

**▶ Minutes of NZATS A.G.M**  
**0930 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008**  
**Duxton Hotel, Wellington**

**Present:**

Karen Bennett, Michele Peck, Julie Bromley, Malcolm Stuart, Catharine Hepworth, Tania Kennedy, Mark Somers, Andy Hipkiss, Leanne Morrison, Russ Barker, Liz Windell, Syanne de Waard, Eileen Saunders, Max Ward, Brad Hale, Andrew Beck, Stephen Douglas, Fintan Marshall, Sharon Stiff, Mike Nash, Will Morrish, Simon Donald, Scott Hunter, Dawn Eastwood, Annan Reddy, Dave Greasley, Craig Love, J. Cairns-Nelson, T Robinson, S Mitchell, N Smith-Guerin, Christine Lubbers, Penny Jurgens, Carlus Dovens, Julian Shaw, Rebecca Watts, Shawn Mc Flinn, Ian Mc Kenzie, Joe Hogg, Darren Knight, Tony Matthews, Hamzi Mahagna, Jackie Webb, Peter Barber, Duncan Mc Phail, Simon Spencer-Peet, Tony Prangnell, Louise Lord, Ruth Fox, Matthew Blythe, Joan Redpath, Rupert Otto, Irene Lineham

**Apologies:**

Helen Sullivan

**Opening:**

Karen Bennett opened the meeting and Welcomed everyone. The Executive were introduced.

**Past minutes - 2007 A.G.M.:**

There was an error in the last AGM minutes in the spelling of Hamzi's surname.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

***There was a motion passed for the executive to explore the issues of non training hospitals gaining access to complete the Diploma – AUT academic rules prohibit access to this. NZATS requested feedback from members on this – no feedback was received.***

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. (seconded by Craig Love)

**President's report:**

Karen Bennett read her chairperson's report  
(Refer web site)

**Financial report:**

Read by Michelle Peck

**Question from the floor**

*What is the insurance for?*

*The insurance is indemnity insurance for the executive and members.*

Karen Bennett congratulated Michele Peck on her hard work and professionalism.

Accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Hamzi Mahagna

### **AUT Report:**

Read by Sian Mitchell

(Refer website)

Sian also requested that anyone interested in Marking or teaching should contact her via the NZATS website

Karen Bennett Thanked Sian for her hard work and expertise

### **Registration Examination report**

Read by Nicola Smith-Guerin

(Refer website)

### **Registrars Report**

Read by Andrew Hipkiss

(Refer website)

### **NZATS Executive Elections**

Karen Bennet apologised to the members present for the constitution on the website not being current with regards to the changes, proposed and agreed, to the president position at last years AGM.

President Elect – was the only vacant position and 1 nomination was received - Ian Mc Kenzie. Karen asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and Michele Peck was nominated. Questions were asked from the floor to both nominated people and then voting took place.

Michele was voted in 24 to 16  
5 present were not eligible to vote  
7 abstained from voting

Karen Bennett then asked for any nominations for the now vacant Treasurer position – no one was nominated

### **Other business / Question time**

There was an in-depth discussion around the scope of practise and that if changes were to be made they would need to be done prior to gaining registration and that as some ODP's who work in New Zealand already participate as scrub personnel, was this what the members wanted the scope to include, and feedback is being sought on this issue.

The following questions were asked:

***Clarification was sought on the length that the training would increase to if the scope of practise was extended. It was also pointed out that progression to a degree would mean that DHB's wouldn't be eligible for CTA funding.***

*The suggestion that the scope of practise be changed to include scrubbing was for those who currently fulfil this role as an ODP. The extra paper was not an extra paper but a replacement for HAP2 and members were being asked to suggest what the content of this paper may be. There was also a discussion around the degree implications.*

***The statement was made that the nurses currently do not undertake a course to be able to scrub and that should technicians progress into this area it would be the nursing staff that would be teaching this role.***

*If the progression was in this area than co operation would be required from the nursing staff. The feeling amongst the group was that if the role were to be extended then PACU would be the more appropriate direction*

***Some members present already participated in the scrub role and stated that they were required to complete competencies at their hospital who actively encourage them to take on this role***

*The aim of expanding the current scope of practise was to make this practise more formal as currently the Anaesthetic Technician is under the direct supervision of the anaesthetist and undertaking this role and it not being in the scope of practise when registration comes could potentially mean litigation should any issues arise.*

Discussions also took place around whether the recovery role was a more suitable progression. That there is already a shortage of Anaesthetic Technicians so why spread even thinner. Some members thought an expansion in role may mean higher pay. Some though progression into hospital transfers and arrest Team was a more natural progression, but this already exists in some hospitals.

The meeting closed at 1100