

HEOPS

Higher Education Occupational Physicians / Practitioners

Annual General Meeting

Friday 12th April 2013

University of Huddersfield

Minutes

1. Minutes of the last AGM

Agreed and approved

2. Election of new Members of Executive

Dr Ian Brown tendered his resignation as chair of HEOPS but stated his wish to continue on the executive as an ordinary member. Colleagues thanked Ian for his contribution to HEOPS over the past four years.

Dr Susan Robson proposed Dr Alan Swann for the next chairman, seconded by Janice Craggs. As there were no other proposals, Alan was unanimously elected by the membership.

Lindsey Littlefield and Jo Heslop have also resigned from the executive.

All other executive members were willing to continue although some reallocation of roles may be considered amongst the executive.

Patricia Southworth and Heather Bearpark volunteered to join the executive.

Executive as of 12h April 2013

Dr. Alan Swann - (Chairman)

Dr. Christine Rajah – (Secretary)

Dr. Nigel Wilson (Webmaster)

Heather Bearpark (Treasurer)

Dr. Susan Robson

Dr. Anne-Marie O'Donnell

Janice Craggs

Alice Hobson

Dr Ian Brown

Patricia Southworth

3. Treasurer's report

In Jo Heslop's absence Ian Brown reported that the group are £500 in credit. There was some discussion about introducing a membership fee.

4. Promotion of HEOPS

Alan Swan reported that we now have membership representing approximately 100

HEIs. HEOPS was featured in an article in Occupational Health magazine which interviewed Alan.

Post script from secretary: An article on Fitness standards by Dr Nigel Wilson was published in Occupational Health at Work Journal. It featured a brief piece on HEOPS.

5. Society of Occupational Medicine Membership

There are still relatively few nurse members in the society. Colleagues are encouraged to consider joining the Society as HEOPS is a special interest group within the SOM.

6. Future meetings and next AGM

The next meeting will be a “topics” meeting looking at fitness for professional vocational training with a primary focus on fitness to teach. Alice Hobson has kindly agreed to host and will be circulating a date for the meeting which is likely to be November / December 2013.

Claire O'Brien suggested a joint London meeting with Imperial, QM and City in Spring/Summer 2014.