

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & CHANGES

NEWS

Due to increasing overheads, a vote was put to members who attended the AGM at conference in June as to whether membership fees should be raised. Following a unanimous vote, fees were increased to £30 for nurse members and £40 for associates with immediate effect.

We will be writing to all of you in the near future and for those of you who pay by standing order, a new mandate will be provided for you to complete and forward on to your bank.

CHANGES

Following three years in office, I have decided to step down as membership secretary and hand the job over to Sue A'Court. Sue is new to the committee and full of enthusiasm. I wish her every success in her role. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at conference and have not stepped down from the committee entirely but have now taken on the role as secretary.

Sue A'Court – new BARNAs membership secretary

Hello I am the new membership secretary and I thought I would tell you a bit about myself.

I was born in the London Borough of Sutton and have lived there all my life. I trained as SRN at University College Hospital – qualified 1983. I am married with two children. My husband is a fire officer. My 12 year old daughter goes to Cheam High School, and my 9 year old son to Cheam Park Farm Junior School. He also has mild cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autistic spectrum disorder and learning delay. I spent 6 years as Parent Governor at Junior School. I do volunteer work as Independent Parental Supporter, supporting parents of children with special educational needs.

Professionally I have worked in the operating department since 1984, mainly as scrub and circulating nurse in local hospitals including St Helier, Sutton, Shirley Oaks, Parkside and St Anthony's. During that time I developed an interest in Recovery Room nursing.

Currently I am working at an independent hospital - St Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam, Surrey. I work part time in the Recovery Room and as a hospital Infection Control Nurse. Currently I am studying for a Diploma in Infection Control at South Bank University. I am also a member of NATN, ICNA and RCN as well as BARNAs.

My interests include personal computing, reading, health and fitness, gardening, childcare and education.

I am looking forward to the challenge of being the membership secretary and I have many new ideas. I think I will be able to use all my previous experience to enhance the role of BARNAs within the perioperative environment. Remember the thought of the moment is GO OUT AND RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER TO BARNAs. If all the members do this we will double our membership and be able to provide even more for BARNAs members.

New Deputy Editor

I have now been editor of the journal for a year and I was wondering the other day if I got run over by a bus no one would know what to do with the journal. So it is now time to have a deputy editor who will be aware of what is going on in the journal and how it runs. Getting the journal out quarterly is a mammoth task and it is more than a one-man job. The new deputy editor is Chrissie Spiers, whose name you may recognise as she has been writing a series of articles on cardiac monitoring over the past few issues of the journal. Chrissie is a Senior lecturer at Kingston University and St George's Hospital Medical School co-ordinating all the cardiac courses. Her real speciality is 12-lead ECG analysis and I am sure her expertise will be put to good use in her new role as the deputy editor.

New committee members

We have had a complete change in the committee and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members and tell you what their role will be and a bit about them.

Sally Goldsworthy - Education and Standards

Sally is in the theatre education team at St George's Hospital. Prior to this she was the manager of the day surgery ward and an anaesthetic nurse. Sally has just completed her Certificate in Education and this makes her more than up to the job on co-ordinating education for BARNA.

Manda Dunne Senior Anaesthetic and Recovery Sister Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich - Link

[I will let Manda talk for herself]

My name is Manda Dunne, a member of BARNA and newly elected onto the committee. I am interested in co-ordinating the old 'link' scheme and trying to get some ideas and motivation from the current members to make this work better for the organisation and boost membership.

I am a senior sister in anaesthetics and recovery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich London, [used to be Greenwich District hospital], and have been working in this area for more years than I care to

remember! I am passionate about anaesthetic nursing and am proud to be an anaesthetic nurse. I am privileged to be working in an all nurse theatre team, scrub anaesthetics and recovery.

Our anaesthetic team works hand in hand with recovery, and the recovery nurses are given the opportunity to train in anaesthetics, either to be interchangeable, or a shorter training to enhance their professional development. This is particularly useful with the increase in ventilated patients being cared for in the recovery room, and gives greater flexibility for airway management across the rest of the hospital.

We have staff from all parts of the world, with 50% of our anaesthetic and recovery team coming from Finland. This somehow makes our connection to IFNA feel very right, and made me feel quite at home in Helsinki at the 7th World Congress for Nurse Anaesthetists. It is my vision that anaesthetic nursing will one day get the recognition it deserves in this country and that we will be able to work as they do in Europe and the USA. To make this happen we need schemes such as 'link' to increase membership, enabling us to become stronger as a professional body. To share ideas, talk to each other and inspire enthusiasm and motivation.

If this feels like you then please do not hesitate to call me even if just to have a chat or 'network'. My direct telephone number at work is 0208 8836 4317/4309. If I am not at work when you call, my colleague Charge nurse Markku Viherlaiho will be happy to help. I look forward to hearing from you. Please send me any updates of contact details so I can amend the current database.

Jo Bratchell - Companies

We need to encourage companies to advertise in the journal and come to our conference and finally sponsor various activities such as ACTEMED did in Birmingham on 20th September this year. So Jo has volunteered for this role. Jo is a preassessment Sister at the day surgery unit at St George's Hospital. She has worked in day surgery for a number of years and so is knowledgeable in this area of practice. She is currently working towards her degree in Health Care Practice and she is looking forward to this new challenge.



BRITISH ANAESTHETIC AND RECOVERY NURSES ASSOCIATION

Open invitation to all members who would like to discuss, consider and help develop our National Standards

Register your interest in attending a half morning informal forum

Planned for January 2003 - date to be arranged
(Will be a Saturday morning)

Also indicate your preference for this venue to be held either in Birmingham or London

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