**EMIS NUG 2014 AGM Treasurer’s Report**

The summary of financial statements relating to 2013 is attached.

We continue to make an annual excess totaling £54,552 in the year 2013. This was due in the main to the success of the annual conference.

Our income from members has fallen and this is a concern as in the this present year we have continued to see the membership numbers falling and we have lost the reciprocal arrangement with the Scottish SNUG members that was to our net benefit. We have tried to promote the membership to these SNUG members.

We are exploring an offer with EMIS whereby they pay the first year of membership for new practices to EMIS when web is installed. We hope that this will lead to an ongoing expanded membership

Conference 2013 was a happy combination of a financial success for the NUG, but also better value to our members and as a consequence well attended. We have continued with an expanded programme this year while keeping the costs the same.

We have continued the arrangement of outsourcing of conference management to Venue Select which is an appropriate use of resources and efficient in terms of processing costs.

We continued to expand the online training resources to members which is building as a resource. It is appreciated that this resource has not been easily access and steps are planned for 2014 to improve the website design, including the registration process and also focus on the production of ‘courses’ which link items of educational material to a training package.

We have changed the independent examiners for this set of accounts (as was approved by AGM 2013) to Fiona Laughlin of F. E. Laughlin Ltd, Chartered Accountants. She has carefully examined the accounts and raised questions that have been helpful in guiding the Executive and Committee in reviewing the Committee meeting arrangements and subsequent expenses raised.

We will be reducing committee meetings to four a year which more focus on the Executive guiding the running of the NUG as well as enabling sub-groups to focus on specific areas of work. We have reviewed the locum expenses policy as well as discussing payments to trustees who have a more flexible portfolio career and are therefore not based at a particular practice.

It was also advised that annual accounts should be published so they are now on the website.

A reserves policy has been developed so that excess reserves can be used to the benefit of the charity in developing the educational resources available and exploring ways of maintaining the community of members.

I recommend to the AGM that we continue to use McCready Page as bookkeepers and main accountants. I also recommend that Fiona Laughlin be asked to independently examine the 2014 accounts.

Keith Burns

Treasurer Sept 2014