

NZATS REGIONAL MEETING
8TH DECEMBER 2006
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HELD AT CHANCELLOR MOTOR LODGE, PALMERSTON NORTH

Unfortunately Jackie Anderson, Regional Rep was unable to attend the meeting so a formal Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes were unavailable.

Attendance Christina Lubbers, Karen Bennett, Patricia O'Brien, Julie Bromley, Michele Peck, Mary Fuscic, Anthony Shaw, Tom Condliffe, Mike and Trudie Nettle, Nick and Ruth Pullan, Bev Meads, Janine Gunn, Christine Minton, Carolyn Dyer, Maggie Boyce, Karen Greville, Diane McClelland, Andy Beck, Pati Faaea, Ross Imlay, Mike Nash, Kim Nordlof, Michele Tomlin, Linzi Davies, Mark August, Kin McCauley, Janet McCready, Penny Jurgens, Craig Love, Andy Leleni, Narelle Offer.

Apologies

Lynne van de Waardt, Robyn Welch, Maria Durakovic, Duncan McPhail

Karen Bennett informed the audience about developments with NZATS:-
HPCA Application – 1st Consultation document accepted by the Ministry, 2nd Stage will be developed by the Ministry early next year.

NZATS Conference in Dunedin. Registration numbers down on previous meetings
Variety of speakers, good attendance @ AGM, 2 remits passed.

ASAPO Conference – well attended, 33 NZ Techs, Presentations excellent, AGM poorly attended. Next ASAPO in NZ is 2010. Will not be called “world conference” but other countries will be invited.

Script Journal – out today, next due March, articles to the editor by early Feb.

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NZATS Membership – highest ever, steady interest from the UK

An acknowledgement of the support from the NZSA and the NZNC College of Anaesthetists was raised particularly for our HPCA Application.

Website remains the up to date method of communication to members.

Tyco Sponsored Basil Hutchinson/ Alison Holloway Award were discussed. Good monetary prize offered for trainees and trained techs. Audience was encouraged to submit case studies/papers. More information about the awards is on the website.

Most of the executive attended the meeting and are planning on attending the next Auckland and following South Island meeting.

Patricia O'Brien spoke in detail about the first year of the Diploma in Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology). Pat has worked very hard over the year to ensure the new course has run smoothly. Further work has been done recently to improve the manuals and update the papers. Questions from the floor were answered.

Changes to the Regional Meetings were discussed? guest speaker or presentation from a member. This could increase the professional development of the evening, an important factor with registration. Karen will raise this with David Leesburg prior to the next meeting.

Karen also spoke about the executive term of office. All of the current executive complete their three year term end of next year and will potentially be vacating their

positions. All present were invited to think about a commitment to the positions before the next AGM (November 2007, AKLD). Ross Imlay thought there should be an overlap period for some of the roles to ensure not all positions on the exec. were new people. It was suggested he send a remit for the next AGM to change the constitution ruling.

Regional Update

ROYSTON – 3 OR's, one part time tech.

AORANGI – 3 OR's, 2 Techs

WANGANUI – 2 qualified techs, One Trainee, further trainee next year.

HASTINGS – Fully Staffed. Unhappy with the automatic increment translations in the MECA/NZNO employment agreement.. Techs very happy that they are accountable to Anaes. Dept. Further discussion ensued from most of the audience about the PSA and NZNO Contracts and whether to investigate better national agreement.

LOWER HUTT – New Caesar OR. Trialling Anaes Machines. Advertising for one trained and one trainee.

SX WGTN – Busy. Fully Staffed

PALM NTH – One vacancy for Trained tech

NZDF – 5 Techs. Affiliating with Public Hospital. Preparing for overseas deployment, 25 Civilian techs on Database

WGTN – Apologies from Duncan McPhail. Improvement for staff/conditions of work. Attempting to maintain 1:1 ratio. 2 Trainees for next year. New Theatres ? ready 15-18 months.

Meeting closed