

Minutes for AAAGP Committee Teleconference 24 June 2008 12 midday

1. Attendance: Deb Askew, Graeme, Mark, Debbie, Marie, Jon, Dimity
2. Apologies: Lucio,
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Business Arising

4.1 Academic Freedom letter (publication)

Mark letter on behalf of A3GP was published in AusDoc. Mark stated he wanted to send this letter earlier while the topic was "hot" however, seeking consensus from committee took extra 3 weeks. It was recommended that with future important issues a 24hr response be requested. There has been a successful outcome with this issue and it will be the lead article in our July newsletter.

5. General Business

5.1. Membership

5.1.1. New members - Victoria Palmer (Uni Melb) Nicholas Lennox (UQ)
Annette Dupont (Monash) Joel Rhee (UNSW) Mark Morgan (Greater Health)
Tim Shortus (UNSW) Carolyn Kefford (UniSyd)
Manisha Fernando (Registrar – Vic) Melinda Prince (UniSyd)
Wendy Lee (Monash) Rosa Schattner (Monash)
Accepted.

5.1.2. Finances

While Marie was on the booth, there were a number of delegates who came to talk and a couple asked about division membership. Mark stated we can't have institutional membership due to our constitution. There was a much better response when there were academics on our stand. People were ready to sign form and pay. Stand needs to be closer to where people are walking thru. Many people still think you have to be a GP to be a member. There was some discussion about our name which perceives us as being exclusive to GPs. If we decide to change our name, Dimity recommended including NZ in our discussions.

Action: Mark to write email which will be distributed to Division CEOs encouraging them to join and also promote A3GP.

Action: Debbie to adjust application form on website stating if applicants don't know any members to sign for them, we will arrange this.

Action: Mark to look at previous minutes about our name and then to raise issue

at next T/C.

5.2. Communications to President

None.

5.3. Newsletter

Travelling Fellowship/ Lobbying Lunch/Academic Freedom/New members contacted.

Graeme has approached a couple of people to take over editor role after Nov.

Action: Marie to ask Jane for article about receiving Bridges-Webb medal/photo.

Action: Debbie to ask Ellen for photos from dinner and conference.

Action: Debbie to place add in newsletter for new editor.

5.4. Website

Marie suggested we change wording on website to reflect non GPs are welcome. We could include a picture of Jane receiving her medal with appropriate wording.

5.5. Working groups

5.5.1 GP Super Clinics

Jon –summit – hoped it would aim to develop a summary of where the clinics should be heading.. Jon has drafted a letter to go to the gov't department. This letter reflects a preferred model from GP perspective and offers solutions to problems.

Action: Jon to email his final letter to Debbie who will then send to all HODs for signatures (ask for quick response). Include Claire & Doris.

5.7 Continuation of PHCRED program

Action: Mark to write letter of support.

5.8 PBRNs

Action: Mark to follow up on letter sent.

5.9 GP & PHC Conference - Hobart

5.9.1 Debrief – See 5.1.2

5.9.2 Distinguished paper selection

Deb questioned how effective the reviewers are in selecting the papers. It was agreed that current criteria needs to be reviewed and reflect our award.

Also at time of selection, guidelines need to be circulated to reviewers.

Action: Deb A to contact other organisations and find out how they select their distinguished papers.

5.9.3 Post Doctorate Breakfast

Lots of interest in getting a group underway so expect more on this topic. Those present recommended that application forms be available at future sessions as it was a good promotional opportunity.

5.9.4 HOD mtg

This went well and discussions were proficient. Jon suggested considering how we fit it into the conference next year. The meeting was valued and much better than previous years. A half day is sufficient. The committee agreed this needs to be an annual event.

6. Other Business

6.1 Teaching program around budding researchers – G8 (G Miller's email)

Action: Mark to circulate and ask for feedback.

7. Next meeting 29 July.

8. Meeting closed