

# Minutes for AAAGP Committee T/C

## 29 July 2008 12 midday

1. Attendance: Mark, Joachim, Graeme, Jon, Debbie
2. Apologies: Deb A, Marie, Dimity
3. Minutes of last meeting - Accepted
4. Business Arising

### 4.1 GP Super Clinics

Mark sent a letter to the minister 3 July with recommendations by our HODs and has had no acknowledgement as yet.

### 4.2 Distinguished paper criteria (Deb A)

Deb A has looked around at other models of awarding distinguished paper, and has received a very informative email back from Arch Manious from NAPCRG which she forwarded to committee members. Deb proposed that we adopt this process fully or in part - ie. asking people to nominate for the award, and submit full papers, or, proper structured abstracts using either IMRAD format or the format used by the BMJ etc which contains more detail. The committee with his proposal.

**Action:** Deb to provide a summary for committee and this will then be submitted to PHCRIS.

### 4.3 AAAGP Name

Deb A proposed a name change to be more inclusive of non-GPs. Mark stated that because we are an association, we will need 2/3 of our membership to agree to make the change.

**Action:** Debbie to add to agenda for AGM.

### 4.4 Letter to Division CEOs encouraging membership (Mark)

**Action:** Mark to compile letter.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1. Membership

#### 5.1.1. New members

Finances

### 5.2. Communications to President

#### 5.2.1 Review of Academic Registrar Posts - (GPET- Jane Cook)

This meeting on 12 August is to discuss the creation of 10 permanent positions in departments/disciplines around the country. It is important that we have representative attending however, Mark has been unable to select a suitable member to date as many are involved in other NHMRC meetings on this day.

**Action:** Mark to send out general appeal to members to find a member who is local or can attend via T/C.

### 5.3. Newsletter

Graeme has approached Sarah Dennis to replace him as editor after AGM and she has agreed. Graeme will nominate her for the position. Graeme requested she attend T/Cs leading up to November when she will take over.

Suggested Lead article for November issue: WONCA Asia Pacific Regional conference.

#### **5.4. Website**

Debbie reported she has updated the website with our winners from the GP & PHC Conference and also included Jane's acceptance speech for the Bridges-Webb Medal. Debbie has also addressed a couple of issues raised during the conference eg. On the index page there is mention that all staff in the GP environment are welcome to become members and when reading about membership, if people don't know any members to sign for them, they are encouraged to send their form anyway and we will arrange the signatures.

#### **5.5 Working groups**

##### **PBRNs**

Mark received the following email from Hitendra Gilhotra, Department of Health and Ageing :

"Thank you for bringing the AAAGP proposal for supporting practice based research networks to my attention.

You will appreciate that it would be premature for the Department to form a view regarding support for research networks prior to the completion of the PHC RED Strategy evaluation later this year. However, further to the advice that you received in response to your letter to the Minister on the subject, I can advise that your proposal has been provided to the evaluator of the PHC RED Strategy to assist in the development of strategic directions for primary health care research in Australia.

I look forward to exploring the topic further following the evaluation of the PHC RED Strategy".

#### **5.7 Continuation of PHCRED program**

There is supposed to be a meeting with HODs to discuss the preliminary report.

Possible it will be continued with a reduction to funding but nothing definite.

**Action:** Mark to write and ask to view the preliminary report.

#### **5.8 Wonca (2-5 Oct)**

5.8.1 AGM (A3GP) Fri 3 Oct 5.00 -6.30pm

5.8.2 HOD meeting Sat 4 Oct 5.00 – 6.30pm

**Action:** Mark to recontact P Schattner for names for HODs overseas attending.

#### **5.9 Teaching Program & Budding Researchers (G8 – G Miller)**

**Action:** Mark to email Graham to ask what next?

#### **5.10 ERA Consultative Document**

Jane Gunn reviewed the ERA consultative document and proposed that A3GP deal with the following issues:

- decide upon quality measures appropriate to our discipline
- develop discipline specific measures of success and /or uptake in applied research
- set benchmarks for academic general practice (ideally this would be done

with our SAPC and NAPCRG & WONCA colleagues)

- Ensuring that AAAGP reviews the ARC draft journal ranking list for our area is crucial
- It is not clear which cluster we would be 'counted in' - Cluster 7 (clinical sciences) or cluster 8 (public health and health services or 'other medical and health sciences' --- this is an ongoing issue for us and we need to consider this

The committee agreed these points could be discussed at HODs mtg and then form a working group from this including international people.

**Action:** Debbie to put on agenda for HODs mtg at Wonca.

### 5.11 National Primary Health Care Partnership (NPHCP)

Not discussed.

### 5.12 Relationship with SAPC (Society for Academic Primary Care)

Dimity reported while in UK, she had a really productive discussion with Amanda Howe, current SAPC president, about possible collaboration. Amanda was fine about setting up reciprocal website links, and suggested we talk to the HOD group (slightly different from SAPC itself) about the idea of expressing an interest in reciprocal sabbatical and other placements.

Amanda also mentioned a couple of things they do with NAPCRG: One is to sponsor a prize for the best NAPCRG paper. The winner has a small amount (\$500) put towards coming to the SAPC meeting to present the paper as an invited speaker. She said we might consider something like this for SAPC. Dimity spoke to the person who was presenting the paper at SAPC and he was delighted with the bit of sponsorship, and happy to throw some money of his own in as well.

Other possibilities discussed included:

\* a joint RCGP/RACGP prize or bursary to attend SAPC and perhaps visit some departments of GP was well (of course the Colleges would need to be consulted about this). Apparently the RCGP likes developing links in this way, - perhaps with an indigenous GP researcher?

\*Mentoring schemes of some sort, albeit by email

\*Publishing our papers in the SAPC affiliated journal (Primary Health Research and Development) eg something about AAAGP (perhaps I could finally publish the results of the survey we did a few years ago)

\*social events eg if enough Australian were at SAPC we could form a side for their currently 4 nation soccer tournament

\* We could advertise our conferences and other events on the website

\* There might be a possibility of joining SAPC special interest groups without joining SAPC itself, if we were interested, perhaps as corresponding members (this would need to be worked out).

**Action:** Dimity to provide report at next T/C.

**Action:** Debbie to add to Wonca HOD agenda.

6. Other Business

7. Next meeting 26 August.

8. Meeting closed 12.40pm.