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SOTA AGM 2013 minutes – 3 November 2013

Attendees:

SOTA committee:

- Dara Lundon (SOTA President) - DL
- Wail Al-Sarakbi (SOTA Past President) – WAS
- Brian Kelly (SOTA joint Education and training representative) - BK
- Carol Norman (SOTA joint Education and training representative) - CN
- Nicholas Faure Walker (SOTA Secretary) – NFW

Mr C Chan (BASO)- CC

Prof M Baum - MB

Prof R Audisto (BASO president elect) - RA

Mr M Hallissey (BASO president) – MH

Other members:

Mr M Bullock (Academic SpR member) – MB

Apologies:

Marcia Woolf - MW

Minutes:

	Description	Details	Action	Timescale
1.	Constitution	<p>WAS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Length of duration of posts: originally 2 years, WAS proposed 1 year and then change to constitution (requiring 2/3 majority). NFW, CN and DL agreed 2 yr would be helpful to help implement constitution. If this is not agreed by members in survey monkey vote, we will open nominations in January 2014. Medical students: need more, more involved in research, for a med student representative 	<p>DL will update constitution with 2 year terms and medical student representative.</p> <p>WAS will put together survey monkey proforma and send to MW</p> <p>DL will find medical school representative</p>	1/12/2013
2.	Name	<p>WAS stated BASO would like inclusion, NFW stated have 'UK' or GB in title would be helpful.</p> <p>NFW discussed with MH on 5/11/13 who thought SOTA-BASO would be appropriate.</p>	<p>WAS – name 'SOTA-BASO' to be included in survey monkey for members' approval</p>	1/12/2013
3.	SOTA/ ESSO meeting 29-31 Oct 2014	<p>MH - In Liverpool as part of ESSO. RSM thereafter.</p> <p>Time of year felt to be good.</p> <p>MH – Liverpool will be the largest meeting on cancer surgery. Will have representatives from the whole World and ESSO. Major opportunities for networking. SOTA team could be the hosting committee.</p> <p>Prof RA stated would be a great opportunity for internships etc.</p> <p>MH – need to get involved with organisation now.</p> <p>CC- need to know now about whether on Wednesday or Sunday.</p> <p>Sunday easier for study leave for both consultants and trainees. Consensus for Sunday.</p>	<p>BK to make contact with ESSO trainees to discuss joint session</p>	1/12//2013
4.	Additional training day in	<p>Training day (CN):</p>	<p>NFW – to set up template for</p>	10/11/2013

April 2014	WAS – will need sponsorship.	conference timetable	
	WAS – will need 30-40 people minimum.	CN – to design flyer for day	1/12/2103
	CC recommends at least 6 months.	CN – to disseminate to breast societies + ASiT	
	MH – set up day then work.	NFW – to disseminate to UK deaneries	
	WAS would prefer a FULL day at the RCS. Need a programme. Members prefer a single day.	DL – to inform other speciality training organizations such as mammary fold, SURG and O&G societies.	
	NFW, CN + DL decided on next day to do a training day on Sunday 6 April 2014 as a trial and also as SOTA would have less time at a joint ESSO meeting in November 2014. This additional day will comprise expert lectures, poster and oral presentations at RCS. Suggestions for talks included: trial design and research dilemmas (Prof J Blazeby (Bristol), Prof Morton (Birmingham) communication in science and cancer (Dr Allan Pacey), palliation and end of life care, getting involved with research as a trainee (Mr M Douek)	NFW + CN to confirm sponsorship nearer conference	
	NFW + CN were offered sponsorship by Ethicon, Allergan and Chloraprep reps at conference.	NFW to contact Royal College Ed to ask about Birmingham premises	
5. Mentoring	WAS - Mammary fold mentoring pairing: half did not contact, half only contacted once.	MW will add list of mentors to website securely	
	Members feel that they would prefer someone they already know. Small amount of interest in mentoring.		
	MH – astute trainees have their own mentor already.		
	MB – encourage trainees to meet mentor personally.		
	MB – supporting resource of mentorship esp in academic circles.		
	CC – survey for what mentors should provide.		

CC – believes a list of mentors would be useful for those who do not have access to a suitable consultant

6. Yearbook
contacts

Member pointed out that affiliation society members are very out of date.

NFW will contact speciality societies to obtain in an up to date list

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SOTA secretary
7 November 2013