



2020 Annual Report

This report reflects on activity over the 2020 year and is written in 2021

The 82nd Annual General Meeting of the Association was held by teleconference in line with UK restrictions during the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent public health measures restricting travel and gatherings of people.

The President welcomed members to the 82nd Annual General Meeting of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses, noting that it was impressive how we have come through a difficult year. People have pulled together and worked hard to make things work even though it has been difficult, we have continued to provide input and progress things. The President expressed her pride in being part of the Association and all that it has to give while noting that we do need to review our way going forward and improve our engagement with others.

Officer's Reports

Chair

Welcome to the 82nd AGM as last year I am sad that we still can not safely, nor legally hold the meeting face to face as we continue to battle the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you to all nurses who have provided care and support to those in need over the past year – the nurses who returned from retirement to take on new roles, those who postponed retirement to continue to work to support children and families, those providing enhanced care in children's family homes to relieve pressure on hospital beds; those redeployed into other frontline roles such as adult ICU; the children's ICU staff who found themselves nursing young adults as units extended the age group they cared for; those who continued in role, but found themselves donning PPE for long shifts and seeking ways to take away the fear; our colleagues in academia continuing to prepare the professionals for the future – and provide support to the new professionals finding themselves in the maelstrom of the new ways of working and those who found new ways of working via screen and phone to maintain care for children and families. Even with that lengthy list I will have forgotten to mention some of the changed roles nurses have taken on over the past year. I also want to remember those who have lost family, friends and colleagues to the virus and have faced bereavement and grief without the direct support from others. Let us also acknowledge the incredible public support for our profession and colleagues in the NHS, from the weekly doorstep clapping, the windows adorned with rainbows or the gifts and food given so generously – also the increased understanding of the importance of the role of nurses.

This year's "look back over the past year" has been a very quiet one in relation to the Chair's activities although we have continued to be present at NHS England meetings, most notably attendance at a Round Table meeting with the Health Minister to consider the issues emerging from recent legal cases and the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatments. The work of the UK Children's Palliative Care Education and Training group, which we were founder members and provided financial support for the inaugural meeting has come to fruition with the publication of the Framework document and launches within the UK and internationally. Danielle Edge has settled into the role of Newsletter Editor and we have had positive feedback about the new look newsletter.

We have spent the last years seeking support for committee roles and to increase membership, I believe that the year ahead will see us facing some tough decisions about the future of the Organisation, to focus on whether we can attract new members and new officers, and to face hard decisions about whether the Association, established in 20th century has a place in 21st century.

As always, my thanks to the Officers and Members of the Association

Katrina.McNamara-Goodger

Finance Officer

The activities of the Association were seriously impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Association finances for the year 2020 ended with an excess of income over expenditure, despite no fundraising, a fall in income from membership fees and the on-going low interest rates.

The Journal continues to attract worldwide interest and in 2020 we received £9,902.03p in Royalties. The Governance and Development Group continued to operate via tele conference meetings. Accounts for 2020 have been externally verified, final figures for the year are as follows:

Current Account

Income for the year 2020	£ 12,405.12
Expenditure for the year 2020	£ 930.95
Excess of income over income for 2020	£ 11,474.17
Bank Balance as at 31 st Dec. 2020	£ 20,677.91

Business Reserve Account

Balance as at 1 st January 2020	£ 4,978.66
Interest Earned	£ 3.90
Balance as at 31 st December 2020	£ 4,982.56

Norman Long

Membership Services Co-ordinator

Membership at 23 March 2020		Membership at 23 rd March 2021	
Total membership:	264	Total membership:	240
Annual membership:	77	Annual membership:	65
Life membership (Active)	37	Life membership (Active)	35
Life membership (Inactive)	150	Life membership (Inactive)	140

This year's report is much the same as last year. Membership continues to decline. The fall in annual membership is particularly noticeable and worrying this year and shows little sign of reversing.

We have had no new members joining since the last report. There were again several enquiries about joining ABPN during the year but none of these followed up with applications.

The decline in life membership continues to be due to members retiring from nursing and deaths among our older members together with life members with whom we have lost contact.

Following the post out of AGM notices a number of members have been in touch with email addresses and updated postal addresses. Unfortunately there have been a small number of returned letters and some resignations. We still have 12 annual members with no updated contact details although like last year there is a slight change in the composition of this group. These individuals have not received newsletters or journals although their Direct Debits remain in place.

Report completed 23rd March 2021

James Robinson

The Membership Secretary will contact the Information Commissioner's Office to explore how we can try to track down the annual members we have no contact details for.

Newsletter Editor

A new format has been developed for the newsletter and feedback has been positive, although there is potential to continue to develop the newsletter further.

Danielle Edge

Newsletter Editor

The President recognised that the changes and feedback are testament to the Newsletter Editor's hard work and offered the Association's thanks to Danielle's brother for his support in developing the new format.

Margaret Gwilliam remarked that she found it useful to print off the Newsletter to share with ward colleagues and help to raise awareness of the Association.

Website

The President reported that the Website has been updated regularly and the Events company who have been marketing their events on our website now have information about the Association on their website, giving further opportunities to raise our profile

Officer Elections

Role	Term of office	Nominee
Honorary Secretary	Until March 2023	Vacant
Membership Services Coordinator	Until March 2023	Jim Robinson

Members Items

The President reported that she has recently attended the first meeting of the CNO Research Programme which aims to develop a research strategy for nursing.