

ANGLIA REGION BACCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st APRIL 2015

Chair's Report 2014/15

Present – Janet Thomas, Hayley Gilbrook, Duncan Burbery, Duncan Heddell, Julie Allen, Vanessa Howlett, Carol Waters

Committee

Firstly I would like to thank all of the committee for their time, commitment and hard work over the last year – it is very much appreciated. At the last AGM, in May 2014, I was elected Chair and will stand for another year. Hayley is stepping down as Treasurer and Duncan Heddell has stepped into the role. Duncan has agreed to remain as Secretary However we are sad to say “Good-bye” to Carol who has shared the role of study day coordinator, as she has decided to step down from the committee. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank her for all her hard work liaising with the delegates prior to the study days and for her help and support on the day. Cat Hawke and Jamie Borg have also stepped down from the committee but Helen, Vanessa and Julie will continue.

We warmly welcome Felicity Chapman to the committee. Indeed we are always keen to welcome new members who may bring with them fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The Anglia region is quite a large area and we are keen to maintain communication and forge links with members in all hospitals. We used to meet up a few times a year to discuss ideas for study days but we have embraced modern technology and this year we've have held more meetings by WebEx! So, please think about joining us from the comfort of your own home; except for the study days when it's all hands on board. Although the committee has remained intact for another year, some of us have other commitments and may not be able to stand again next year which would be a real shame as I am really proud to announce that the Anglia region was nominated Regional committee of the year at last year's International conference in Cardiff - which leads me on to our other activities and achievements over the last year and future plans.

Activities, achievements and future plans -network

The Anglia region

Over the year we have held three study days including today, which have focussed on paediatrics and sepsis. Our next study day will be On 14th October – so save the date. We thought this time we would ask you what you would like it to cover so please write your suggestions on the Feedback form.

The Anglia Region committee continues to strive to promote membership and maintain links in all hospitals in the region. If you're not yet a member, do think about joining, as along with reduced

rates to our study days and a fantastic journal every other month, there is a prize this year at the National conference for the region which has increased its membership the most over the year and we would like to win! We have just updated the Link Nurse register and aim to have Link Nurses in all hospitals in the region. If you are interested in becoming a Link Nurse for your unit you can find information on what the role entails on the website within the Anglia Region section (www.baccn.org) or contact Julie Allen our Link Nurse co-ordinator (her contact details can also be found on the BACCN website as can all the committee members) and we plan to hold a Link Nurse meeting later in the year. Our main aim is to encourage Critical Care nurses to join the BACCN and experience the fantastic benefits it has to offer to its members.

As Chair of the BACCN Anglia Region I have been invited to represent the BACCN at the East of England Critical Care Network which is a fantastic opportunity to promote the work of the BACCN and provide feedback from one organisation to another.

Finally, this year is the 30th birthday of the BACCN and we're delighted to welcome Karen and Bertie from the National Board to our study day. I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge that we would not be able to host study events away from the hospital environment without the financial support of our colleagues in industry or fund conference places when finances allow. So "thank-you" to all our REPS who have supported our study events over the years and "thank-you" to all the Anglia region BACCN members for your continued support and commitment to the BACCN.