



► Minutes of Central & Lower North Island Regional Meeting 21st May 2004

Welcome was extended to all present especially one new face.

Intermed were thanked once again for their organising and continued financial support to hold the meetings. Food and Beverages aplenty!!

Present:

Karen Bennett, Lynne van de Waardt, Kim McCauley, Kim Nordlof, Simon Neilson, Mike Nash, Dyanne Harbour, Jackie Anderson, Linzi Davies, Craig Love, Christina Lubbers, Duncan McPhail, Pat Glasgow and husband, Grant Scarf, Christine Minton, Janine Gunn, Daneby Liddell, Vicky Gage, Robyn Welsh, Pati Faaea, Marija Durakovic, Robyn Walker, David Leesburg, Chris Walker, Andy Leleni

Apologies:

Bev Meads, Nisha Ali, Mathew Blythe, Scotty, Erin Groom, Donald McElhaney, Leanne Morrison

Meeting opened at 18:30 hrs

Lynne vdw (executive member and Treasurer of NZATS) presented this information for us:-

Code of Conduct: Has been compiled

Return to Practice:

Muted by the meeting that "After 7 years a return to practice Orientation module be compiled and included in the Rules and Regulations."

Badges:

Dyanne Harbour – to follow up

Compulsory Registration:

Will be sorted when applications to HPCA have been sorted and acted on. Sometime in September.

HPCA.

Summary of discussion from Sue Ineson with regard to recognition within the HPCA framework.

1. Do the members want this?
2. Will MOH agree that we should recognise?
3. Should we go with the Medical council or registration Board Secretariat?
4. Or do we go alone?

Supposed to be a questionnaire with regard to this in last issue of the Script asking members what they want with regard to being registered.

OUTCOME:

Survey form to be sent out to all members with regard to what they want. This is to be sorted by August '04 to be included in the applications to HPCA by September '04.



<p>Best to come under existing Boards. Will the Ministry of Health allow us to become recognised. Requirement is - members wishes need to be known. Mark to converse with Pat and Lindsay and begin the canvas with members to report back at the next meeting with actions to then be considered. Mark to attend HPCA meeting in May. To be sorted via e-mail.</p>
<p>Private Hospitals: Letters are to be sent to all private Hospitals in NZ , from the NZSA with reference to having an Anaesthetic Assistant for Anaesthetists in Private Hospital OT's and Clinics administering anaesthetics. This is to comply with the ANZCA Policies on Assistants for Anaesthesia with recommendations to follow these guidelines</p>
<p>Certified Copies: Executive agreed that all copied documentation sent to NZATS Inc has to be certified especially before a COP certificate can be issued. Annette Turley scanned a copy of the COP certificate and made it look very authentic.</p>
<p>Abuse Problems: AT employed with a substance abuse problem. This is an internal problem with the Hospital concerned – HR to deal with. Officially NZATS Registrar needs to be alerted of the problem.</p>
<p>Charge Technicians: Note to be sent to charge technicians with regard to the above issues, and they will deal with in future, when the said technician is applying for further employment. Mark and Erin to draught letter and cc to rest of Executive.</p>
<p>Conference Registrations: Link to Conference Registration for AT via website www.cecanz04.co.nz</p>
<p>Remote Travel Application Form;</p>
<p>New Position: Public Relations Officer: It will be a great idea and a position needs to be created. Job Description needs to be Compiled. ??? some tasks will be Regional reps, Script articles to find, Website assistance, assistance or conference contact to NZATS Inc , ?? Set up a standard format for organising conferences. The position will be about promoting the professional image of the organisation. This involves being in contact with each Hospital, finding out what their needs are and raising the profile of the Society and it's activities. Conference person could report to PR person and PR person be part of the Executive committee and the Central Conference Committee Group</p>
<p>The Alison Holloway Award ▶ Dr Alison Holloway This Award was inaugurated by Dr. Alison Holloway to encourage Anaesthetic Technicians to further their education in Anaesthesia. Dr Holloway was a great believer of Education, Training, support and further development of our profession. Dr. Holloway was based at Queensland, Australia before she retired in 2002 and where she was the Associate Professor of Anaesthesia at the Mater Misericorde Public Hospital and Head of the Anaesthetic Department.. Dr. Holloway was originally from the UK and had been bought up on the UK system of the ODPs and continued to be avid supporter of dedicated assistants to the Anaesthetists. She was a representative to ANZCA, on a number of relevant training committees, and lent a big hand in the training of anaesthetic assistants and technicians</p>



She has been instrumental over the years in the development of and introduction of tertiary based programme for training technicians in Queensland.
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The Alison Holloway Award

This is a perpetual award for those who work within the field of Anaesthesia as a technician, paramedical officer or assistant. It is awarded to the best case study or research paper relating to the area of Anaesthesia or Intensive Care. The most outstanding paper as judged by the Education Officer and Executive Panel will be accepted for presentation at the 8th Educational Conference and Scientific Exhibition from the 16th – 18th September In Perth Australia in 2004.
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Registration information was presented by Karen.
Registrations have been coming in thick and fast. Some hospitals still do not have any current registrations. The need for Certified copies of documents have been the only main hold up in processing applications.

NZATS Website

Discussed how wonderful it is with great information for Trained and Trainees. Please access it if have not already. www.nzats.co.nz

Futuremed website was also discussed as an informal chat site with entertaining entries.? not sure of exact address

www.fmptechs.co.nz/forum/phpBB2/index.php - added by webmaster)

Duncan McPhail presented info. about the NZATS Conference 17th-20th November.
10 speakers organised. Conference will be intertwined with CECANZ presentations and major speakers. 2 x Dinners organised, main dinner being with the anaesthetists. Educators committee planned.

AGM 19th in the afternoon. Accommodation will be on the website soon.
Registration forms will be on a CECANZ Website link mid July.
Apparently accommodation near the venue is already under pressure.
Costs for registration will be approx. \$200.00-\$250.00

Examinations were successfully run in Palmy 14th-16th. Results still to be formally published. Next exams in Dunedin in October.



Forthcoming vacancies on the NZATS board were discussed which generated a lot of discussion and interest from some of the group to apply for vacancies.

Meeting closed at 20:30hrs