

Association of British Paediatric Nurses Annual Report 2018

Officer's Reports

Chair/President:

The past year ending 31.12.18 has been one of change, with two longstanding members of the G&D Group stepping down, I have previously thanked Rory Farrelly, the immediate past Chair/President and Bernie Carter past Editor in Chief of the Association's Journal for CH Care for their commitment, time and endeavour to keep the ABPN, the world's oldest CN organisation as a strong relevant voice for CYP nurses in the 21 Century. I am very grateful for Bernie's ongoing support in maintaining the website and offering wise counsel, Since our last AGM in October I am pleased to report that the Association has worked hard to promote awareness of the organisation and to strengthen the Governance of the group as well as reviewing our expenditure and taking steps to ensure we maintain a strong financial position

Thank you to Norman Long our Finance Officer not only for maintaining our books, but also questioning our expenditure and making every effort to save money when we can. This included hours on sorting out the storage of our archive facility, and all associated lifting and shifting.

As Chair of the Association I've been supported by all of the officers, but ABL is notable in her fast responses to emails and requests for information, sharing her considerable knowledge of the background and history of ABPN, she in turn is ably supported by David who also does so much for the ABPN, thank you Ann and David.

Jean Robinson, our newsletter editor is key to our frontline communication with members, producing the newsletters that go out to all. This year we made a decision to send one newsletter via the post in addition to our ecomms to try to ensure we reach our membership.

Our communication with members is reliant on good records, and Jim Robinson has taken the role of membership services coordinator forward to encompass new regulations under GDPR and ensure we reach as many members as possible.

Sadly we also note the passing of members including Margaret Coates

We have received a kind donation from a member to support our work, our thanks to Anne Lord from Merseyside.

Other activity has included reinstating our links with the UKCCYPN, a UK-wide body that draws all nursing orgs with an interest in CYP nursing together. We have also developed operational policies for Finance, GDPR/Privacy and Safeguarding. We have undertaken work to update our Constitution and have been reaching out to potential new officers and trustees.

We have worked on developing the eportal, a new service for members, my gratitude to Bernie for all of her hard work in getting us ready for the launch of this exciting new development.

Finally, something which moves us into this new year, we were involved in the organisation of a workshop to explore the potential to develop a common framework for CYPCC Education and Training, important in raising awareness of the ABPN.

On that "looking to the future" note, I will close, but repeat my thanks to the Officers and Members of the Association

Katrina McNamara

Finance Officer

The Association again ended the year 2018 with a surplus, despite another fall in income from membership fees and the on-going low interest rates.

The Journal continues to attract worldwide interest resulting in an increase in Royalties received.

The Governance and Development Group continued to reduce travelling costs by having more teleconference meetings.

The Association had income from a generous donation from a member during the past 12 months.

Accounts for 2018 have been externally verified, final figures for the year are as follows:

Current Account

Income for the year 2018	£20265.98
Expenditure for the year 2018	£ 9178.89
Excess of income over expenditure	£11087.09
Bank balance as at 31 Dec. 2018	£19206.48

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 1 st January 2018	£ 4958.84
Interest Earned	£ 9.90
Balance as at 31 st December 2018	£ 4968.74

Members are again urged to notify any change of their personal data – name, address, Bank Branch, Bank account name/number or sort code as soon as possible to maintain accurate records.

Norman Long

Secretary

The main focus of activity has been on making contact with other nursing organisations to raise awareness of the ABPN.

Katrina McNamara

Membership Services Co-ordinator

	Membership at 22 Oct. 2018	Membership at 26 March 2019
Total membership	301	288
Annual membership	<u>89</u>	<u>85</u>
Life membership (active)	37	38
Life membership (inactive)	175	165

Membership shows a smaller decline this year. As in previous years most of the decline is due to members retiring from nursing and asking to be removed from the ABPN database. There have also been some deaths among our older members.

Three annual members pay by cheque, the remainder pay by Direct Debit.

Of the annual members includes 12 with no updated contact details. As reported in previous years these individuals have not received newsletters or journals although their Direct Debits remain in place.

As before the last AGM the pre-meeting notifications resulted in a small number of responses providing either email addresses or confirming postal addresses and several asking to be deleted from the database. There were again a small number of returned letters. A couple of lecturer members have retired from their university posts but have not provided new email addresses. They will be added to the postal lists for future communications.

There were several enquiries about joining ABPN during the year and currently we have two applications pending. Leaflets and key rings were distributed by Beth McGeehan at a study day in Edinburgh in February. There was good update of the leaflets and key rings but, as yet, no enquiries about membership.

J Robinson

Journal Editor

The **Journal of Child Health Care** is now in its 22nd year of publication.

Our 2017 Impact Factor is 1.280 2016 Our ranking: Nursing (SSCI) 67 out of 115 | Nursing (SCI) 70 out of 118 | Pediatrics 94 out of 124

The Journal continues to grow internationally with papers being submitted from across the globe.

The number of manuscripts received is increasing. The rejection rate (this includes initial reject as inappropriate without going through the peer review system and reject to transfer desk) in the past 12 months was 77.4% (up from 65% in the previous 12 months).

Our key links with Sage are with Chantal Stillwell. Chantal is an excellent contact. In the Delhi office we now liaise with Ananya Patha (Anjali Nair left during the year). Sage has provided good support in relation to any SageTrack issues. We now have a new appointment - Ankita Veerbhan, who is our Peer Review Associate. Chantal, Ananya and Ankita have provided excellent, timely support throughout the year and have helped to resolve any problems as they have arisen.

Online First continues to be a positive and highly regarded aspect of the Journal. It means that articles appear online within weeks of being accepted thus reducing the inevitable delay that occurs with a quarterly journal of hard copy publication.

A new system for managing proofs has been introduced. This is a more involved process for EIC to manage and for the authors to get to grips with compared to the previous version which was basically managing changes on a word document. Some authors have found this difficult and identified that it takes more time and effort and is much less intuitive.

The issue page budget of CHC is 172 pages. The volume page budget is 688 pages.

We continue to work in partnership with the Council Children's Nursing Inc (CCNI) in New South Wales who have JCHC as their membership journal. We have undertaken Skype and teleconference calls between the Editors.

Major changes have occurred in relation to Editorial Board membership:

- Prof Bernie Carter stepped down after 22 years as EIC and Dr Philip Darbyshire was appointed as EIC. The transition commenced in late July and Prof Carter is providing

support as needed to smooth the transition of EICs. This appointment followed an international search for a suitable appointment for the post and a competitive interviewing process undertaken by Prof Carter, Prof Langton and Chantal Stillwell. Particular thanks to Prof Langton for providing such excellent support and input into the appointment process.

- Assoc Prof Marco Geraci resigned in September 2018 after a leave of absence of about 12 months, creating space for the appointment of a new Statistical Editor.
- Dr Jane Hunt, Associate Editor, has also resigned from the journal for work-related and personal reasons.
- Two Associate Statistical Editors (Steven Lane and Penny Holborn) were appointed in Feb/March 2018. Penny has since resigned due to workload resulting from promotion.
- The Editorial Board we have an Editor in Chief, 3 Editors (plus 1 vacancy for Statistical Editor), 6 Associate Editors (1 for statistics, 4 for review, 1 for social media), and a virtual Issues Editor, a lead for the International Editorial Board and the ABPN Newsletter Editor. We operate a buddy system with the support of the other members of the Ed Board.

We are more active on Social Media, particularly via Twitter @ABPN_ChildNurse and via the Twitter Journal Club which has run 2 events which have been very successful.

As stated in last year's report, in order to continue to develop, the Journal would benefit from accessing the funding it generates but which is paid directly to the ABPN. This would create the conditions for further growth which could mutually benefit the ABPN. Concern remains about whether lack of growth within the ABPN would/could have ramifications for the future of the Journal.

With the departure of Prof Carter as EIC, consideration needs to be made about how JCHC representation on the ABPN Governance and Development Board is to occur.

As always it has been a busy year for everyone involved in the Journal and I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed – namely the Governance Group, the ABPN Editorial Board, the International Editorial Board, the Reviewers, the contributors and the readers.

This seems a good place to 'interrupt in print'. I (Philip Darbyshire) took over from Prof Bernie Carter as EIC of the journal in August and with Bernie and SAGE's help I am gradually transitioning into the role. To say that Bernie will be a 'tough act to follow' is an understatement. The support and encouragement that I have already received from Sage, Bernie, editorial colleagues and more has been quite outstanding and I thank them all.

I am still very much 'finding my feet' with the journal and the various processes involved but already I have no doubt at all that JCHC can go from strength to strength. These are absolutely 'challenging times' in publishing world with everything from the rise of predatory publishers, the questioning of any notion of 'expertise', major changes in professional 'reading patterns', the growth of social media and more concentrating our minds. We are indeed living in interesting times and I absolutely want JCHC to be at the forefront of these and other issues impacting on children's health and the lives and work of those health professionals providing care and services for children and young people. The support of ABPN and CCNI will be invaluable here and I look forward very much to working with you.

Newsletter Editor

The newsletter continues to be published and contains a mix of Association news and updates on issues which are felt to be of relevance to children's nurses. Requests are made

by some external organisations who would like the Association to inform members of awards or study days around the country and these items are then included if felt relevant and of likely interest to members. The newsletter is sent electronically to those members for whom email addresses are held on the database and is also on the website. I would really encourage members to contact me to share ideas and information. I would also appeal to any members who would like to help me with or take on responsibility for producing the newsletter to get in touch as after nearly 20 years editing the newsletter it is time for others to step in and bring some fresh ideas.

Jean Robinson

Marketing/Merchandise

During the last year we had an opportunity to market the Association in Scotland with the distribution of promotional goods such as ABPN key rings, these were well received.

Sales during the last year have been low and the Governance and Development Committee has now decided to reduce the range of promotional goods offered for sale. We need to identify and pursue opportunities to promote the ABPN.

Ann M K Bisbrown-Lee.

Officer Elections

Role	Term of office	Nominee
Chair/ President	Until March 2020	Katrina McNamara
Honorary Secretary	Until March 2022	Mike Travis
Finance Officer	Until March 2022	Norman Long
Membership Services Coordinator	Until March 2022	Jim Robinson
Newsletter Editor	Until March 2020	Jean Robinson

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