

Lower North Island Anaesthetic Technician Meeting

held at Chancellor Motor Lodge 31st August 2007

Thanks once again for Intermed Medical Ltd for organising and sponsorship of the meeting.

Attendance Karen Bennett, Janine Gunn, Lynne van de Waardt, Vicki Gage, Christine Minton, Kavita Lal, Christine Lubbers, Nisha Ali, Mark Carpenter, Mark August, Andrew Beck, Shawn McFlinn, Bev Meads, Maggie Boyce, Carolyn Dyer, Ross Imlay, Kim Draper, Karen Greville, Diane McClelland, Paul Hanson-Brooks, Shawn McFlinn, Philip Eames, Carolyn Dyer, Andrew Beck, Mark August

Apologies Irene Lineham, Margaret Monk, Andy Leleni, Jackie Anderson, Craig Love, Mathew Blythe, Dyanne Harbour, Kim McCauley, Leanne Morrison, Maria Durakovic

Minutes from last meeting presented.

Karen Bennett spoke about recent issues for NZATS.

No further progress with registration. Info. in latest newsletter re registration accurate. Newsletter changed from script. Will be distributed to members 5 times per year.

2 remits proposed by the exec. for AGM 9th Nov Akld.

1. Increase trainee subs from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per annum. Biggest financial commitment for NZATS is for trainee issues.

2. Chairperson role to be a 2 yr term, followed by 1yr as immed. past chair. The incoming chair will be for 1 yr before coming the chairperson.. This will ensure a continuum of issues and liaison with professional contacts.

The NZATS exec. have also agreed to split the education portfolio- registration exams, CPD and AUT Liaison (this tech must be Akld based) - nomination forms and remits will be sent to all members.

Members are encouraged to enter the Basil Hutchinson and Covidien Award – info on website.

2007 conference 7-10th Nov, Skycity Akld. All info and registration online www.nzats.co.nz

2008 conference (October) in Wgtn – Mark Carpenter is the convenor

AUT – issue re assessment of Anaes. Tech 2 manual. Criteria for sign off to be implemented next year

ANZCA/NZSA support for NZATS acknowledged

From the floor

Janine Gunn spoke about the revamp of the Anaes. Tech 2 manual which she is involved with. There will be a reduction in assessments. Any comments to be forwarded to Janine.

Kavita raised issues re questions in Anaes 3 paper

Karen Greville raised concern over trained techs completing anaes. Tech 2 paper

From the hospitals

Palm Nth :- No vacancies

Hawkes Bay :- no vacancies apart from Charge Tech vacant 21st Sept

L/Hutt :- numerous trials underway. 2 FTE vacancies. Very busy, bed shortages

Wanganui :- building periop suite – losing one theatre, 1 tech down, disestablishing some support staff

NZDF :- 4 Qualified staff, 1 overseas, 1 paternity leave, 1 trainee

Wgtn:- all FTE's full end of October. New hospital Dec 2008, 11 new anaes. machines

Wakefield:- 7 FTE's, one more in Oct., 1 Trainee, one further trainee 2008, Portfolios in place. 1 new machine

SX Wgtn:- Busy. 1 FTE short. 3 FTE's/3 OT's Portfolios in future plan.

1930hrs

John Shennan – PSA organiser based in Palm. Nth welcomed to meeting to discuss MECA negotiations.

Bargaining not just about pay increase. Merit/Designated positions, service recognition for Annual Leave and retirement savings all issues relevant to this contract.

Members are encouraged to communicate with delegates on issues they feel are important

2030hrs

Philip Eames – Consultant Anaesthetist Lower Hutt presented an informative talk on PONV.

Meeting closed 2115