

Minutes for AAAGP Committee Teleconference Tues 28 October 12 midday (EST)

1. Attendance: Jon Emery, Faline Howe, Deb Askew, Dimity Pond, Marie Pirootta, Sarah Dennis, Marjan Kljakovic, Debbie Mutton

2. Apologies: Victoria Palmer

3. Minutes of last meeting
Accepted

4. Business Arising

4.1 Wonca Meetings

HOD meeting seemed a bit awkward at times. Not all present knew why they were there. There were communication problems during the organising of this meeting. How should our relationship with Wonca develop?

DP: we should send a rep if members are attending the Japan meeting. Better to work on NZ relationship.

Jon raised the issues with our name AAAGP. At AGM, it was suggested we could have a Facebook discussion. This would enable a broader sense of what members would like. Some members favoured changing Australia to 'Australasia' which includes Australia, NZ and neighbouring Asian countries.

Marjan stated many GPs in NZ would like to see some reference to Primary Care in our name.

Action: Facebook page to be set up by Marjan with Jon starting off the discussion.

4.2 GP Registrars Posts

Not very well promoted to those they applied to. Deb emailed with some questions but no clear answers given. 5year posts, there are 15 currently, and some will be recurrent depending on the applications. Parker said the resulting advertisements and process for applications did not take into consideration the views put forward during the recent T/C.

A3GP to write to GPET

Action: Deb to forward email discussion to Jon.

Action: Jon to email GPET with our feedback on the application process.

4.3 NHMRC

At the AGM, the issue was raised that GP still doesn't have representation on the panel. Jon stated to be a representative requires up to a month of a person's time in exchange for \$10,000. The time factor is a major determinant as to who could be a representative. The committee agreed however, it was important to have one person from Primary Care on this panel. Marie stated that Melb Uni has a person interested.

5. General Business

5.1. Membership/Reps

5.1.1. New committee reps

S.A Richard Reed

5.1.2. New members

Dr Dargaville (Burnside SA), N Martin(Mt Eliza VIC), A Nori (Adelaide SA)

W Mitchell (Narrandera, NSW), M Guppy (Armidale NSW) C Roczniok (Ascotvale VIC)

All of these new member were received during the research session at Wonca. All accepted.

5.1.2 Finances

Members voted to increase the subscriptions at the AGM. Any new applications from now on will be \$120 and \$40 (RHD or Registrar).

Action: Debbie to forward Clare (QLD) another invoice and follow up with those who haven't paid.

Action: Debbie to circulate application form before printing new ones for feedback.

Action: Debbie to send out final reminder to Marie for review.

5.1.3 Farewell gift for Mark

The committee agreed that we needed to make this gift meaningful and appropriate due to the many years of service Mark has given AAAGP.

Action: Jon to contact Mark for ideas.

5.2. Secretariat role 2008/2009

Debbie is stepping down from her role as the A3GP admin assistant at the end of 2008. She outlined the duties of the role stating a multi skilled person who has flexibility to meet the needs of the association is necessary. Debbie also suggested the position could be divided up with a member responsible for the website and another responsible to assist with the newsletter. Debbie is compiling a Procedures Manual and is willing to provide an extended handover until the new person is confident.

A discussion ensued as to where the Secretariat could reside in the future. Marie stated that because of the Certificate of Incorporation, A3GP always needed to have a committee rep from Melbourne Uni so this would be logical location. Debbie confirmed it would be beneficial if the Secretariat was situated in the same physical location as the Treasurer as the accounts can be 'problematic'.

Action: Marie to discuss with Jane Gunn about a suitable staff member at Melb Uni.

5.3. Communications to President

See 5.9

5.4. Newsletter

The November publication is well underway and Sarah fulfilling her role as the new editor. A discussion ensued about suggestions for the Lead Article being around the Wonca conference.

Action: Deb A to email Sarah with her ideas who will then write Lead article around these.

5.5. Website

Action: Debbie to amend Application Form to reflect new prices.

5.6. Working groups

Nothing to report.

5.7 Continuation of PHCRED program

Nothing to report.

5.8 AAAGP Name

See 4.1

5.9 Journal of Case Reports

Dimity visited their stand at Wonca and discussed how A3GP might fit in. M.Kidd is the editor/chief. After some discussion about possible collaborations, the committee agreed Elizabeth Slade may be better approaching the Universities directly.

Action: Debbie to email Jon to clarify who will respond.

6. Other Business

6.1 GP & PHC Conference Rep

Jon won't be around for the conference however he agreed to represent us on the committee.

Action: Debbie to email Fiona Thomas from PHRIS to advise them.

7. Next meeting Tues 2 December.

8. Meeting closed 1.00pm.