



▶ NZAATN Central & Lower North Island Regional Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2003

Chancellor Motor Lodge

Present:

Karen Bennett, Erin Groom, Pati Faaea, Kirsty Ryburn, Graham Malone, Maggie Boyce, Christine Minton and daughter, Robyn Walker, Christina Lubbers, , Mike Nash, Jackie Anderson, Pat Glasgow and husband, Janine Gunn, Robyn Welsh, Tim Stephenson, Dyanne Harbour,

Annette Carse, Jim Edwards, Duncan McPhail, Mathew Batlejeri, Daneby Liddell, Grant Scarf, David O'Connor

Apologies :

Nisha Ali, David Dawoojee, Lynne van de Waardt

Agenda Items

AGM Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2003 minutes discussed

Much discussion was had re the HPCA Bill before Parliament.

Strong feelings were displayed by some of the techs regarding which professional group they did not want to be affiliated with i.e. Nurses.

They felt a referendum of all financial members needed to be carried out before a final decision was made.

It was agreed that great progress had been made by the voluntary unpaid executive members.

ASAPO REPORT 7-9<sup>th</sup> Nov Conference, Gold Coast, Australia presented on behalf of Lynne v-d-w

Conference was themed "Back to Basics" and held at the Gold Coast, Australia. What a beautiful City. Golf was great to.

Programme was well organised and had many varying speakers covering topics from, "Bedside Manners and Communication", to Ether Anaesthesia, Safety in the Operating Theatres, Anaesthesia in Developing Countries, then also included " The History of Anaesthesia" and many more.

Breakfast meetings were held between Australia, UK and NZ with regard to what is happening inclusive of Education in NZ. Pat O'Brien spoke re how Technicians are educated and the full examination process.

Exhibits were of a great calibre and as usual they really expressed appreciation of our work in the Anaesthetic/ Theatre environment.

Conference was well attended by New Zealanders BUT only I went to the AGM and was voted



back as NZ rep to ASAPO, then promptly handed a Job Description Folder. [ Does not suit our environment so I have permission to rewrite it to suit]

Here in NZ we are so far advanced as to registration, especially compulsory registration in comparison to our Aussie counterparts.

They only have 40 registered members in comparison to our 400 plus members.

Some States still have a very bad attitude to the education of an Anaesthetic Assistant as per the Guidelines of the PS8 document of the ANZCA body.

Committee Positions as follows:

President:	Chris Evans	WA
Vice President:	Shaun Milburn	Rep Qld
Secretary:	Daniel Johnson	Qld
Treasurer	Leann Boaden	? Qld
Education Officer	Barbara Lindbergs	Qld
Public Relations	Shane Guy	?
NZ Representative	Lynne van de Waardt	NZ

Websites to visit:

Australia. [www.asapo.com.au](http://www.asapo.com.au)

United Kingdom. [www.aodp.org.uk](http://www.aodp.org.uk)

Cocktail evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> was great and Gala dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended despite the 2 Rugby games that were on, AHA winner was announced and presentation was on Sunday morning.

Next ASAPO Conference is in Perth WA on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

General Business:

Grant Scarf briefly explained the format for next years' NZATS Conference to be held in Wellington 17 - 20 November. Techs invited to present papers for conference and forward them to Duncan McPhail, his e-mail address being [duncan.mcphail@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:duncan.mcphail@ccdhb.org.nz)

A thank you was once again extended to Intermed for their continued support for our Regional Meetings. Without their organisational skills and monetary support our meetings would unlikely have such a large number of attendees. A Xmas tree decorations and presents for all were greatly

appreciated.

After our meal Tim Stephenson and Jim Edwards from Taranaki hospital gave us an informative talk about medics working on the Maui Gas and Oil platforms and ship at sea off the New Plymouth coast

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING UPDATE

Erin arrived later after returning from an executive meeting in Auckland.

This is her report:

- Website will be having an upgrade to coincide with our name change and Logo
- NZATS will be becoming GST Registered if required by IRD
- Newsletter will be hopefully printed by Xmas
- Cost and supply of NZATS Badges with registration to be organised
- COP Examinations next year 14,15,16<sup>th</sup> May in Palmerston North and October 15,16,17<sup>th</sup> October in South Island (location to be finalised)
- HPCA - still progressing towards becoming a Registered body. Avenues being analysed including other technical/biomedical professions.
- 2 Laptops are to be purchased for the Secretary and Education Officer to ensure all information pertaining to their role is stored safely and can be passed on to the next office holder with ease. The Registrar and President currently have a laptop purchased last year.
- To improve communication hospital delegates are to be appointed at each hospital that the regional representatives will liaise with
- 5yr Strategic plan discussed i.e. Where do you see ourselves in 5yrs time? And Education – ongoing to trained techs and CME towards registration?? Any ideas please forward to the executive through the website.
- Remote Travel Fund being developed . Funding will be available through the treasurer to enable techs to attend regional meetings/conferences.
- Standards of Practice still being finalised. To be on the website in March
- Practice Regulations Decided : If the tech is not working as a tech for more than 18 months a return to practice programme and assessment of that is required for a minimum of 160 hours( one month and up to 3 months if applicable. The supervision of the returning tech should be done by



another senior technician

- Suicide amongst Technicians discussed .There have been 8 suicides in 8 years. The executive will support each hospital as much as possible but feel that individual departments/Charge techs/Supervisors of Training and Employment Assistance Programmes currently address this. Stresses of Study workloads were discussed

- Registration cards will be issued from our next financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2004)

Meeting closed 22:00 hrs