

patient care by audit of actual pathway etc. There will be one deadline when all submissions must be made and the CF Committee will incorporate into their September meeting (date TBC). Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner. There were discussions around Usman Jaffar setting up a patient network to enable the VS, SVT, CF and SVN to have a pool of patients with various conditions who can be contacted for publicity, stories to act as patient representatives if required. Also discussed was the possibility of not having a Vascular Disease Awareness Week but instead having a series of events throughout the year at various hospitals when convenient to them from a multi-disciplinary approach. Fundraising methods were also discussed including how to encourage regular donations

and an event in Glasgow at the AGM.

NAAASP

The next board meeting of NAAASP is on the 24th July.

VASBI

Significant progress has been made reconnecting with VASBI. The current chair of VASBI Dr Nicholas Inston has responded to emails and is keen to get Richard Craven involved as an SVT representative. Richard is to attend the VASBI AGM in September.

CASE

A review to rewriting the CASE handbook is underway as it was felt that this hadn't been addressed for several years and a complete revamp was required. Several universities have applied for CASE

accreditation for direct entry ultrasound courses. Although members were not completely happy with the proposal, it was felt that this is the future and that they should be involved, especially with course structure and content from the outset. Due to increasing costs, CASE would like to increase their fees, initially to £650 per annum, eventually increasing to maybe £800. This fee includes one major course (for example AVS accreditation) and then two study days. No one had any objection to this. There was discussion around costings for additional study days, but nothing final has been decided.

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