



ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH NEUROLOGISTS

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH NEUROLOGISTS TRAINEES (ABNT)

1. Name

The name shall be the Association of British Neurologists Trainees (ABNT).

2. Membership

The ABNT is open to associate members of the Association of British Neurologists (ABN) who may be regarded as trainees. No additional payment will be required to join the ABNT. Removal from the associate members list of the ABN will automatically terminate membership of the trainees group.

3. Objectives

To provide a forum for Neurology trainees in the United Kingdom to meet, disseminate information and discuss relevant issues

To represent trainee members of the ABN at the committees and subcommittees of the ABN, and to promote and support good working practice (including career, training, health and safety, and equality and diversity issues) within the neurological trainee community in the United Kingdom

To review and contribute to national and international issues affecting the wider medical community

4. Responsibilities

Representation to the committees of the Association of British Neurologists

Representation to the Royal Colleges of Physicians (including the Joint Royal Colleges Postgraduate Training Board, JRCPTB)

Representation to GMC, or any body assuming its duties

Representation to the BMA multi-specialty working group

Liaison with other trainees working in the field of neurological care

5. ABNT Committee ¶The ABNT shall appoint a committee, comprising:

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Education and Training Representative

Research Representative

Liaison Representative

Media and Communication Representative

President of the ABN, or deputy, *ex officio*

6. Duties

The representatives will have certain specific duties which may change from time to time, but will not necessitate constitutional changes.¶In addition to specific duties, all representatives will assist the chair in the day-to-day operation of the ABNT. ABNT members should deputise for each other from time to time where other commitments mean that they cannot

attend to specific duties.

7. Local representation

A network of regional representatives shall be appointed locally, to communicate with the ABNT committee, and provide regional support for members. They should attend at least one ABNT meeting per year.

8. Meetings

The ABNT committee will meet at ABN scientific meetings, and at other times in locations convenient to the majority of the committee. All members of the ABNT committee should attend these meetings if possible.

The ABNT shall hold a forum for all ABNT members at ABN scientific meetings.

9. Elections

All members of the ABNT committee shall be democratically elected. The committee members of the ABNT shall serve for 24 months from taking office. If still a trainee at the end of their term of office they may offer themselves for re-election or for an alternative position. The maximum term for chair shall be 4 years.

Elections will take place via an e-mail ballot.

Any member of the ABNT can be nominated for a recognized position. Notification of vacant posts shall be made by the ABNT secretary via email to ABNT membership. Nominations for vacant positions shall be sent to the serving ABNT secretary. If more than one nomination is received for any one position, an email ballot paper will be sent out one calendar month prior to, and results announced via email. All voting shall take place via email. The Chair shall act as returning officer unless standing for re-election, when another independent member shall do so. In the absence of

any candidates standing for election, the serving committee member may remain in post for an extra year unless a notice of resignation is given prior to an ABNT meeting. In that case, the ABNT Committee will appoint a suitable person to take up the post for a full term. Should any position become vacant mid-term, the ABNT committee will nominate a suitable replacement until the next election.

10. Finance

The Group shall not raise funds. The ABN shall provide reasonable travelling expenses for committee members to attend ABN/ABNT meetings.

11. Constitution

Changes to the constitution may be proposed by any ABNT member. Proposals should be submitted in writing or by email to the ABNT secretary. Notification of proposed changes will be distributed by email at least one calendar month in advance of the next ABNT meeting, and a two thirds majority vote shall be required at the next ABNT meeting.