# SPAN AGM, Friday 21st April 2017.

## Chairman's report (John Rutherford)

Constitution of SPAN, consideration of extension to include anaesthetic nurses/ODPs in full membership?

* There was general agreement that it was thought to be good to include anaesthetic nurses/ODPs in SPAN membership, as well as on the committee. This will need voted upon by SPAN to change the constitution next year. **Action:** *Zuzana Kusnirikova to e-mail SPAN about extending membership and asking for names of those interested*.
* A query was raised whether the list of Lead/Designated Paediatric Anaesthetists was up to date across Scotland. **Action:** *John to phone Lead DPAs across Scotland to check memberships.*

Paediatric laparotomy audit

* Following the presentation by Simon Courtman, John Rutherford raised the possibility that SPAN might undertake a similar appendicectomy audit as has been described by SWACA. Tom Engelhardt informed us that the APA has done grant proposal for a laparotomy audit. If this grant proposal is successful we will look to support this in SPAN.

ESPA

* The European Society of Paediatric Anaesthesia is holding a meeting in Glasgow from Thursday 28th September 2017 to Saturday 30th September 2017. The SPAN committee have been asked to organise four speakers for the Thursday morning. Three of four speakers organised. There was a request to ask the organisers to provide videoconferencing facilities. **Action:** *the SPAN committee with continue to organise with the local ESPA committee.*

Carolyn Smith will be stepping down as the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists Scottish representative.

* We would like to thank Carolyn Smith for representing us on the APA council. She demits in June, and her replacement needs to be voted in either electronically or by mail. Informal approaches has not identified anyone yet prepared to be nominated. **Action:** *Zuzana Kusnirikova will send follow-up e-mail to get volunteer(s) or recommend a friend!*

## Secretary's report (Zuzana Kusnirikova)

There was a failure of Zuzana to be able to join the AGM via Starleaf Breeze despite having successfully linked in earlier in the day.

## Treasurer's report (Craig Cumming)

SPAN has approximately £13,000 in balance.

There was discussion about the difficulties of changing treasurer due to the stricter requirements on banks to minimise the possibility of money laundering. It took Craig Cumming the best part of a year to get access to the SPAN account with the bank. Potential solutions might be to have a longer term as treasurer to minimise the change of treasurer, or considering whether another bank might be more helpful. No conclusion was reached, but this should be reviewed at the next AGM.

In view of the healthy bank balance it was asked whether we should use some of this money to create a bursary or grant for trainees, or anaesthetic nurses and ODPs? **Action:** *Discuss in committee once bank balance obvious after SPAN meeting, and discuss at next AGM.*

## Remote & Rural report (Catriona Barr)

* The staffing challenges of remote and rural hospitals remain.
* The Remote & rural fellowship is coming back on stream for trainees. (Alistair McDermot, Aberdeen)
* There was strong support to continue the use of video conferencing. Crieff Hydro had initially said they had VC facilities, but it turned out to be Starleaf Breeze instead (similar to Skype but more secure). Starleaf is in negotiation with the Royal College of Anaesthetists to share college meetings. The Starleaf website says you can have any number of VC sites but Crieff hotel said the broadband speed would probably only cope with five sites (from Crieff).

There were **learning points from today's meeting**.

* It would be helpful to have phone numbers (plus/minus mobile numbers) for the VC participants so that we can check that the system is working and that they can hear the speaker and see the talk.
* The use of an external microphone improved the presentations for the remote sites. This should be done from the start.
* It would also be helpful to have a guide for organisers and speakers about how to link the Powerpoint to the VC screen and etiquette around asking for any questions at the end of presentations.

## Educational report

* SPAN is joining the ESPA meeting in Glasgow this autumn, see notes above.
* The next SPAN educational meeting is planned for autumn 2018.

## AOCB

Support for training play specialists; Grant Rodney

* There is no course for training play specialists in Scotland. The nearest course is held in Bolton. The numbers of staff needing trained in Scotland is small, and as a result the universities have said it is not economical for them to run a course. This makes it expensive in terms of travel (plus or minus accommodation) and a heavy time commitment for staff considering training as a play specialist.
* Kathy Wilkinson and Grant Rodney are going to Children's Surgical Forum meeting on Monday. Grant will report any developments.
* The SPAN membership was happy to provide what assistance it can.

Pre-assessment; Grant Rodney

* Pre-assessment approaches vary across Scotland, with some centres pre-assessing children likely to have co-morbidities, children with anxiety issues or all children. Dundee is looking to develop their approach. The desirability of a Scottish wide system (electronic?) was noted.