



New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians' Society

AGM report 11th November 2023

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the amazing group that I have sat alongside on the NZATS executive team. The number of voluntary hours that each Exec member generously gives to our Organisation and Profession is outstanding.

I have been very privileged to be part of this team for many years and in hopefully handing over today I have immense pride in what we have achieved for our Profession. My passion for our profession and the NZATS body is what has kept me on the Exec team and previously a Regional rep for sooo long, oh and maybe the fact I couldn't bribe anyone to take over.

I will miss being involved, and I encourage any one of you to put your hand up, whether it is in an Exec role, a regional role or just offering to help at an education day. The rewards of giving back to our Profession will be very gratifying.

I would like to acknowledge Becs in the NZSA office. Despite the fact Matt thinks Becs is his personal PA, we all utilise her skills. With what we pay for office fees we get 10 hours per week of secretarial support from Becs. Without her support we could not maintain what we do. Becs has been pivotal in keeping our membership going. As many of you will be aware we have had issues with membership and Becs has been investigating options to streamline this. One option is Wild Apricot which will most likely be what we go with. Becs will happily answer any questions around this.

CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

- The accounts are looking reasonable at the current time with balances as follows:

Main account: \$132257

Regions \$ 38952

Bonus Saver \$ 73427

Term Investment \$ 35112

- Our main sources of income remain to be from membership fees and website advertising.
- There are still a number of AT's not members. Please encourage your colleagues to join.
- We get audited at the end of each Financial year and Dianna our NZATS Accountant and I work through this together. This year the auditors were late getting involved and we have only just this week received the Financial reports. Matthew and I have only in the last 2 days looked at and signed off the Financials.
- This financial report for the year ended March 2023 is available to look at please either a few hard copies or they will be available on the website with the minutes of this AGM.
- Any questions as to the financials I am happy to answer.
- In the year ended 31 March 2023 NZATS completely upgraded the website, we attended Careers expo days around the country in conjunction with AUT, attended and participated at many education days.

JOB ADVERTS

- Job adverts have been coming in on a frequent basis and as mentioned are a fantastic revenue earner

EDUCATION FUND

- A reminder that this fund is available to any NZATS members who wish to organise any education session or meeting. The form can be accessed through the website and is for up to \$1500. This is at the discretion of the Exec team. If accessed it doesn't have to wait for the next Exec meeting for approval. Once received it would be circulated for approval ASAP.
- This year we have only had 2 requests for funding
Palmerston North for a POCUS day
Hastings for a POCUS day
- We advertise this fund regularly and would love to see more uptake

Some things NZATS have sponsored this year:

- NZATS was very pleased to be able to host and sponsor the 4th CAT/Professional leaders/Team Leaders forum at the Cordis in Auckland.
- This was well attended and we had great feedback. I would like to see this to continue and have the support of our accountant. It is a great way of ensuring everyone is on the same page and is expected that the attendees pass on valid information to their departments on return.
- NZATS sponsored a POCUS and an Airway day, both in Auckland. These were well attended and a valuable event to support. If anyone is interested in running a POCUS day or an Airway day in their area, remember the education fund. NZATS Exec will always support this and remember there is a wealth of knowledge with people that have run these days before.
- We sponsored the inaugural Education day in Wellington that Katrina Walsh will mention and talk to.
- We have sponsored other regional meetings/ education days.
- We arranged and held the Waiheke symposium
- We paid the annual subscription for the Journal articles from AfPP that are accessible for members on the website.
- We donated 10 NZRC Core advanced books for Brenda Knowles to take to the Pacific.
- We were going to sponsor a Pacific AT to attend Conference BUT he didn't attain a visa in time.

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