

Meeting of Palliative Care Research Society AGM

Minutes of the Palliative Care Research Society Annual Meeting held on 12th November 2009 at Goodenough College, London

Present	Apologies
Bridget Johnston	Declan Cawley
Marilyn Kendall	Chris Todd
Sally Boa	Margaret Rogers
Gunn Grande	
Louise Jones	
Louise Mason	
Gail Eva	
Scott Murray	
Erna Haraldsdottir	
Anna Lloyd	
Claire Capewell	
Emma Carduff	
Stella Simon	
Catherine Walshe	
Vicky Simms	
Jonathan Koffman	
Valerie Rowe	
Abigail Wright	
Sarah Yardley	
Clare Gardiner	
Ulnke Ostlund	
Arun Mumar	
Julie Watson	
Carolina Casatas I Comsbells	
R S Evans	

1. **Minutes of the last meeting, April 2008, Glasgow**

Agreed as correct

2. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting

3. **Membership of the executive committee,**

Bridget Johnston reported a number of changes to the membership of the executive committee. Fliss Murtagh has resigned, and was thanked for her contribution. Jane Seymour reached the end of her term of office, and was also thanked. Louise Mason has joined the committee as the Doyle Club representative. Susan Foster brings a welcome link with members in Northern Ireland, and Erna Haraldsdottir has also joined since the last AGM. Kirsty Boyd and Barbara Jack are about to take up membership giving a total of 10 members

4. **Chair's report**

Bridget Johnston reported on events held since the last AGM: the day conference on end-of-life decision making hosted jointly with CeCo in Birmingham in January 2009; the Primary Palliative Care Research day hosted jointly with CeCo and COMPASS in Liverpool in April 2009. The Society hopes to work with other organisations eg RSM and APM with regard to joint workshops/conferences in the future.

The Society's strategy for the next three years will be circulated for consultation shortly.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Gail Eva reported a healthy financial situation. The Society made a profit from the 2009 PCC, which has enabled it to support various meetings since then, and to employ Heather Enticott of the Compleat Conference Company to oversee the membership and accounts databases

Current account balance 30 th Sept 2009	£4, 901.13
Reserve account	£20,207.63

Current membership is 125

6. **Secretary's report.**

Marilyn Kendall reported on another busy and successful year for the Society, with many changes. She thanked all the members of the committee for their time, commitment and enthusiasm, and encouraged all members to take their turn on the committee. The Society's membership is growing and new researchers are entering the field. Heather taking over the administrative tasks has been a great help and will provide some much needed continuity. Catherine's work as communications officers has also been very influential.

7. **Communication Officer's report.** Catherine Walshe reported on a number of developments. The newsletter is currently published electronically 4/5 times a year, and the website is well used. To add to these a new Googlegroup has been launched and Catherine encouraged all members to make use of it, eg to post upcoming job vacancies, promote a study day, or discuss a particular aspect of palliative care research. Taken together these help to build a stronger community of palliative care researchers.

The Society is currently in negotiation regarding a link with the multi-professional journal Progress in Palliative Care

Catherine finished by reminding members of the benefits of membership,

8. **AOB**

There was none

9. **Date of the next meeting**

Will take place at the Palliative Care Congress in Bournemouth, on March 2010