**Present**: Mark Roberts (Chair), Aileen McSorley, Patricia McCaffrey, Mark Magorrian, Paul Turkington, Jan Ritchie, Dominic Hart, David Wilson, Michael Power, Beverley Hamilton, Sanjeev Sarup, Cathy Davey.

**Apologies**: None.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 2018**

No issues.

1. **Election of vice-chair**

Postponed until May 2019.

1. **Treasurer update –Damian Gormley not present**

 Current balance approximately £18,000.

 No issues.

1. **Education update – Sanjeev Sarup**

Sanjeev informed the group that results from the recent National Training Survey has confirmed a high level of satisfaction of trainees in Northern Ireland.(Top 3 in UK).

There will be one trainee vacancy until August, as a trainee has taken up the stroke trainee post.

One trainee is due CCT within the next few weeks, and 3 more trainees will be due CCT in August 2019.

Dominic Hart has been appointed the role of deputy TPD.

**5. Frailty SIG –Lynne Armstrong not present**

Jan reminded the group of the next frailty meeting by the PHA: planned for 28/03/2019.

Lynne has received clarification around the use of the term “frailty” in MCCDs from Dr. Julian Johnston, Medical Adviser, Death Certificate Policy and Legislation Unit ,DoH.

(Attached please find this guidance).

1. **Policy update – Patricia McCaffrey**

 No issues.

1. **Chair update – Mark Roberts**

The group were reminded of the new BGS website and encouraged to explore it.

Mark told the group that he had discussed exploration of ongoing collaboration between the IGS and NIBGS with Diarmuid O’Shea,and the group agreed that this is the way forward.The IGS meeting in Autumn 2019 is expected to be hosted in Cork.

It is intended that the national BGS Spring meeting in 2021 will be hosted in Belfast,venue is likely to be the Waterfront Hall. There will be 22 educational sessions and NIBGS has been asked to have a local committee to host 6 of these sessions. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Mark or Julie Gaudreau directly(J.Gaudreau@bgs.org.uk). Already interest has been expressed by BGSNI members.

Expressions of interest for the role of BGSNI secretary to be made to Mark or Aileen,as this role will be vacant after October 2019.

1. **AOB**

Sanjeev informed the group that NIMDTA have confirmed that it will now provide funding for study leave for trainees on maternity leave, provided the course/meeting is highly desirable.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

**NIBGS Spring Meeting :Afternoon of 09/05/2019 Riddel Hall, Belfast**

**NIBGS Autumn Meeting :Afternoon of 09/10/2019 Riddel Hall, Belfast**