

# Minutes Auckland Anaesthetic Tech Regional Meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**Present:** Amanda McManus, John Purves, Karen Absil, Karen Bennett, Brett Besley, Julie Bromley, Jayson Bryant, Natalie Forster, George Fuge, Mary Fuscic, Heather Godfrey, Kaylene Henderson, Andy Hipkiss, Naleeni Ka Vita Lal, Patricia O'Brien, Michele Peck, Morgain Potter, Moira Poulton, Salina Roe, Jonathon Shaw, Victor Birioukov, Sandra Dillon, Amanda Hodson, Bianca Gordon, Nikki Davies.

**Apologies:** Lyn Body, Louise Morgan, Muriel Cooper, Martin T.S., Fraser Mee.

**Guest speaker -** Bruce Northey, Lawyer ADHB

key points

- \*HPCA - wont get sued or loose registration unless completely barking mad
- \*Nothing of substance if we act outside the scope?
- \* Authority forwards complaints to Health and Disability
- \* IPRC No-one can sue you due to treatment act
- \* Insurance
- \* Indemnity - Covered under ADHB, private contractors and people employed elsewhere should check.

**Questions:** What's a legal document? A: Almost everything. Things that can be called as evidence include conversation, a slip of paper with an instruction or checklist on it. It does not have to be a controlled document formally signed and witnessed.

Q: Indemnity insurance: A: You must check with your employer. Some have that clause that will indemnify you from damages, others do not.

The PSA have a clause in the ADHB agreement covering PSA-ADHB members

## **NZATS Executive:**

Karen Bennet talks

HPCA awaiting second consultation doc, all concerned parties will be consulted again.

Need to sort out council before the final stamp of approval

Registration numbers are up

Training numbers are up

Regional meeting attendances increased

Question to the Executive: What will the NZATS provide for qualified techs if registration not compulsory?

There was some concern that NZATS could go the way of our UK equivalent.

A: NZATS is working on something.

Several positions of the executive will reach the end of their term at next AGM, nominations to be in early please.

No contingency planned if there are uncontested vacancies.

**Andy Hipkiss:** Should anesthetic technicians consider a "Technicians only" collective?

Concern that the National pay scale hasn't been applied equally throughout country, proposed one collective throughout.

Much discussion followed.

Members pointed out we already had a national collective, which included a pay scale.

Member pointed out this was discussed at AGM, and it was felt by some that the fault was with the DHB, not PSA, and that having a separate contract wouldn't have changed that.

**General Business:**

Proxy question from George about registration.

"If a qualified technician was to leave the country for more than a year, do they still need to be kept on the register?"

It is highly recommended to stay on the register, which only costs \$20pa if you are not practicing in NZ. If you have been away for more than a year, you will need to attend an 'up-skilling session' before application accepted.

**Next Meeting:** Consideration given to Whangarei, and a movement of support to have a meeting in Whangarei.

A show of hands showed 7/22 supported it.

A request that it be held somewhere north of the bridge met with more enthusiasm. Locations included intermed offices, or a Saturday meeting with family entertainment.

Other suggestions included to have it mid-week in Auckland.

Suggestions asked to be sent to George with an evaluation done shortly.

Meeting Closed @2105

**Final note after meeting had closed** re: annual registration.

NZATS registration follows the financial year, (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March), not the calendar year.

I will endeavor to send a reminder, but the responsibility is yours.