

▶ Minutes of NZATS A.G.M 9th November 2007 at Sky City Auckland

Present:

Karen Bennett, Janine Gunn, Michele Peck, Julie Bromley, Andrew Warmington, Malcolm Stuart, Patricia O' Brien, Mary Fuscic, Catharine Hepworth, tania Kennedy, Ian McKenzie, Mark Somers, Brett Besley, Graham Boyes, Lisa Jane Clark, Stephanie Lewis, TJ Mannik, Helen Nati, Carol Jones, Michael Smith, Maretta Granduna, Natalie Forster, Diane Beach, Martin Turberville-Smith, Sian Mitchell, Greg Bonland, Stuart Moriarty-Patten, Damien Morley, Karen Absil, David Dawoogee, Nick Day, Mark Jackson, Hamzi Maghagna, Tracey Hanna, Murry Ross, Yve Long, George Fuge, Karen Greville, Irene Lineham, Hasimun Ali, Heather Nielson, Jan McCulloch, Tanya Power, Russ Barker, olena Dana, Vanessa Da Silva, Matthew Savage, Dawn Eastwood, Kelly Monk, Stephen Attkins, Kim Draper, Irene Minchin, Angela Dewhurst, Brent Mc Kenzie, Fraser Mee, Andrew Smith, Nicola Smith-Guerin, Tony Jones, Matthew Blythe, Paul Hanson-Brooks, John Ballard, Kylie Parry, Jill Pope, Maureen Chamberlain, Richard Mc Bride, Elaine Holloway, Mike Nash, Adrian Humphreys, Kirin Nahna, Ruth Hedemann, Peter Barber.

Apologies:

No apologies were received

Opening:

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

Past minutes - 2006 A.G.M.:

There was an error in the last AGM minutes the previous minutes should have read 2005 not 2004 as stated.

Matters arising from the minutes

The Memorandum of Understanding with the NZSA had not been pursued.

Question from the floor

What was the outcome of the query as to whether ODP training would continue to be recognised in New Zealand? Karen Bennett confirmed that NZQA had looked into the training and provided the NZATS Executive Committee with a report. It was agreed that the qualification was acceptable. The stipulation of 2 years post qualification experience in Anaesthesia would still remain for Full Registration. If the applicant had less than the 2years experience then Provisional registration was open to them and they would also be required to sit the Registration Exam within 12 months.

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. (seconded by Michele Peck)

President's report:

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

Financial report:

Read by Michelle Peck

- New Auditors and Accountants have been appointed

Accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Julie Bromley

Education Report:

Read by Pat

(Refer website)

Wendy Emsons' Education report from AUT to NZATS was also read by Pat

(Refer website)

Questions Asked from the floor:

Why do you need to be employed at a Training Hospital to upgrade to the Diploma if you already have the certificate?

Pat replied that the first priority was to get the Training to Diploma level for the Trainees.

Registrars Report

Read by Julie Bromley

(Refer website)

Remits:-

- 1) Increase in Registration fees to \$100 for trainees
- 2) Changes to the Chairpersons role to have a president elect, Chairperson and outgoing chairperson position

Remit 1: No Questions were asked

8 postal votes received for

1 postal vote received against

AGM votes – 5 against remainder for

Remit was passed

Remit 2: Questions asked

There was a long discussion re how the process would work and explanation to clarify that there would only be 1 chairperson in place at anyone time

Remit was passed unanimously

NZATS Executive Elections

Tania Kennedy as Communications and PR officer was the only person to remain in position on the executive board. All other terms for the executive were due for renewal.

The Executive Members were voted in as follows:

Chairperson - Karen Bennett

President Elect – no nominations therefore this position remains vacant

Secretary - Catharine Hepworth

Treasurer - Michele Peck

Registrar - Matthew Blythe

AUT Liaison - Sian Mitchell

Registration Examinations - Nicola Smith-Guerin

Continuing Professional Development - Kylie Parry

Other business / Question time

There were concerns raised that the Diploma qualification would prevent those who have the certificate from gaining employment and also affect their salary

progression- Karen Bennett replied that as a Charge Anaesthetic Technician she would be looking at the applicants expertise not whether they had the Diploma or Certificate. There were discussions around access to the Diploma for those in non training hospitals. Karen Bennett replied that this would be looked at by the Executive.

It was also asked that if there was no increase in salary what was the incentive to do the Diploma- Karen Bennett confirmed that the academic component didn't exceed the Certificate of Proficiency but that the Clinical component did. Hamzi Mahagna, Charge Tech Waikato Hospital, who had recently completed the Diploma confirmed that it had filled a lot of gaps in his knowledge. Karen also stated that the Diploma qualification was a directive from the Ministry of Health. For our application for registration to be considered we had to have a Diploma qualification and that for registration purposes there would be no impact on those members with the Certificate as they would be grand parented. The question was then asked why not give those with the certificate the Diploma – This is an academic qualification and cannot just be handed out – it was reiterated again that those with the Certificate would be Grand parented for registration purposes.

The issue of members being excluded as National Assessors was also raised as they had to be employed at a training hospital – Karen Bennett replied that this was a stipulation of AUT

Mike Nash asked the question as to whether there should be a bridging paper for example in pharmacology for those affected instead of completing Tech II and regurgitating everything that they had already done – The executive will take this to AUT to be discussed

Stephanie Lewis – Stated that those who work in private hospitals shouldn't be excluded from obtaining the Diploma – Karen Bennett replied that they can apply for training status. Stephanie Lewis replied that this was limiting progression and putting up road blocks. Patricia O'Brien stated that the priority was to setup training for the trainees at Diploma level as requested by the Ministry of Health

There was a motion passed for the executive to explore the issues of non training hospitals gaining access to complete the Diploma

There were no other issues discussed

Karen Bennett then thanked the outgoing executive members: Mary Fuscic, Janine Gunn, Julie Bromley and Patricia O'Brien

The meeting closed at 1530