

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT ODA HOUSE, STOCKPORT**

PRESENT:

DR D TRIVEDI	(PRESIDENT)
DR S SARKER	(CHAIRMAN)
DR A KAKKAR	(GENERAL SECRETARY)
MR P S ANANDARAM	(NATIONAL TREASURER)
PROF. M.S. ELJAMEL	(VICE PRESIDENT)
DR P U PRABHU	(VICE CHAIRMAN)
DR T K RASTOGI	(DEPUTY TREASURER)
DR A TRIVEDI	(DEPUTY SECRETARY)
DR S S PARIHAR	(ARM VICE CHAIRMAN)
DR S GUPTA	(CHAIRLADY WOMEN DRS FORUM)

DR P BHIMAGUNTA
DR B K SINHA

1.0 APOLOGIES

DR S PANDE
MR S A SADIQ
DR A K BANERJEE
DR A AHMED
PROF. M.S. ELJAMEL
DR S KUMAR
DR P RAO
MR I DOS REMEDIOS
PROF. M I MEMON
DR S ARYA
DR V K BANSAL
DR J K GUPTA
DR M KHURANA
DR R C RAUTRAY
MR P K SARKAR

2.0 Announcements

Dr Sarker welcomed members to the final meeting of this National Executive Committee. He wished to record his thanks for the contributions made by those not seeking election this time. Dr Sarker introduced the new Office Manager, Mrs Pauline Gahan and asked members to introduce themselves. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 7th September 2011 to appoint another full time member of staff.

Dr Sarker welcomed Mr Zahur, the Association's Accountant.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Page 3, 5.0 Treasurer's Report – should read "The Treasurer and his Deputy sent their apologies". Subject to this amendment the Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

Mr Anandaram thanked his colleagues on the NEC for their support during the last 3 years. His agenda for this term included reducing expenses and increasing reducing activities. Finances are quite healthy. He invited Mr Zahur to present the Accounts of BIDA up to 31st March 2011.

Following presentation of the accounts, the EC had a good discussion.

Dr Rastogi proposed, Dr Prabhu seconded and the NEC agreed to accept the accounts.

Mr Zahur presented the accounts of BIDA News Review up to 31st March 2011. Administration costs have increased as we have paid Editorial Committee members travel expenses this time. Professor Eljamel asked why the News Review was paying Liability Insurance and was informed that the Editorial Committee had taken legal advice a few years ago regarding this expenditure.

Dr B K Sinha proposed, Professor Eljamel seconded and EC approved the Accounts.

The EC discussed ways of increasing income. Professor Eljamel plans to organise a National Conference next year and charge a registration fee.

Dr Sarker thanked Mr Zahur, Mr Anandaram, National Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, Dr Rastogi for all their hard work over the last 3 years.

2.0 Announcements (continued)

Dr Prabhu has been asked to take the lead for Responsible Officer Training for the North West and is organising 3 events for new medical directors.

Dr Sinha invited members to a Gala Dinner and Dance on Friday 14th October 2011 at Crowne Plaza, Speke, Liverpool.

Dr T K Rastogi urged all NEC members to attend the ARM.

Dr S Gupta informed the NEC that Northern Deanery are organising a course for non UK medical graduates and suggested BIDA may wish to get involved. She will send a copy of the programme to Central Office.

4.0 Matters Arising

Page 2, 4.0, Dr Sarker thanked Dr Prabhu for organising the web site. We will need some form of contract with the person updating the site and Central Office will need to have their contact details for future reference.

Professor Eljamel provided quotations at the last meeting for a Telephone Link to NEC meetings. He recommended the Polycom system and the NEC approved the idea in principle subject to it being available only to members travelling long distances to attend. The new National Executive Committee will need to discuss this in the Finance Committee.

Page 3, 5.0 Treasurer's Report – Comments made by Dr Pande were inappropriate as the Treasurer had given notice of his absence at the previous meeting. Deputy Treasurer did inform the President that there was no report to submit which was recorded.

6.0 General Secretary's Report

Dr Kakkar reported changes in Central Office and the appointment of a new Manager. We will also appoint another full time staff member. He informed the EC that a few members have enquired about Retired Rate Subscription and we have made it clear that only those who are fully retired can apply.

