



## **Minutes of the Northern Ireland Region AGM**

The 2015 AGM was held at lunchtime at our Sepsis study day (20/11/15) with the aim of encouraging as many members attending the study day, to be present at the AGM.

<p><u>Present:</u> Lorraine Bell (Chair); B Rice(Secretary) Jenny Mc Gaughey; Vanessa Quinn Leona Bannon, Cheryl Tuff, Liz Murphy Christine Irwine, Gayle Hobson Michelle Scallon, Anne Marie Sanderson Claire Harte</p>	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Lianne Humphries</p>
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Chair's Report: I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the committee without whom this year would not have been as enjoyable. Not forgetting of course is YOU, the member without which none of this would have happened.

This is my first report as Chair of the BACCN for Northern Ireland. Taking up the post was a new challenge for me and it has been an exciting year which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would have not have been able to carry out my duties without the help of the committee.

I felt my first priority was to introduce 'A New Vision'

**V** – Value, to value each other and as a group

**I** – Insight, to have an open meeting and new ideas from the group

**S** – Share experience, knowledge – shared aims, learning and skills

**I** – Impact, how we can we as a group make an impact – patient care and support for staff

**O** – Outlook, to build on previous work done

**N** – New ideas and ways of working together as a BACCN Group

Although we are a new committee we have endeavoured to bring learning to our colleagues and members through our study days. Thank you to everyone that attended our SCREAM simulation study event in April; the day was a huge success with excellent feedback.

The format of this FREE study day was a new course entitled 'SCREAM' (standardised Critical Care Resuscitation Emergency Airway Management) which was devised by a team of staff from RICU (Belfast Trust). The course was an integration of theory, work stations, scenario-based training and simulation. The content of the course covers emergency treatment of a critically-ill patient, focusing on effective airway management, resuscitation and emergency care. I would like to thank all of the Reps who kindly supported the day in providing the catering for this event.

A talk at the BACCN Conference 2014 stimulated an interest in the topic of SEPSIS which inspired us to organise our own sepsis study day and developing links with the Sepsis Trust.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

It was great that one of our new members Emma Harkness who joined at this the SCREAM study day won a place at the BACCN 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in London.

Northern Ireland BACCN region won the prize for increasing their membership by 33%. We have tried to increase our visibility at many events throughout Northern Ireland. Thank you to all who have help in winning this prize, I could not have done this without YOU.

I was even more stunned and delighted when my name was called out at the BACCN conference as 'Committee Member of the Year', it was such a shock! To me it was a privilege to receive the award but not for me; but to the group of people who support me in my role, I dedicate it to them.

No matter what my role is within the organisation I am looking forward to the next 12 months and hope that we can build on the success of this year. We need YOU on board to make BACCN Northern Ireland Region a successful region. We cannot do it without you!

I would like to personally thank the Reps for all their support in making this Sepsis day possible.

This is my report as Chair, Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Bell

Chair of BACCN Northern Ireland Region.

## **Secretary's Report**

Taking over the role as Shadow secretary for the past year I am delighted to say that NI BACCN is growing in strength and numbers. We started off the year as a very small committee but worked hard, under the guidance of our new chair, with the sole aim of increasing the activity of the NI BACCN through networking, adhering to our new vision and increasing membership. Remaining cognisant that this was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BACCN our aim was to endeavour to enrol 30 new members to the BACCN by the close of the year. I am delighted to report that our membership has increased by 33%, through networking, attending other critical care study events throughout Northern Ireland, and through two organised study events by the NI BACCN, open to BACCN members and non members. Our SCREAM study day was a huge success (as Lorraine has highlighted). This study day enabled us to run a theoretical and scenario based study day to critical care nurses on standardised critical care, resuscitation and emergency based care interventions which are encountered on a daily basis in the acute care environment. We offered a fully paid place for one of our new members to attend the BACCN conference in London at this study event, further reinforcing that NI BACCN aims to work for its members in helping to increase knowledge and experience.

Our second study event 'Sepsis' on 20<sup>th</sup> November was a huge success with 50 attendees from various critical care units throughout Northern Ireland present. Invited speakers 'The UK Sepsis Trust' presented opportunities for attendees to liaise closely with this charity. Overall the Study day was evaluated very positively with suggestions made for future NI BACCN Study days. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

NI BACCN won two awards at the BACCN conference in London:

1. For increasing our membership by 33%
2. Committee member of the year – Mrs Lorraine Bell.

This was a great motivating factor for a new committee and has encouraged us to build further on the work achieved over the past year. Our aim this year is to expand our committee, welcoming new members onto vacant roles and working together to bring nurses from all critical care units in Northern Ireland together for study events, discussions and support for each other.

Thank you.

Billiejoan Rice (Shadow Secretary).

## **Treasurer's Report**

Delivered by Lorraine Bell in absence of Lianne Humphries.

Committee accounts now with Barclay's Bank as per BACCN.

Full summary of account attached. Balance as of today: 20/11/15 £781.44

## **AGM Elections:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Regional Chair	Lorraine Bell	B J Rice	C Tuff
Shadow Chair	Vanessa Quinn	C Tuff	B J Rice
Secretary	B J Rice	Lorraine Bell	V Quinn
Shadow Secretary	Christine Irwine	Claire Harte	B J Rice
Treasurer	Leona Bannon	Vanessa Quinn	Michelle Scallon
Shadow Treasurer	Gayle Hobson	L Murphy	Claire Harte
Regional Liaison	Michelle Scallon	Jenny Mc Gaughey	Liz Murphy
Publicity Secretary	Lianne Humphries	Michelle Scallon	Lorraine Bell
Membership secretary	Jenny Mc Gaughey	Leona Bannon	Michelle Scallon

## **New elected Link Members:**

Ulster Hospital: Liz Murphy;

CSICU (RVH) Claire Harte

Craigavon ICU: Siobhan Jasztal

Antrim Area Hospital ICU: Sheila Kinoulty

Rules of being a committee member reiterated to all members.

All members encouraged to access the regional handbook online and familiarise self with new role. Dates of next NI BACCN meeting will be circulated to all members when confirmed.

New committee members welcomed on board and we look forward to advancing the work of NI BACCN over the next incoming year.

Meeting closed.