

Minutes Auckland Regional Meeting 4th August 2006-08-08

Attending: Heather Godfrey, Cathy Wells, Brett Besley, Morgain Potter, Daniel Williams, Louise Morgan, Shevaun Towers, Helen Mahoney, Pat O'Brien, George Fuge, Georgia Ford, Toni Morris, Tina Hill, Annan Reddy, Nicole Fish, Victor Birioukov, Ian Rex, Martin Van Der Kaay, Karen Absil, Lee Pedersen, Alan Craig, Alan Thomson, Graeme Hakin, Julie Bromley, Stephen Carey, Kylie Parry, Rene MacDonald, Kaylene Henderson, Helen Nati, Steph Lewis, Vinnie Neva, Muriel Cooper, Salina Roe, Steve Kerridge

Apologies: Andrew Warmington, Lisa Clark, Graham Boyes, Fraser Mee, Nga Kairua

Remits:

Discussed Fraser's Remit and other two on AGM agenda.

It was noted Constitution out of date, final version yet to be published.

General discussion followed with general problems as to communication.

Helen and Julie: People not updating personal details, making it hard to post information.

It was suggested to people note change of address forms on NZATS website. Many unaware this section existed. *edit = it only allows information to be entered, not checked if correct.*

Perhaps send to a work address?

Discussion of merits and problems with AGM remits followed;

Remit #1 clarified that it was aimed at foreign applicants that did not meet NZQA standards. They would be working in a training hospital and have to sit COP and reg exam.

Remit #2 identified mostly non clinical techs; such as management and education.

Questions of how the benefit to technicians would be measured and how clinical time policed? Decided it probably wasn't much to worry about.

Request from George for any questions to/from AGM to him please.

Kylie Parry: Some people had difficulty with interpretation of roles.

-Work place assessors judge what preceptors have taught in a separate formal role.

-Manuals given to students when they enrol; for any extra copies, this belongs to AUT, see Wendy Empson

The process checked at the COP – block course weekend

Nicola Smith is the Auckland WPA, she checks on the assessors

Some confusion with the role play on trainers' course. Standards open to interpretation

Kaylene: Registration: step by step process

-criteria set inline with HPCA. English test, police check, qualifications...

Committee assesses, 3 Techs 1 Anaesthetist

Amnesty by Christmas – see NZATS website

PSA: A lot of work needs to be done in the next 6 months. A consultation process will happen, but keen in close touch with your PSA rep for latest developments and feedback.

There are 4 DHB managers, **4 Technicians from 19 groups**, (this is significant, only one is an Anaesthetic Tech – Kaylene), 2 PSA and a facilitator.

This makes the MECA working group.

While we have a regional contract, (e.g. on call rates etc...), we have a national pay scale.

It has been strongly hinted that penal rates will be contested as part of the negotiation.

Things to discuss: Registration costs, most hospitals should pay, some private might not?

There is a very real fiscal restraint due to increase in salaries, won't know what that is until later.

Pat: HPCA: Is justified by: Proof we can do harm to patients.

Application reviewed by Society of Anaesthetists

Shown evidence of the following:

-Scope of practice

-Standards of practice

-Registration

-Registration of members

-Education & training standards

Consultation was sent out by Ministry of Health on 31 March 2006, Closed on 26 May.

From a meeting with MOH 30 June, it was seen that the Registration Council (compulsory membership) would cost about \$400, while NZATS would remain voluntary with separate fee. Of course the professional development relationship between the two would remain.

Professional Development:

The NZATS is to:

- monitor education, processes and initiatives
- Point system, (like CNME fund for doctors) (to be confirmed)
- Portfolio (call it what you want – some proof that you are competent and practicing to the standards set and continuing some educational development) (to be confirmed)
- Assist Techs on how to do it
- Script magazine
- Conferences

Current Numbers= 350 qualified

67 Trainees

What next? Wait to hear back from Minister. At a guess 18 months?

No General Business or comments from the floor

Next Meeting: Auckland seems to be the preferred location, current venue a good compromise, unless for another, plan for the next meeting in November.

Meeting closed 2050