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SOTA AGM 2014 minutes – 13 December 2014

Attendees:

SOTA committee:

- Dara Lundon (SOTA President) - DL
- Brian Kelly (SOTA Vice President) - BK
- Nicholas Faure Walker (SOTA Secretary) – NFW
- Chris Hoo (PLASTA + ASiT Representative) - CH

Apologies:

Rattandeep Jhita

Minutes:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
1.	Medical students: DL stated that medical Students were under the impression they could not join BASO trainees (SOTA). DL stated this is not the case	Constitution to be checked to ensure that medical students know they can join.	1 Feb 15
2.	Mentoring: this has previously been extensively discussed. BASO trainees (SOTA) should provide a list of consultants who are prepared to be mentors on a formal or informal basis.	President to contact BASO to get email sent to members who may be interested in being mentors	15 Feb 15
3.	Marcia: All were very sorry to hear Marcia was leaving but wish her every		

success in her new role.

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| 4. | Contacts from surgical societies: DL stated that contact list needs updating. | Secretary to contact surgical trainee societies to get contacts to help | 15 Feb 15 |
| 5. | Young society: while trainee events have not been as well attended as well as hoped, DL reminded everyone that BASO trainees (SOTA) is young society and still finding direction. | | |
| 6. | Training day – April 2014: agreed that main reason for lack of trainee interest was that meeting was too near to ASiT conference. | | |
| 7. | ESSO conference was thought to be a great success with lots of local trainees attending. Many contacts made. | | |
| 8. | Fees: The issue was discussed by the BASO National Executive Committee. Charging fees would allow full voting rights at BASO. Fees would also allow free subscription to the EJSO and EYSAC. All voted that fees should be required for BASO trainee membership. | Rattandeep to arrange that fees apply to all members.

DL to confirm exact fees | 1 March 2015 |
| 9. | Trainee Day 2015: All voted that BASO Trainees (SOTA) should work alongside ASiT and run a parallel session during the 2015 ASiT conference (27 Feb – 1 March 2015 in Glasgow). The session will consist of 8-9 presentations of abstracts over a 2hr period. There would be a BASO prize for the best presentation. There would be no expert presentations as these would all be done at the BASO conference | President to contact ASiT president to help select abstracts for break out session. BASO trainees (SOTA) committee member will host session. | 1 Feb 2015 |
| 10. | ASiT bursaries for overseas meetings: DL and BK noted it may be possible to do an overseas session in Ireland (most likely Dublin) and there were bursaries available to help finance these. | | |
| 11. | BASO Congress 2015: RSM trainee rep has already contacted DL to help arrange agenda. Meeting to be held 2-3 November at RSM. NFW believed that training | | |

should be at FRCS level and that this should be the main focus of training. This will be expert talks only.

12. **BASO AGM 2015** will be held night before BASO conference in London.
13. **Committee Elections** will be done via survey monkey in a similar way to last time.

Nominations:

President: DL + NFW

Vice president: BK

Training and Education Reps: Elizabeth Li, Aaron McLean and Carol Norman (to be confirmed)

Secretary: Elizabeth Li

Ballot to be closed 20 December 2014.

Voting 4-11 Jan 2015

Nominees to send secretary 250 word statement for elections.

14. **Message from Prof Audisio:** BASO president has asked us to come up with the next 'new thing' for surgical oncology training.

Attendees believed that BASO could be source of training for students at medical school finals level and for MRCS. CH suggested info graphics as a base for each cancer type.

President to discuss with BASO executive and to allocate subjects to member willing to write info graphic on a cancer topic.

Nicholas Faure Walker
BASO Trainee (SOTA) Secretary
15 January 2015