**Present**: Mark Roberts (Chair), Aileen McSorley,Kevin Dynan, Gerrard Sloan, Rosemary Kelly, Lynne Armstrong, Damian Gormley, Alison Harper, Ciarán Trolan, David Wilson, Sarah Mistry(BGS), Jonathan Bailie, April Heaney, Jan Ritchie, Julie Gaudreau(BGS), Marina Mello(BGS), Ushagowri Mavuri, Roisin Healy, Nevan Joyce, Ruben Tauro, Jan Quinn, Mark Magorrian, Paul Turkington.

1. **Welcome**

Mark welcomed Sarah Mistry,Marino Mello and Julie Gaudreau from central BGS to our spring meeting.

1. **AOB**

None

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Treasurer update** –Damian Gormley : Current balance approximately £17,500.No issues.

**Education update**-Sanjeev Sarup N/A

April confirmed that 4 of 6 ST posts due to start in August had recently been filled.

Kevin suggested that this shortage in trainees may highlight the concern that there is a potential future shortage of geriatricians,which may in part be as result of the reconfiguration of stroke services,as stroke consultants are being harvested from the COE pool.

Rosemary added that this issue had been raised to Michael McBride at a recent S.A.G. meeting.

Mark Roberts suggested that a meeting be arranged between NIBGS and central BGS to address the potential further destabilisation of the speciality in light of the new stroke consultation.

Kevin raised a concern from trainees re gaining a lot of experience in stroke work,but at the expense of trying to meet nonstroke related competencies in the curriculum.It was suggested that this be raised with NIMDTA.

**Trainee update**-Nevan Joyce said that LFT trainees highlighted difficulties re meeting training needs and service provision.

**Policy update**-Patricia McCaffrey N/A

1. **Agreeing terms of reference for N.I Branch**

Mark disseminated a draft of the BGSNI terms of reference for approval.The group agreed to alter the terms of office for the council as follows:”Members of council shall serve for three years and may be re-elected for a further period,not exceeding three years(except in the case of the Chair-Elect).”

10 members agreed to the modified terms of reference,and they will be brought to the trustee meeting in July 2019,where they will be ratified.

1. **Vice chair election**

Mark invited questions re this role and explained that the vice chair will help the chair and will potentially take on the role of chair (if elected) when Mark hands over in Spring 2020.April proposed Ciarán as vice chair,seconded by Lynne and he was elected.

1. **Expression of interest for Secretary Role October 2019**

Interested members to please contact Mark or Aileen for further information.Election of post expected to take place at October meeting.The policy position will also be reviewed in October 2019.

1. **Belfast Spring BGS Meeting 2021**

Julie Gaudreau recommended a committee of 4-8 people is formed to assist in organising this:organisation will be required for both the educational and the social programme.All NIBGS members are encouraged to express interest to Julie (J.Gaudreau@bgs.org.uk) or Mark.

1. **Frailty**-Lynne Armstrong

Lynne recapped that 18 months ago a local group of clinicians formed a frailty network,which has now moved into the public health and social forum.

A regional expert panel has been formed which has representatives from most HSC trusts,and multiple AHP representatives.The panel has met once and is due to meet again in June 2019,where it will propose priorities for frailty regionally and invite “task and finish” groups to prioritise tasks.Any expressions of interest for participation in the “task and finish” groups to be made to Lynne.

A regional frailty conference is scheduled for 1st October at Mossley Mill.Some of the work that the “task and finish” groups have been involved in will be shared at this conference.

Lynne added that Rosemary will now coordinate the frailty group and email members re notifications.

It was shared with the group that during a recent meeting with Michael McBride it was suggested that frailty should be included in Unscheduled Review and that the frailty panel should have a member of the Unscheduled Review group included.

Mark thanked Lynne and colleagues for their work in the NIFN which is usually done in discretionary time.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

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