

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY 27th November 2011

PRESENT

DR D TRIVEDI (PRESIDENT)

DR S SARKER (CHAIRMAN)

DR A KAKKAR (GENERAL SECRETARY)

Dr B K SINHA (TREASURER)

PROF. M S ELJAMEL (ARM CHAIRMAN)

DR P U PRABHU (VICE CHAIRMAN)

DR A TRIVEDI (DEPUTY SECRETARY)

DR T K RASTOGI (DEPUTY TREASURER)

DR S PARIHAR (CHAIRMAN GP FORUM)

MR S A SADIQ (CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL DOCTOR'S FORUM)

DR S GUPTA (CHAIRPERSON WOMEN DOCTOR'S FORUM)

DR S KUMAR (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT)

DR P R BHIMAGUNTA

DR B DAS

DR C M KANNEGANTI

DR B N KULKARNI

DR R C RAUTRAY

DR L SAXENA

DR S K SINHA

1.0 APOLOGIES

DR A AHMED

DR A BANERJEE

DR S ARYA

DR P K SARKAR

DR S K SINGH

2.0 Announcements

Dr Sarker welcomed officers and members of this new Executive Committee, especially new members Dr B Das, Dr S Sinha, Dr B Kulkarni and Dr C Kanneganti. He also introduced Alison, who is assistant to the Manager in Central Office.

Dr Kakkar announced with sadness that one of our longstanding members, Mr Waddi Nassar, ENT Consultant from Manchester, passed away 2 weeks ago. He was a member of Manchester Committee for Community Relations, served on BME Committee and was an Election Commissioner for BIDA elections. He had also been awarded OBE. We have asked the family for an obituary for BIDA Journal. The meeting observed 1 minute's silence.

Professor Eljamel announced that Dr J Singh, Neurosurgeon from Stoke-on-Trent passed away 2 months ago. The Centre will write a letter of condolence to the family.

Dr U Prabhu reported that he has been invited by GMC to take the lead on complaints against BME doctors.

Dr S Kumar announced that he attended an excellent meeting organised by Wigan Division.

Dr Prabhu also attended an excellent meeting organised by Nottingham Division.

Dr Sarker asked the Divisions to keep Dr Prabhu informed of future events and meetings to go on the web site.

Dr Sarker circulated copies of the Code of Conduct for members to note.

3.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Professor Eljamel's name appears in Present and Apologies. He was present at the meeting. His name was deleted from Apologies.

Subject to this correction the Minutes were approved as a true record.

4.0 Matters Arising

Page 3, 4.0 web site – Dr Prabhu to organise contact with Central Office regarding the web site.

Page 3, 8.0 Para 4, General Secretary's Report - Chairman informed that the said Division has resolved the problem and is running smoothly now.

Page 4, 7.0 Para 3, Chairman's Business – Clinical Excellence Awards. Central Office has received some applications. A meeting of ACCEA planned for tomorrow has been cancelled.

Page 4 8.0, Para 1, President's File – Dr Trivedi has not looked into the issue from BIDA's elections. He will look into this and asked Dr Bhimagunta for his input.

Page 2, 5.0 Para 6, Educational Meeting – Professor Eljamel is working on this and asked for volunteers to contribute to the Scientific Committee.

Page 3, 4.0 Para 2, Teleconference – to be taken along with Treasurer's Report.

5.0 BIDA

i) Agenda for Next 3 Years

Dr Sarker asked the NEC to consider how they can put their energies and efforts to the best use of BIDA.

Dr Sarker believes it imperative that EC members should attend all EC meetings, Chairmen and Secretaries Meeting and the ARM/AGM. The NEC should also support the Divisions by attending other divisional meetings.

We need to recruit more junior doctors by holding activities pertinent to their needs. The web site is also vitally important and reliant on contributions from the members. Dr Sarker urged each EC member to take responsibility for recruiting 5 new members each over the next 12 months.

Dr C Kanneganti asked if BIDA activities could be extended outside Cricket Tournament which always attracts new members. Dr Sarker said we can put this suggestion to the Sports Co-ordinator.

