

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
IN AMPUTEE REHABILITATION (BACPAR)

Venue: Springfield Health Centre

Selly Oak
Birmingham

Date: 21 May 1993

Chairperson for day: Miss M McCreadie MCSP

Present: Members of working party:
Mrs S M Pearce MCSP
Mrs D Quinliven MCSP
Miss S Blackburn MCSP
Mrs P Broomhead MCSP
Ms T Brown MCSP
Mrs J Cummings MCSP

Apologies: Miss J Moerman MCSP

Also in attendance were approximately 60 Chartered Physiotherapists all interested in amputee rehabilitation.

The meeting was opened by M McCreadie who gave a brief resume of the work done so far by the working party, in order to obtain recognition from CSP for this newly formed CI group.

The draft constitution had been circulated to all those attending the meeting. Each section of the draft constitution was discussed, and agreed, as laid down below.

1. **The Title - BACPAR**

Question from audience - "Why British Association"?

Answer - To further international links with other similar organisations. BACPAR sounded nicer than ACPAR.

General feeling from audience that this title was the right one.

Title approved.

2. **Objectives**

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Discussion followed a suggestion from B Engstrom that "rehabilitation should be added to 2b, and that "this speciality" should be substituted for "said field" in 2c. Both these alterations were approved.

3. Membership

Again general discussion followed comments from the floor about details of membership. B Engstrom asked the question as to whether a "physiotherapy department" can have membership rather than an individual? This would allow junior rotational staff to access BACPAR. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would make a decision on this at their first meeting and change the constitution if necessary.

There was also a strong feeling from the floor that we should encourage contact with other professions eg. Occupational Therapists, Prosthetists etc. and possibly invite such persons to future meetings.

But the primary focus of the membership should be to form links with the CSP.

B Engstrom also asked if retired CSP members are included as full members?

It was felt that no, only paid-up members of CSP can be full members with voting rights. Retired members may be invited to be Honorary members. This would be in line with other CI groups' policies.

4. **HONORARY OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Discussion from the floor centred around a question asking whether or not there is the possibility of election of some honorary officers from NHS Hospital based physiotherapists rather than DSC based staff?

It was strongly felt that there must be an open policy for election of officers and that there must not be the impression that the DSC based physiotherapists were "running" the group.

It was also suggested from the floor that the re-election of honorary officers should be staggered; this would allow some continuity.

It was agreed that exactly how posts would change could be decided upon in detail by the Executive Committee, but that the Chairman and Secretary must never both change at the same time.

There then followed a lengthy discussion around how to elect a Chairman. The main points for discussion being:

- a. Should just the Executive nominate a Chairman from within?
- b. Should the whole membership choose a chairman?

Opinions from the floor showed strong views for both options.

Eventually it was put to the vote.

Votes for a. = 37

Votes for b. = 32

Following this vote it was pointed out that we need to elect a Chairman today at the AGM in order to maintain the momentum of the group and move quickly towards obtaining recognition from CSP.

The wording of 5d in the constitution shall have the words "from and" inserted before "by the Executive Committee at the first committee meeting following the AGM".

It was then proposed by Penny Broomhead that we should appoint the first Chairman for the first year in order to facilitate this process, and, if possible, elect this person today.

The question was also asked as to whether we should name this person Chairman or Chairperson?

Decision to keep the name as Chairman.

B Engstrom pointed out that there should be a mechanism within each region in order to elect a regional representative.

NB - "Regional" - to represent each Health Region in England.

A decision about how many "regional representatives" to be elected from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to be decided upon following discussion with those physiotherapists from these areas. This to take place as soon as possible.

Once such decisions are confirmed, the constitution will be altered as necessary by the Executive Committee, prior to submission to the CSP.

6. **AGM**

Format for the AGM was approved, but it was felt that the time of year should be changed from May because of the number of Bank Holidays in the month. The new timing of the AGM will be decided by the Executive Committee.

Points 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from the constitution were approved.

Following the election of the Executive Committee, it was proposed by B Engstrom that Michele McCreadie be Chairman of BACPAR for the first year.

This was seconded by Dinah Quinliven. The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

BACPAR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There had been some postal nominations for the Executive Committee.

These were as follows:

Honorary Secretary - Sue Pearce, Leeds Prosthetics Centre

Honorary PRO - Penny Broomhead, Leicester DSC

Honorary Treasurer - Sue Blackburn, Dulwich DSC

As there were only these nominations, these appointments were approved by the floor.

Dinah Quinliven and Anne Roberts were nominated for Honorary Membership Secretary. Anne Roberts volunteered to step down and thus enable there to be continuity from the working party.

Honorary Membership Secretary - Dinah Quinliven, Stanmore DSC

Honorary Chairman - Michele McCreadie, elected by AGM.

Regional Representatives

There had been a number of postal nominations for these positions. These were approved. Where there were no regional nominations by post, nominations were then accepted from the floor.

| <u>Region</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
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| Northern | Jane Cummings, Cleveland DSC |
| Yorkshire | Robert Shepherd, Leeds Prosthetics Centre |
| North East Thames | Anne Roberts, Harold Wood DSC |
| South East Thames | Penny Buttershaw, Roehampton DSC |
| West Midlands | Judith Noakes or Tina Brown |
| North West Thames | Dinah Quinliven, ROH, Stanmore |
| Trent | Gillian Astill, Hallamshire, Sheffield |
| East Anglia | Johanna Jones (nee Moerman), Cambridge DSC |
| North West | Carolyn Toole |

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| Mersey | Helan Hagan |
| South West | Emma Kidner |
| Oxford | Louise White |
| Wessex | Sandra Shevel |
| Wales | Vanessa Davies |
| Northern Ireland | Vacant |
| Scotland | Vacant |

Subscriptions

Following lunch, the AGM debated the subject of "annual subscriptions to BACPAR". It was finally agreed to set this at £15.00 per annum for the first year. This is in line with other CI groups.

Future Developments

Michele then asked the AGM for suggestions for future study days, speakers etc. in order that the Executive Committee can have some ideas of how the membership would like to see the group developing. Also with whom the group should liaise.

The following list of suggestions from the floor:

Counselling skills, psychological problems

Pain control, TENS, research etc.

Form links with ISPO, APO, all user groups, Engineers (Rehabilitation and Bioengineers)

Vascular surgeons, British Orthopaedic Association

BAOT and Occupational Therapists, Prosthetic/Orthotic Association

Amputee Medical Rehabilitation Society

Prosthetic Managers, Wheelchair Centre Managers, Prosthetic companies

Schools of Physiotherapy

Date of next Executive Committee meeting:

Thursday, 8 JULY 1993 - 11.00 am at BIRMINGHAM DSC

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.