

▶ Minutes of North Island Regional Meeting 2nd April 2004

Present:

Wayne Birch, Gary Boxall, Mark Brunton, Imogen Davies, Sandra Dillon, Sarah-Lanye Hanley, Kaylene Henderson, Hamzi Magasne, Asaph Mall, Fraser Mee, Pat O'Brien, Michele Peck, Ellen Petersen, Diego Raffazli, Maree Smit, Michael Smith, June Southall, Janne Spehr, Pat Wallace.

Apologies:

Karen Absil, Julie Bromley, Lindsay Butler, Muriel Cooper, Alan Craig, Mark Jackson, Betty Jensen, Brenda Knowles, Di Korach, Stephanie Lewis, Liz McRae, Nga, Jonathan Shaw, Nicky Smith-Gulein.

Meeting opened at 19:15 hrs

Welcome from Simon Donald.

Minutes from last meeting – approved.

Copy also available on new website – www.nzats.co.nz

A special thanks to Intermed.

Agenda items:

1. Surviving Shift Work – Martin Turberville-Smith

An informed talk on surviving shift work

Contents: effects of fatigue

normal sleep patterns

different types of fatigue

acclimatisation and recovery

2. New Website – www.nzats.co.nz

Gary Boxall has developed a new website after his previous development of the Futuremed website. Switch on and have a look.

Website news

Gary Boxall – webmaster of revised Technicians site (NZATS) including:

- More user friendly
- Better search engine within site
- More information on the Executive Members

- Events calendar has been included
- Large education page
- Vacancies
- Sponsored links – adverts from companies
- Forum

3. NZ versus UK Registration

ODPs - do not get automatic registration, still need to go before the Executive Board.

- Is it the responsibility of the College of Anaesthetists as to the requirement?
- Further questions raised:
 1. Was the whole nation informed about trainees fee agreement?
 2. Why people with many years nursing experience have salary discrepancies to ODPs coming in as Anaesthetic Technicians.
 3. UK Technicians need to have 2 years post-qualification experience due to the fact that UK Technicians are split between anaesthesia and surgery.

Other topics raised for registration:

- How can someone qualify on 8 hours per week?
 - ? associate membership
 - ? maybe log-books for Charge Technicians / Educators

Meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.