/2011: next committee meeting to be held in Chester date to be confirmed, then Brighton in September.
12. DWSI/DPCO – Dan Daly provided us with some information about the Warwick course. He is starting year three now. David Manger offered to do an update on the Diploma course for BOS News and Dan said he would do the same on the Warwick course.
13. AOB:
 - Web page: Mary Lo is now in charge so updates to be sent to her.
 - New members to our group should have two sponsors or a good CV and supporting letters from two GDPs.
 - The address to Conference by Andrew Lansley was discussed and the committee felt that we should write to him congratulating him on a well-informed address but pointing out that members of our group should not be overlooked when planning orthodontic services.