

Minutes for Committee Teleconference Tuesday 6 May 2008 12 midday (EST)

1. Attendance: Luico, Mark, Jon, Graeme, Dimity, Debbie, Marjan, Marie

2. Apologies: Deb A

3. Minutes of last meeting: Accepted

4. Business Arising

4.1 (6.3) Academic Freedom

The uni denied that A Gunn was an “academic” employee. Claire Jackson confirmed he is a lecturer and a researcher and part of their department. Uni then replied he has an honorary position. Discussion arose around the thought that honorary staff are exploited and treated as second half citizens. Mark offered to write an article for a medical newspaper considering the issue of valuing our academic honoraries (which should be extended to conjoints) and protecting their freedom of speech. The committee agreed they should have the same rights and responsibilities as paid staff.

Action: Mark to send his draft article to all HODs for comments and signing.

5. General Business

5.1. Membership

5.1.1. New members

Paul Grinzi (Uni Melb) Andrew Gunn (Uni Qld) Sarah Larkins (JCU)

Susan Webster (Uni Melb) . Accepted.

5.2. Finances

5.2.1 Subscription

Mark & Marie had a T/C to discuss our situation. The year ahead is looking grim. We need to look at ways to increase our income. We could increase our subscriptions (equivalent organisations charge \$150 p/a) but we also need to consider other means. Mark suggested sponsorship from pharmaceutical companies in the form of acknowledgements in newsletter/website and also department contributions. We are now more active which does create more expenses. Lucio suggested looking at reciprocal membership where there are mutual benefits.

Action: Lucio to check out possible reciprocal memberships.

Action: Debbie to add to agenda for members meeting in Hobart

Action: Mark & Marie to discuss further and email members for suggestions. Marie to do analysis of accounts and distribute to members before meeting in Hobart.

5.3. Communications to President

5.3.1 Healthcare Council for Gerson Lehrman Group – access to members for survey

Mark wasn't prepared to forward members details without discussion. Marie suggested the group be charged for each of our members to participate. A figure of \$10 each was recommended.

Action: Mark to consider further and propose a cost to Gerson Lehrman Group.

5.4. Newsletter

Graeme commented he was pleased with the quality of contributions this time. We did approach a couple of new members however, there were no articles submitted. This will be pursued in following editions. Suggestions from the committee for the next newsletter included:

- a) Lead article - Academic Freedom (Mark)
- b) Hobart conference - J Furler Post doctorate breakfast and Marie Lobbying Lunch
- c) Lucio - Australian Workforce Issues.
- d) Jon – Super Clinics

5.5. Website

No new content.

5.6. Working groups

Jon advised the call for expression of interests for Super Clinics is now out. All information about the governments new initiative can be found at www.health.gov.au. Enter "GP super clinics" into the search engine.

5.7. PBRNs (Practice Based Research Networks)

Acknowledgement received but no further response from present government.

Action: Marie to suggest this would be a good example to be discussed at Lobbying Lunch.

Action: Debbie to add to HODs agenda

5.8. GP & PHC Conference

5.8.1 Booth- display/materials/helpers to promote membership

Each committee member present agreed to spend some time on the booth this year to talk to people about becoming members of AAAGP. Suggested "promotional" material for the booth included photos of previous Travelling Fellowship Winners, photos of last year's Gala Dinner and having a Bridges-Webb medal on display.

5.8.2 Research session

Not discussed.

5.8.2 Distinguished paper

People were nominated in 2006 by the reviewers. This year Deb, Mark & Marie reviewed 11 papers that were selected on average by PHCRIS. Only one made the criteria so they then went through all the abstracts themselves and short listed to 5 papers. The abstracts were restricted to 250 words which didn't give enough detail so authors were requested to provide a more detailed summary. Mark had COI so Marie & Deb made final selection. The winning presenters for 2008 are Justin Beilby & Parker Magin.

There was a discussion about the standard of the papers to be selected from this year. The committee agreed feed back to PHCRIS was necessary requesting more detail in abstracts being considered for Distinguished Papers.

Action: Debbie forgot to mention at T/C that Deb A would like to head up a discussion to improve the selection process for 2009.

5.8.3 Post doctorate breakfast

Not many responses as yet. **Action:** John to remind members via email list.

5.8.4 First Time Presenter award

First application has been received. PHCRIS will remind delegates through their conference update bulletin.

5.8.5 Bridges-Webb medal

5.8.5.1 Nominations closed/to be selected

Action: Mark to email committee members to determine selection committee.

5.8.6 HODs meeting

Action: Debbie to send draft agenda to Mark.

5.8.7 Lobbying Lunch

Action: Marie to email Nick about inviting Bob Wells to be a second speaker.

Action: Marie to arrange a gift for our speakers

6. Other Business

6.1 Australian Health Workforce Institute and AAAGP Research Opportunities (Lucio)

Lucio has a 2 year project on strengthening workforce issues. His particular area is Generalist primary care area. Lucio advised he will have a special interest table at Hobart. Mark recommended he promote his project via our newsletter.

Action: Lucio to provide article for July newsletter.

7. Next meeting 4 June @ GP & PHC Research Conference - Hobart.

8. Meeting closed 1.05pm.