Dr Kakkar attended the President's Cricket Trophy final between Liverpool and Wigan along with National Chairman, President and Deputy Secretary. He congratulated Liverpool Division who won. He urged all NEC members to attend this year's ARM in Liverpool. He thanked Dr Prabhu for finding somebody willing to update the web site. Dr Kakkar attended meeting of Manchester Division on 10th and 21st May and Liverpool on 26th August 2011.

Dr Kakkar thanked all EC members for their support over the last 3 years especially the outgoing Treasurer for keeping the accounts so well.

Dr Sarker has received a complaint from a longstanding member that no-one in his Division is willing to take over. Dr Sarker will attend the next Divisional meeting to try and help.

BIDA used to have an award for "Best Division" which stopped 10 years ago. Perhaps this could be reinstated.

National Chairman thanked Dr Kakkar for all his hard work over the last 3 years.

7.0 Chairman's Business

Dr Sarker informed the NEC that there are two issues very much alive. The Health and Social Care Bill is going for a 2nd and 3rd reading next week and then to the House of Lords. There have been a lot of demonstrations from the Unions and BMA have joined a petition to MPs about withdrawal of this bill or major amendments. Dr Sarker urged members to lobby their MP's about our concerns.

Pensions are another issue of concern, especially for younger doctors.

Clinical Excellence Awards are going ahead in England. BIDA should advertise in the Journal that we are a nominating body and the final date for receipt of applications is the end of November 2011. Excellence Awards have been abolished in Scotland.

Dr Sarker has attended some Divisional meetings and will attend a meeting of Nottingham Division in future.

Dr Sarker reflected that this NEC has achieved most of the things it set out to do in October 2008.

8.0 President's File

Dr D Trivedi reported that the Election Results are available on the web site. During the election process there was an issue regarding a communication from the Election Commissioner to a candidate. The NEC decided that the Election Commissioner had acted inappropriately and should have consulted with the other commission members and contacted the candidate directly.

Dr Trivedi congratulated Liverpool on winning the President's Cup. He informed NEC that all the officers have been actively attending divisional meetings and are committed to continue doing so during the next term. He emphasised the present EC's involvement in ARM/AGM is vital and members should be committed to the Association's activities.

He thanked all outgoing EC members.

Dr Bhimagunta from Nottingham Division asked if the text of letters sent out to candidates following the election could be altered which was agreed by NEC. Dr Sarker also advised that individual candidates can ask for their position in the election results.

9.0 Report from Scottish Division

Nothing new to report. Excellence Awards have been put on hold. Professor Eljamel informed the NEC that Scottish Secretary has been re-elected but Minister for Health cannot find time to meet with BIDA. We may need support from the Centre to re-institute meetings.

10.0 To Receive Reports from

I Agenda Committee

Dr Parihar reported on progress for this year's ARM. We have a poor number of delegates for Saturday's meeting. We have reduced the room allocation for Friday and Saturday and the hotel have agreed to reduce the cancellation fee.

The Agenda Committee met yesterday 3rd September 2011 to categorise the motions.

Dr Sarker reported his disappointment at the number of delegates attending ARM, the most important event in BIDA's diary. ARM is the policy making forum of the Association and we may need to consider changing the format for future years.

Dr T K Rastogi asked Central Office to write to divisions asking them to attend.

BIDA AGM will be held on Sunday 16th October 2011 as well as a Clinical Meeting and Open Forum and asked NEC members to canvass amongst divisional members to go along and participate in the debate. We will provide free lunch.

BIDA used to invite GP and Pulse magazines to the ARM to report on the meeting in their journals. We will contact the local paper. Dr Prabhu also has contact with the Asian Media.

II Craft Committees & Standing Committees

GP Forum

No report.

Hospital Doctors Forum

No report.

Women Doctors Forum

No report.

WIAS

Dr Prabhu has been contacted by 4 doctors who he has been able to help.

III President's Cricket Cup Tournament 2011

Dr Sarker would like to thank the Sports Co-ordinator, Dr Bharat Bhasin for organising this year's tournament. The President will ask Dr Bhasin for his report for BIDA Journal.

11.0 Any Other Business

Dr Sinha asked for a list of members so that Liverpool Division who are hosting a Gala Dinner on 14th October 2011 can send out invitations.

Dr Rastogi thanked National Chairman, President and Secretary for appointing new office staff.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting

27th November 2011