



COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY AND NUTRITION

MINUTES, Council Meeting #1

Telephonic conference- 30th June 2016

Present: Barbara Golden (Chair), Bhupinder Sandhu, Neelam Mohan, Sandhia Naik, Tony Nelson, Susan Hill, Paul Kelly, David Brewster.

Apologies: Anupam Sibal, Shinjini Bhatnagar, Stephen Allen, Raphael Oruamabo, Beatrice Amadi

Barbara welcomed those as they joined.

- **Minutes of previous meeting were accepted on Bhupinder's condition that winners' names must be added.**
- **Website. New one almost ready. Neelam Mohan will send link.**
- Next Congress 2017 Venue- Zambia in September
 - Paul Kelly met Mark Manary and Paul agreed to host next CAPGAN Congress in Zambia in Lusaka rather than Victoria Falls. This would give better opportunity for locals to attend the meeting in Lusaka.
 - Bhupinder Sandhu advised to include as many local staff and juniors as that's one of the aims of CAPGAN.
 - It would be mainly a CAPGAN meeting. Self funding was clearly explained to Paul Kelly by Bhupinder Sandhu and Barbara Golden.
 - Neelam Mohan explained that the budget was ~ £50,000 for last CAPGAN conference in Delhi. Speakers did not pay registration / accommodation but they paid for their own travel. Registration of Juniors and Locals was kept very low / nominal.
 - Barbara Golden had informed Paul that for the CAPGAN meeting hosted in London they had offered competitive travel scholarships for juniors.
 - Paul Kelly said that he would revert with the costing and also added that members of Zambia Association of Gastroenterologists are not many in numbers.

- Bhupinder Sandhu suggested that we might get money for advocacy from Commonwealth but agreed that the conference should be self-funded. Barbara Golden outlined the £5000 loan from CAPGAN but said that CAPGAN cannot arrange finances otherwise. It was hoped that Mark Manary might assist Paul Kelly in financial support.
- The meeting was being planned for September 2017 and we were hoping to have the date sorted and an outline (Just the theme and date of Congress) before the World Congress in Canada.
- Bhupinder Sandhu suggested the theme of the conference around Diarrhea, malnutrition and Immunology .
- Barbara Golden and Neelam Mohan could send the London, Malawi, Delhi and Srilanka programs to Paul Kelly.
- Neelam Mohan has to make Delhi congress report, to be emailed to Council.
- Regarding the money transfer back from Indian account to CAPGAN, Neelam Mohan was facing a lot of problems. The money was transferred to account of the Event Manager. We need a letter from CAPGAN from David Brewster and Barbara Golden regarding the transfer of money as loan which need to be refunded except £1000 which Neelam Mohan would retain for Website and secretarial help. Alternately it was suggested that Susan Hill can make a letter and Barbara Golden could do it on behalf of David Brewster. Bhupinder Sandhu offered to help with her local account in India, if useful.
- The CAPGAN Account hand over from Susan Hill to Sandhia Naik has still not been completed.
- Working groups – status and their role was not very clear as suggested by Sandhia Naik. Bhupinder Sandhu tried to explain. There is confusion over working groups for WCPGHAN & our own CAPGAN working groups. Barbara Golden offered to email leaders of CAPGAN groups re volunteers' lists (that were produced during the Delhi Congress).
- Neelam Mohan mentioned that she has been nominated for India's highest award for medicine called "Dr. B.C. Roy national award" by President of India to be given on July 1st 2016. She was congratulated! Neelam Mohan also had a query about children with Inborn Errors of Metabolism. Barbara Golden offered to help by identifying UK experts.