Dr S Kumar suggested we use Dr Prabhu's enthusiasm for a Discussion Forum on the web site but take care not to misuse it.

Dr T K Rastogi suggested that Hospital Doctors Forum and Junior Doctors Forum should liaise with the Divisions to organise educational activities.

Dr (Mrs) A Trivedi informed the meeting that her Division use the personal approach and invite new consultants or Associate Specialists of overseas origin to their meetings. As a result, the membership of Wigan Division is increasing.

Dr Sarker said that with the help of Central Office, we will be able to do a lot more for the membership and can ring fence money for educational courses, meetings and mentorship. He asked for someone to take the lead on this and bring a proposal back to the NEC.

ii) Rules & Responsibilities of Executive Committee

Dr Sarker asked members to take a list of the membership for the Division he has allocated to them from Central Office and communicate with the Chairman or Secretary of the said Division and help to organise meetings and elections if needed.

Dr Sarker	Kent and London Divisions
Dr B K Sinha	Southport Division
Dr (Mrs) A Trivedi	Warrington Division
Professor Eljamel	Glasgow Division
Dr A Banerjee	Hull and Grimsby Division
Dr P Bhimagunta	Leicester Division
Dr B Das	Wirral Division
Dr R C Rautray	Preston and Blackpool Division
Dr S Sinha	Birmingham Division – Dr Sinha also offered to help Dudley Division
Dr S Parihar	Oldham & Rochdale Division

Dr T K Rastogi Bolton Division

Dr A Kakkar Huddersfield, Halifax and Leeds Division

Dr Sarker asked if someone would volunteer to support Coventry Division.

Dr Santosh Gupta said she would find it difficult to support Grimsby & Hull Division.

Dr T K Rastogi asked the Chairman if a letter could be sent to the Divisions from the Centre reminding them of their responsibility to elect the right people and follow protocol.

Cardiff and mid Wales Divisions have always struggled – Dr R C Rautray has contacts in South Wales and will communicate with them to see if they can help.

Dr Kakkar asked if it would be possible to bring members from struggling divisions along to the NEC as observers . Some members felt if it was to help the Divisions to operate more effectively they would be better visiting successfully functioning Divisions. It was agreed that anyone wishing to come along and see how NEC functions would be welcome as long as the NEC is given enough notice and will be restricted to 2 observers per meeting.

6.0 Committees & Subcommittees

National Chairman and the chief officers have discussed the Committees and Subcommittees and proposed the following members to chair them and appoint committee members:-

Agenda Committee	Professor M S Eljamel, Chairmen of the Divisions elected in last ARM as well as officers of the NEC
Constitution Committee	Dr D Trivedi, President The Constitution was last revised 9 years ago. We will need to look into this again.
BIDA News Review	Dr S Arya – proposed by Dr Sarker to continue , seconded by B K Sinha and approved by NEC.
Finance Committee	Dr B K Sinha, Treasurer
WIAS	Dr D Trivedi to lead with the help of Dr U Prabhu

Craft Committees

GP Forum	Dr S Parihar
Hospital Doctors Forum	Dr A Sadiq
Women Doctors Forum	Dr S Gupta
Junior Doctors Forum	Vacant
Public Health Forum	Vacant

Any Chairmen unable to attend the NEC meetings should send their report prior to the meeting.

Sub Committees

Chairman informed the Executive Committee that they can have as many sub-committees as it feels appropriate according to our Constitution and this will be reviewed annually.

Fellowship Committee	Dr D Trivedi, President (Chairman)
Sports Committee	2 names were proposed :- Dr R Hegde - Merseyside & Cheshire Division – proposed by Dr B K Sinha Dr P Bhimagunta - Nottingham Division – proposed by Dr U Prabhu Chairman said we will have to have a ballot and the result will be announced at the end of the meeting.
ACCEA	Dr A Sadiq Dr U Prabhu Professor M S Eljamel
Education Committee	This has been dormant for last 6 years – Professor M S Eljamel offered to take the lead
Publicity & Communication	Dr S Kumar
BIDA also has representation on the different committees of BMA and Royal Colleges:-	
CCSC of BMA	Dr A Sadiq – Hospital Doctors Forum Chairman
GPC of BMA	Dr S Parihar GP Forum Chairman from July 2012
BMA Council	Dr S Sarker, National Chairman
RCGP	Dr S Parihar and Dr S Kanneganti as his Deputy
Equality & Diversity Committee of BMA	Professor M S Eljamel
International Committee of BMA	Dr S Sinha
European Forum	Dr S Sinha

7.0 Topic for Discussion

A Consultation document, “Good Medical Practice” has come through from GMC for BIDA’s response. Dr Kumar said this is an important document for the consultation process and urged members to respond as individuals as well. In a few months time doctors registering with GMC will be asked if they have read and understood all the clauses of this document. Duties of the doctors are going to be in 4 domains which will make it easier and facilitate development of the appraisal/ revalidation process. Dr Kumar highlighted some of the clauses that concern him and will require clarification.

Dr Sarker thanked Dr Kumar and asked if he could put together a brief summary and send it to the Centre so that EC members can formulate their individual responses. Last date for our response is the end of February 2012.

8.0 Treasurer’s Report

Dr B K Sinha has taken over as Treasurer on this new NEC. He informed the meeting his focus would be on increasing membership and reducing expenses. BIDA made a small profit from ARM 2011. Dr Sarker clarified the criteria for retired membership as some members were claiming when they were not actually retired.

9.0 General Secretaries Report

Organisation & Administration

Dr Kakkar thanked Merseyside & Cheshire Division, especially Dr B K Sinha, Divisional Chairman, for hosting ARM 2011 and also thanked Central Office staff for organising the ARM.

He informed the NEC that next year's ARM will be held in Scotland on 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2012 and will be hosted by Glasgow Division.

Resolutions debated at this year's ARM can be found on BIDA web site.

We are considering updating the membership cards.

Dr Kakkar has written to Dr D Chowdhury of Rochdale Division regarding the "Best Division" trophy but has not had a reply yet.

Chairman informed the NEC that BIDA has 90 Honorary Members. We have spoken to the President regarding the constitution on this and have been told we cannot change it. We will have to look into making changes to stop this practice in future.

10 Chairman's Business

Dr Sarker attended meetings of GPC, BMA Council and RCGP. During the last few months GPC have debated formation of Clinical Commissioning Group and how democratic it is. GPC recommended "One GP – One Vote" for electing CGC members. He also informed the NEC a paper has been published for the support service for CCG which says that this will be provided solely by large commercial organisations post 2016. GPC found this unacceptable and following Council meeting last week, BMA is now opposing the Health and Social Care Bill.

GPC also debated Revalidation again and said unless remediation process was in place, revalidation cannot start. RCGP support this.

At this year's ARM BIDA debated transparency of RCGP. Dr Sarker informed the NEC that he will write to Claire Gerarda, Chairwoman of RCGP and ask why the failure rate is so high amongst overseas graduates.

Dr Sarker informed NEC that North Wales Division has agreed to host Chairmen and Secretaries meeting on 31st March 2012 and have secured a sponsor.

After a lot of deliberation it has been agreed to hold next International Congress in Mauritius end of October/early November 2012. It will be held over 7 days, 2 days travel and 2 days congress. We are in negotiation with the travel agents and will have more details in the next few months. This time we are limiting numbers to 100. Dr Sarker asked NEC for nominations for convenorship. As there was no nomination, Chairman was asked to find a suitable person outside NEC.

Professor Eljamel and Dr (Mrs) A Trivedi informed the Chairman they have contacts in Mauritius.

11.0 President's File

Dr D Trivedi informed the NEC that Wigan are holding their divisional elections and will inform the Centre when they have the results.

12.0 Topic for Discussion

Resolutions of ARM 2011 and Outcome.

13.0 Results of Ballot for Cricket Co-ordinator

Both candidates had an equal number of votes. Dr Sarker has a casting vote but would rather speak to both members and ask who would like to take the lead and advise NEC at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed.