Board of Trustees – January 2014

Highlights from the recent Board of Trustees meeting from 24-25 January, included:

Co-opted trustee

Approved the appointment of neurologist, Dr Adrian Wills, as a co-opted trustee.

Budget and pay award

Agreed the 2014/15 budget, including a 1% pay award for staff, further investment in fundraising and research, funding for benefits advice to support people with MND and some analytical resource to support the delivery of our strategy.

Financial support criteria

Adopted recommendations set out in a review of the financial support criteria, including the change of name to ‘MND support grant’ and an increased limit of £1,500 per person per annum for authorisation by branches. They noted the partnership work between branch and group volunteers and Association staff in agreeing the revised policy.

National register

Approved the development of a population-based national register for people diagnosed with MND.

Research funding

Listened to a presentation by Bernard Muller, Leonard van den Berg and Ammar Al-Chalabi and subsequently agreed to allocate funding from the 2014/15 budget to support the whole genome sequencing research project, subject to the approval of the Biomedical Research Advisory Panel (BRAP).

Equipment loan service

Heard the rationale and process in awarding the equipment loan service contract to an alternative supplier.

Our Board of Trustees takes overall responsibility for governance and strategy of the Association. Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the mission and long-term aims of the Association are met. Click here to find out more about our trustees.
Board of Trustees – April 2014

At their meeting, held at the Hinckley Island Hotel on 25 and 26 April 2014, trustees:

- discussed and agreed new systems of reporting performance to the Board and associated data collection needs;
- agreed proposals for revisions to the Articles of Association, our governing document;
- agreed future arrangements for spring conferences (as currently organised) and board meetings so that they would normally coincide;
- supported the continued funding of the Kings Care and Research Centre, based in London at Kings College Hospital;
- agreed two new Medical Advisory Panel members;
- agreed the recommendations made by BRAP to fund seven research projects, following the most competitive application round to date;
- agreed to support the whole genome sequencing project;
- received an update on audit progress; and
- discussed future locations for International Symposia.
Board of Trustees – July 2014

Board of Trustees meeting held at Radisson Blu Hotel, East Midlands Airport on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July 2014.

At their meeting, trustees:

- Approved the appointment of Janis Parks as a co-opted trustee, to take up office with effect from the AGM in September 2014. She will serve a two-year period, after which she will be eligible to re-apply. Janis is the Chair of the West London and Middlesex branch and has been a strong supporter of the Association for many years.
- Approved the re-appointment of Peter Bickley to his third two-year term of office as a co-opted trustee.
- Agreed to continue to support grant funding for the Newcastle and Oxford care centres for a further 4 years. In the North East the funding will also support an extension of the service to additional local communities.
- Discussed the Special resolution being presented to members at the AGM. Trustees revised their earlier decision to implement a three year break following a period of six years as a trustee. The break will remain at its current length of one year. Trustees also noted legal advice on how best to reflect the Association’s campaigning and awareness raising work in the Articles.
- Adopted the Annual report and Financial Statements for 2013/14 and agreed to propose the re-appointment of the auditors.
- Heard feedback on the very successful Awareness Month, June 2014.