

# **Minutes of the board of Mersey Division FGDP(UK)**

**Tuesday 19th July 2005**

## **Apologies received**

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William Lee

## **Matters arising from minutes**

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Correct spelling of committee member Choux is Chow

## **Sponsorship**

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Sponsorship to be sought from Dental Directory for the website. This matter to be discussed further at the next meeting

## **Study day**

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Topic of the day was agreed to be aesthetic dentistry

## **Website**

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Demo to be arranged for next meeting

## **Promoting the Mersey division of the Faculty**

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Suggestions included the provision of a undergraduate package and a package for VT emphasising the career pathway. This matter to be discussed further

## **Key Skills**

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The Division is to consider buying in bulk for the Diploma course

## **Diploma Course**

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This is now being advertised by flyers as is currently done for section 63 courses and by displaying details on the Deanery website. The response thus far is 18 GDPs and 27 VTs.

It was pointed out that VT Trainers are required to hold a postgraduate qualification and the Faculty's Diploma course would and should be promoted as meeting the necessary requirement.

## **Stationery**

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It was agreed to generate our own stationery using the Faculty logo and the title "Mersey Division Faculty of General Dental Practice" along with the secretary's contact details. The Treasurer, Director and Diploma tutor requested some compliment slips and headed notepaper.

## **Finance report**

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The ends of year accounts are now completed. Funds in the current account stand at £500 and in the deposit account £1216.32. Some withdrawals are imminent as are the expense claims from the secretary and the National Board representative.

The need for auditors who are not board members was highlighted. A list of members is to be forwarded to the Treasurer in order to appoint suitable candidates. Members of the board would approve selection prior to the Faculty's AGM

## **National Representative's Report**

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Issues that arose at the directors' conference;

1. Divisional constitutions were to be re-drafted
2. Defining the boundary of Divisions is now complicated by the changing Deanery boundaries
3. The mechanism for financial reporting to be tightened
4. Can head office be more supportive for local events?
5. Divisional websites require links to the National Faculty website
6. Divisions to identify suitable members for a mentoring service
7. Faculty examiners were being recommended to the PCTs to assist in the appointment of future Dwspi
8. The need for better communication between Divisions and Central HQ was discussed
9. Future merger of FGDP and MGDG examinations by target date of 2007
10. Discussion of the MFDS and portfolio of evidence continue
11. A questionnaire to ascertain what consumers get from the Faculty and what direction the Faculty should take is to be fielded soon
12. How to start the enrolment of PCDs was discussed
13. The problems arising when working towards the Fellowship are being tackled
14. The critical reading package for the diploma is being revisited
15. Faculty is considering more diplomas e.g., cosmetic/aesthetic, pending definition. An Orthodontics diploma is also being considered
16. What, if any, examinations can be offered to PCDs
17. The Faculty is acting as a conduit for a European initiative in informatics (IT acquired learning)
18. Sedation and Research methodology are areas the Faculty is interested in developing
19. Articles for or from PCDs are required for the Faculty publication

At a local level the National representative mentioned the successful accredited learning in surgical dentistry course run in conjunction with Lancaster University. He also mentioned a need for a certified or diploma course in endodontics and courses for dentists wishing to develop a special interest.

## **Any Other Business**

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Mike Williams to be approached for arranging and suggesting topics for a future collaborative study day. Suitable topics and speakers are to be discussed at the next meeting

The Deanery have agreed to provide the administrative support for the study day

## **Date of next meeting**

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To be held at the medical Institute Liverpool on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm