



▶ NZAATN South Island meeting 03/10/03

Brian Blakeway, Mark Jackson (Chairman), Craig Mills, Martin Clark, Irene Lineman, Pat O'Brian (Clinical training & development co-ordinator in anaesthetic assistance), Rachele Frethey-McLeod (Regional Rep), Heather Nielsen, David Gilzeen, Brad Hale, Will Morrish, Kerry Rutledge, Tanya Power, Bill Clarke (Regional Rep), Jan Power, Joan Redpath.

Meeting commenced at 1900hrs.

Meeting opened by Heather, giving outline of Techs in South Island approx figures of 95 Techs with approx 50 registered members. The general feeling from the Sth Island Techs was one of dissatisfaction with the lack of communication from committee members. The Sth Island Regional Reps were asked what feedback they've had from committee members, and the general feeling was very little.

Rachele stated that on numerous occasions she'd tried to initiate contact with committee members, but was still waiting on replies months later.

When Joan Redpath was asked what contact she'd had with her representative she claimed she hadn't had any, despite Bill stating he'd sent several communications.

Rachele asked if the diploma vs degree for anaesthetic techs has been decided yet as the nurses had brought the subject up at their latest peri-operative meeting and seemed to have more access to information than we did.

The question was also raised about ODP/ODA qualifications compared to NZ anaesthetic qualifications.

Mark Jackson responded by stating that after a transcript of the ODP course had been submitted to the NZQA, it was decided that ODP qualifications + 2yrs post grad = the NZ cert. of proficiency in anaesthetics.

Mark then gave an outline of the achievements the Society in regard to formal registration and the expected changes that will occur with compulsory registration due to the HPCA legislation which will be passed in 2004.

Pat O'Brien then spoke & gave a power point presentation outlining the structure and history of the NZAATN which gave us an idea of the problems and challenges being faced by the society and the hopes & aspirations for the future.

She also gave an over view of the training scheme and the proposal for a diploma qualification with a possible degree back up.

Our name has now changed to New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians Society.

Rachele announced her resignation as a South Island Representative.

Bill Clarke was to organize nominations & voting for a representative in her place and notifv the



secretary of the new representative ASAP.

Mark Jackson stated that the new representative must be a member of the society.

Pat O'Brian was to send us a disk outlining her Training program and the history of the Society.

Mark Jackson was to send a disk on recruitment and retention of members and changes to rules in ODA/ODP registrations in NZ.

South Island members to encourage non-members to join. The secretary will send out forms to regional representatives.

Meeting closed at 2030 hrs.