

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL & LOWER NORTH  
ISLAND ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIANS  
MEETING .**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006**

**Grand Chancellor Motel 1800hrs.**

**Present:** Karen Bennett, Jackie Anderson, Lynne van de Waardt, D. McClelland, K.Greville, L. Davies, P. Faaea, T. Condliffe, C.Minton, G. Scarf, C. Dyer, V.Gage, R. Welsh, J.Gunn, C.Lubbers, V.Devery, C.Walker, M. Nettle, P. Hanson-Brooks, M. Clarke, A. Beck, S. Foster, D. Liddell, K. McCauley, M. August, D. Annandakisnan, M.Carpenter, D.Sheppard, K.Lal.

**Apologies:** Andy Leleni. Erin Groom.

1. Last minutes accepted as true and correct.

**2. President's Report:**

\*Registration Application: consultation document out to Doctors, Nurses and Medical Associations.

\*Conference: November conference in Auckland was a very well run stand alone conference.(NZATS combined with ASAPO.)

\*Upcoming Conferences: August 23<sup>rd</sup>-26th 2006 in Dunedin. (NZATS & Anaesthetists). November 9<sup>th</sup>-12th 2006, Gold Coast, Australia. (Anaesthetic Technician World Inaugural)

**3.Diploma:** 38 people have applied thus far. Lynne Anaes.2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 1<sup>st</sup> semester

Anaes.3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

Tech 1. – alongside Anaes.1

Tech 2. – alongside Anaes.2 & 3.

Each hospital must have ratio of 1:4 (been to a workshop at AUT). Also must have manuals up to date. Check website for further details.

**4. Workplace Assessors:** Daneby Liddell recently attended a workshop for assessors at AUT. Commented that he would of preferred to have the workbook available to him prior to workshop. Unfortunately these were not finished in time. A huge amount of work was involved in the booklet; some discussion on wording, standardization needed. One assessment has been carried out at Palmerston North Hospital – went very well. Still a bit of work to get this system up and running nationally. Is an apprentice type scheme. Janine Gunn is a national assessor.

**5. The Script:** Close to printing.

**6. Registration Examiners:** Expression of interest for examiners sought. End of 3 years – exit test. National Assessors are employed by AUT.

**7. C.O.P:** Next Exams are May 12-13 (Dunedin) and October 13-14<sup>th</sup> in Palmerston North.

**8. Educators Meeting:** Next meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> (Conference Centre, Wellington Airport)

**9. AUT:** Getting clarification on ODP Diploma on a par with our diploma. Work in progress.

**10. Updates from hospitals:**

\*Wakefield: New OT in May. 4 FTE techs.

\* Wellington: Cancelling lists due to shortage of techs. Have 2 new trainees.

\* Taranaki: Work is good. Plenty of techs (7 techs, 5 ODP's). Comment regarding comments by Dr. Graham Sharpe (NZSA President) at NZATS conference 2005. NZATS Chairperson has met with the NZSA regarding this matter and state that the society supports Anaesthetic Technicians 1:1 with an Anaesthetist.

\*Hawkes Bay: 6 OT's. Currently staffed well.

\*Southern Cross Wellington: 3 OT's – 3 techs.

\*Hutt: Nothing to report; all good.

\*Bowen: 3 OT's – 1 Tech.

\*Wanganui: Diane reports 1 tech, 1 ODP, 1 Trainee

\*MCH Palm North: 7 OT's; 14 FTE's techs

(2trainees) 2 doing diploma

\*Aorangi: Very busy; 2 techs – 4 OT's.

**11.Appreciation to David Leesburg and Intermed  
for their ongoing support.**

**Meeting Closed: 2000hrs.**