

► Minutes of South Island Regional Meeting 2nd April 2004

Present:

Mandy Ivory, Cathie Hepworth, Brian Blakeway, Maurice Scoble, Deborah Austin, Rachell M<sup>c</sup>Leod, Joan Redpath, Janice Power, Will Morrish, Irene Lineman, Heather Nielsen, Tanya Power, Tracy Mitchell, Jan M<sup>c</sup>Collough

Apologies:

Craig Mills, Catlin M<sup>c</sup>Taggart, Diane Beech, Brad Hale, Peter Watson, Bill Clark, Mark Jackson, Lindsay Butler, Pat O'Brian, Lindsay Scholfield

Meeting opened at 18:30 hrs

Agenda items:

- New Web site now up and running. [www.nzats.co.nz](http://www.nzats.co.nz)
  - New financial year has started as of 1<sup>st</sup> April, time to re-register \$50.00 Qualified Anaesthetic Technician, \$30.00 Trainee Anaesthetic Technician. Registration provides us with a new wallet size practicing certificate, a remote travel fund, maintenance of the new web site and magazine, Badges.
  - Conference details for 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2004 can be obtained from the new web site c/o Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Phail. Conference will be held in Wellington Te Papa in conjunction with anaesthetists. Registration will be approximately \$200.00.
  - Mark Jackson had a meeting approx. 2 weeks ago with the NZSA (NZ society of anaesthetists) and the ANZCA (Aus NZ College of Anaesthetists). Both organizations gave us their full support and are pushing for the NZ Medical council to become overseer of the NZATS. Registration is still on track for Sept 2004. This years AGM will see the executive team up for re-election, If you would like to nominate someone you will be able to do so on line. It would be great to see some Sth Islanders on the executive team.
  - Erin Groom will have the updated register of registered members as soon as people send in their registration forms. The one currently showing is out dated due to the timing of the new web site coinciding with the end of the financial year.
- As the NZATS is moving closer to registration most agencies are insisting that ODPs and ODAs be registered with the NZATS although NZ immigration isn't consistent in this regard. Residency applications however do require registration with the NZATS.
- Pat O'Brian is waiting to here from the CTA regarding the change in anaesthetic qualification from certificate to diploma level. The report is due in early May 2004.
  - Joan Redpath (Charge Tech Invercargill) raised the issue of a nation wide collective wage packet for anaesthetic technicians there was a general discussion about this.
- She also discussed the problems she'd encountered with AUT regarding her two trainees and the lack of contact with Wendy Emson.



- Flowers were presented to Rachell McLeod for all her hard work as the previous regional representative and to wish her well in her new endeavor as a mother.
  - Kirk Blumers, (senior army medic) gave a power point presentation on his time in Afghanistan working in conjunction with the American army medic corps. (Very interesting.)
- Meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.