

**Minutes for AAAGP Teleconference
7 August 2007 12 midday**

- 1 Attendance**
Deb Askew, Mark Nelson, Graeme Horton, Debbie Mutton
- 2 Apologies**
Dimity Pond, Kelsey Hegarty, Marjan Kljakovic, Jon Emery, Grant Blashki
- 3 Minutes of Last Meeting**
Accepted
- 4 Business Arising**
- 5.1.2 **Membership** Mark
Action: Mark to email Debbie with reminder for subscriptions.
Action: Debbie to email Mark with J Parikh's details. Debbie
- 5.7
- 5 General Business**
- 5.1 **Membership**
5.1.1 New members S Egan, J Bestic, A Barnard, E Warnecke, M Temple-Smith accepted into membership.
- 5.2 **Newsletter**
Articles are not generally forthcoming so to assist with contributions, the committee agreed the best approach was to contact members directly. With this in mind, a couple of members who registering for the RACGP Scientific Convention will be contacted beforehand to write an article.
Action: Mark will report about GPET Summit. Debbie to contact Steve Trumble about a report on the GPET Convention. Mark
- 5.3 **Eponymous Medal**
Mark has visited the foundry where the medal will be made. Their work is of a very high standard and medals are presented in boxes. A discussion ensued about the style and colour of the medal. The committee agreed this award will not be limited to general practice but will recognise a person who underpins research or teaching. A3GP will suggest to PHCRIS to have the award built into the GP & PHC Conference. Deb A and Mark will work up criteria, the process of nomination and the criteria in which the person should be judged.
Action: Debbie to email all members for suggestion as to who this medal should be named after. Debbie
Action: Mark to contact the company to go ahead with medal in "Bronze" coating. Mark
- Working Groups**
- 5.4 5.4.1 **Medical Students Placements**
The GPET summit held in Melbourne was well presented by A3GP members Mark, Dimity, Jon Emery & Steve Trumble. All chaired a session during the summit and were involved in working up recommendations and producing a document which was then presented to Minister Tony Abbott. All recommendations were accepted enthusiastically by the minister and he also recommended that the Medicare rebate be increased for Drs who have students with them. Mark reported that this "summit document" has a very good chance of being the catalyst towards a policy being adopted.

5.4.2 Engaging Registrars in Research (Deb A)

The committee discussed sometime ago the need for a working party. Deb A has done some research on the subject. At present, if a registrar chooses to learn the skills for research, it prolongs their training. Deb believes the curriculum focus needs to change to ensure that all GPs have sufficient research skills to incorporate them into their practice. They will then be more able to critically appraise research papers. A discussion ensued as to where RACGP were up to with rewriting their syllabus. Deb is keen to see that research training is incorporated and adequately assessed in the syllabus. She believes that a research project is not as important as critical appraisal skills.

Action: Deb A to write to Morton Rawlin (RACGP) on behalf of A3GP to enquire about where the process for the syllabus is up to. She will also make recommendations based on working groups findings. Deb A

Travelling Fellowship for 2007

- 5.5 A discussion centred around awarding the award for this year. There are no applicants at this stage however, Deb A enquired as to whether committee members were excluded. Mark confirmed that they are not.

GPET Recruitment Working Group Rep

- 5.6 Amanda Barnard is our representative.

RACGP Convention

- 5.7 5.7.1 Research Session

Action: Debbie to confirm with Dimity whether we have a dedicated time for this session Debbie

5.7.2 AGM

The AGM will be held during a breakfast session.

Action: Debbie to confirm numbers and food arrangements and to email nominations for committee officers and life members. Debbie

6 Other Business

- 6.1 IT Research Project

Ian Williams has contacted Mark with an IT research project that may help attract more GPs into research and academia. Ian believes that many GPs aren't aware of information available through computer software. Ian has also discovered that present software doesn't provide good population data. He would like to discuss this issue with software companies through A3GP. These companies may then like to offer a PhD Scholarship. The committee agreed it was a good idea and that A3GP would support him in his endeavours. Mark suggested that Ian write up a proposal and send to him, including in his proposal a GP interface usability to give the company a user friendly edge

- 6.2 A3GP Advertising.

Debbie has had another 2500 flyers printed for A3GP. She is always on the lookout for conferences to send them to for delegate satchels (so far there has been no cost to insert them!). Debbie has sent out 500 to the GPET convention (Aug), 400 for the Dementia Forum (Sept) and will send another 400-500 for the RACGP convention (Oct).

- 7 Next meeting 18 September.