

<p>▶ South Island Meeting for the NZAATN Friday 27th June 2003</p>
<p>Present:</p> <p>Rachell Frethey McLeod, Heather Neilsen, Brian Blakeway, April Savill, Maurice Scoble, David Gilzean, Will Morrish, Rodger Cromarty, David Narain, Trevor Baird, Martin Clarke, Irene Higgs, David Leesburg</p>
<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Deborah Austin, Helen Henderson, Ross Imlay</p>
<p>General Discussion:</p> <p>Rachell began the meeting by discussing her role as the Canterbury regional representative, and of how little benefit this is as far as communication goes. She hadn't had any communications or information to pass onto local members, from the national organisation (NZAATN) in well over a year, and felt that this was totally unsatisfactory. Rumours as to what may be happening were heard, but unless these are relayed in an official manner, they remain pure rumour and speculation. Attempts at gaining information were made, but to date little had resulted. Some direction in the organisation was desperately needed.</p> <p>Will commented that an agenda wasn't available, as he felt we needed to discuss the purpose of these meetings and also the purpose of the organisation for which these meetings were being held.</p> <p>Many people raised concerns that no acknowledgement had been received by them to indicate that they had paid their subs, and because of this were unsure if they were financial members of the organization at this time. There is no communication between the South Island and North Island regions of the organisation. We all felt that the first thing for us to do, as the South Island part of this group, was to obtain a copy of the most up to date data indicating this info. For that we are to contact Erin Groom. Each work area i.e.: Hospital will need to have a representative in place to pass on any info to colleagues, encourage those who are not current members to join, as this is the first step in making positive changes from this part of the country. By doing this we will also update the National database register with personal details i.e.: addresses, work places etc.</p> <p>It was suggested, that to get us back on track, we should hold three meetings per year. David Leesburg pointed out that, at this stage, Intermed were to continue supporting the Anaesthetic Technicians and Nurses. He suggested having a representative from the South Island, at the NZ meeting, to be held in Palmerston North next month, where we may be able to raise our concerns with the appropriate people. David was to see whether he could indeed arrange this. It was suggested that Heather could do this, and perhaps further down the track one of the North Island committee members could attend one of our meetings for the same reasons. Also David won't be covering our area much longer he is going to concentrate on the longer North Island so Penelope Jagger will become the Southern Intermed Rep. She will be based in Christchurch where she has nursed for sometime. Her position is effective from July 16th. Both Maurice and Dave N thanked Intermed on behalf of our group and looked forward to ongoing support.</p> <p>Trevor brought up the fact that the last we had heard regarding compulsory registration was that Annette King was so close on passing this through parliament we would know shortly, that was over a year ago. We'd like to know the latest on this issue. We all agreed becoming a professional body was vital within our field. Also he mentioned that no one had received remits for the Palmerston North meeting which, with the meeting so close was very poor.</p> <p>A general discussion occurred with submissions from everyone regarding the purpose of the organisation. It was decided that this is the only organisation we have. so we need to make the</p>

most of it. We need to strengthen the bonds within the South Island members first and then take issues, questions to the National Organisation. We need to lobby membership by encouraging every member to continue supporting this organisation by paying their current subscription of \$20 per annum, in order to bring about changes and accountability for fees and the general direction of the organisation etc.

Perhaps aiming for a South Island member to become the next Vice President would help as Dave N suggested. Sometime ago when Trevor and himself were involved in starting this organization this certainly helped with regards to National communication.

April said more members will give us more votes and this in turn will enable us to change rules within the body. We have to be looked upon as a cohesive group. Lack of members will not provide any progress.

Plan:

Our next meeting was penciled in for September-October 2003. This would allow Heather to attend PN meeting and also encouraging more members to attend with plenty of notice. We need all representatives from all centres throughout the South Island to attend and David L said that Intermed would help out with regards to travel costs as much as they could.

So we need to:

- Update the national database
- Update Intermed database
- Contact all centres around South Island and encourage active membership
- Encourage attendance to all meetings
- Increase financial membership and improve organisation within the NZAATN starting with the South Island.
- Suggested we need an agenda for our next meeting. Contact David L or Will for submissions.
- Next meeting we need to elect a Chairperson as it was felt this would provide a more structured discussion.
- Also we need a designated secretary to document minutes and then pass on copies to all centres. A copy of the current minutes will be forwarded to Lynne van de Waardt the current national secretary.

Meeting closed 21:26 hrs