

## ► Minutes of NZATS A.G.M 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006 Dunedin Town Hall

### **Present:**

Karen Bennett, Catharine Hepworth Patricia O'Brien, Louise Goodwin, Julie Bromley, Malcolm Stuart, Helen Mahoney, Ricahr Wilde, Tania Kennedy, Tom Condliffe, Tony Matthews, Helen Sullivan, Ian Boxall, Clark Martin, Jim Cairns-Nelson, Peter Barber, Matthew Blythe, Dale Hantom, Matthew Savage, Brad Hale, Elizabeth Jensen, Christine Lubbers, Lynne, Vander Wardt, Michelle Tomlin, Mike Nash, Michelle Braddick, Irene Lineham, Lauren Hefford, Angela Dewhurst, Diane Brach, Kaylene Henderson, Nicola Smith, George Fuge, Eileen Pond, Mark Carpenter, Nicola Davis, Lyall Trethowen, Elaine Holbay, Deb Cowie, Peter Watson, Colin Hale, Rebecca Kay, Joan Redpath, Phillipa Mc Ewan, Brenda Frampton, Christine Minton, Creina Findlay, Carol Padgett, Matija Durakovic, Clive Barrow, Peter Burnard, Barbara Lindbergs, Mark Jackson, Lauren Reid

### **Apologies:**

Andrew Warmington, Mary Fuscic, Michelle Peck, Janine Gunn

### **Opening:**

Karen Bennett opened the meeting. The NZATS executive committee were introduced.

### **Past minutes - 2004 A.G.M.:**

Accepted as a true and accurate record. (seconded by Tania Kennedy) There were no matters arising from the minutes

### **President's report:**

Karen Bennett read her chairperson's report

- The current executive members term of office will expire next year so the positions will be available for members to consider applying for through the correct process. Some positions may not be required eg the registration position if compulsory registration is implemented by then as the registration council will fulfill this role
- Karen thanked the executive for their work during the past year, along with all the Technicians and anaesthetists that have been involved in the development in our profession including the COP examiners, authors for the Diploma papers, National Assessors, and Markers for AUT papers
- 4 exec meeting have been held this year
- Financial position of NZATS has been managed successfully with income received from registration, website advertising and overseas applications for registration. Any monies received from the membership to assist with the application for registration with the HPCA Act 2003 will be used exclusively to cover application costs
- Currently 346 Qualified Technicians are registered and 75 Trainees. No ODP's previously unregistered have taken advantage of the amnesty offered by NZATS
- Professional groups who were submitted their opinion as part of the consultation process for Anaesthetic Technicians to be included in HPCA Act were largely supportive of us achieving this. The Ministry expects to present their advice to the Minister for his consideration shortly
- A memorandum of Understanding with the NZSA hasn't as yet been formally accepted by the NZATS
- Regional meeting have been well attended. Intermed and NZATS have also agreed to hold a separate membership only meeting at the beginning of each evening
- Script – Thanks to Helen Mahoney for her expertise as editor, and Gary Boxall for his IT skills and the NZATS website. All members are encouraged to submit articles to Helen on a regular basis so the Script remains a viable means of communication. There is also a change of address address link on the website, if you haven't received your script it may be because you have not informed us of your change of details
- Public Liability insurance is now in place for NZATS
- Registration Exit Examiners for the Diploma have been finalised, thanks go to the 8 Technicians and 9 Anaesthetists for their services

### **Financial report:**

Read by Karen Bennett in Michelle Peck's absence

Accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Peter Barber

- Accountant has retired and been replaced by Toby Kingston in Auckland

### **Education Report:**

Read out by Pat

Wendy Emsons Education report from AUT was also read by Pat this will be on the website

- Thanks to the Diploma writers and the Anaesthetists who critiqued the papers and the Markers of the papers
- Anaesthesia 1, Anaesthetic Technology1 and Anaesthesia 5A commenced in Feb 2006
- The Diploma had 38 1<sup>st</sup> yr students, 15 students enrolled in Anaesthesia 5A, 6 in Anaesthetic Technology 2 and Anaesthesia 3 and the Diploma has had positive feedback so far
- Block courses have had good feedback and were well supported by WPA's and NA's and company representatives. All block courses have been run in Auckland as this is the first year of the Diploma, they may be moved in future
- AMERAT course was successful and feedback from students was positive
- Graduate Certificate was approved in July 06 by the Committee of the University Academic Programmes this is for nurses and others eg Paramedics who have a relevant degree qualification
- All 8 NA's have completed their training and validation workshops
- WPA's – 2 training courses have been held most training hospitals were represented
- National Assessments – these were staggered around the country throughout the year
- AUT / NZATS interface Agreement – NZATS has drawn up a relationship agreement between AUT and NZATS which will put in place supportive and protective measures for both parties. This will be forwarded to AUT's legal department
- COP – 23 candidates presented for the October 05 exam, 3 failed machine check, 16 passed part 2 and 4 failed part 2. May COP had 11 candidates, 1 failed machine check, 1 passed part 2. After appealing to the NZATS 2 further students passed part2
- NZATS registration Examination – examiners positions were advertised on website and appointments have been made. The format and schedule of this examination is still under discussion.
- Education meeting held in Wellington in June was successful with 22 people attending
- 2 hospitals were surveyed during the year

The Education report was accepted

### **Registrars Report**

Read out by Julie Bromley

- There is on-line registration available for those who have been previously registered
- Reminder to notify change of address, this is available on the website
- There is an Amnesty on registration for those who are already working in New Zealand and have never registered with NZATS this is in place until December
- Over 101 registration packs were sent out to overseas applicants
- Since last AGM there has been 50 new registered Anaesthetic Technicians from both within NZ and overseas
- Kaylene Henderson who has taken on the role of overseas registrar
- Thanks to Michelle Peck who carried out the registrar role whilst Julie was on leave

### **Questions Asked from the floor:**

- Was the 100 packs that were sent out a significantly larger amount than previous years – reply that no this is about normal

The Registrars report was accepted

**Remits:–**

- 1) Provisional Registration
- 2) To create a new domain in the scope of practise for Technicians involved in management, education, policy and research

**Questions Asked from the floor for Remit 1:**

- What would the time frame be – reply a maximum of 12 months which would provide candidates with 2 chances at the Registration Examination
- When does the 12 months begin – reply when they commence in employment
- Who would this affect now – reply no one

Remit was passed

**Questions Asked from the floor for Remit 2:**

- Can we reduce the 8 hours currently required to maintain registration – reply would need a remit
- Does the Associate membership not cover this – there was then a discussion around the role of Charge Anaesthetic Technicians and that Associate membership covers people who are not Anaesthetic Technicians but have an interest in NZATS eg reps
- There was also a discussion around Educators and there role and number of clinical hours – reply that they would need to provide evidence of clinical hours via a portfolio / professional development document

Remit was passed

**Other items**

- There is the potential for the ODP Diploma (Qualification) not being recognised in New Zealand.

A letter from Wendy Emson was received (this can be viewed on the website) Her letter recommends that ODP's would be required to undertake further study in order to be considered to have an equivalent qualification. The [content](#) of the extra study (via AUT) that ODP's would be required to undertake is currently under consideration by the NZATS executive. A decision will be made by the executive at the next executive meeting.

**Questions Asked from the floor:**

- What is NZQA's view – reply that they are being consulted and [the](#) opinion of the executive is that they are not necessarily going to follow the advice of AUT and that New Zealand Immigration also need to be consulted.

Meeting closed