

Minutes for AAAGP Committee Teleconference

23 September 2008 @ 12 midday

1. Attendance: Mark Nelson, Dimity Pond, Debbie Mutton, Sarah Dennis, Jon Emery, Deb Askew, Marie Pirotta, Joachim Sturmberg

2. Apologies: Lucio Narcarello

3. Minutes of last meeting; Accepted Deb A, Seconded Jon

4. Business Arising

4.1 GP Super Clinics

Letter from minister stating "this is our policy" rec'd Sept '08. Jon suggested we may need to wait until Clinics are rolled out. When tendering, unis to be consulted and to ensure there is a teaching focus. Dimity reported there were a lot of corporates at the Central Coast information session. Her impression was that corporates may not value education as much as service provision. A3GP has a role to ensure education & research is included in the clinics and their evaluations.

Next few weeks will see call for tenders in WA and then it will be a 6 week turn around. Sarah mentioned a couple of tenders in the Campbelltown area would be worth reviewing for more information as they included the divisions, RTPs and the university.

A review of Medicare funding will influence how the clinics will run, particularly for the teaching area.

The next 12-18mths will be a difficult one with regard to any government funding.

4.2 Review of Academic Registrar Posts – report from P Magin emailed to committee

Action: Parker to be asked to forward any emails to Mark and Debbie to be then forwarded to the committee.

5. General Business

5.1. Membership

5.1.1. New members

John Kramer George Spurling accepted

5.1.2 Finances

All departments have now been invoiced for a \$1000 contribution and some have already responded. An increase in member subscription is necessary and it was agreed the new fee would be \$110. Further discussion recommended an increase each year.

Action: Mark to send email encouraging Depts to pay

Action: On AGM agenda as \$110 and will be an annual item.

5.1.3 Nominations for officers received

Nominations rec'd for Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, NSW & Vic. Because of the incorporation's act, one member of the committee must always be a resident of Victoria.

Action: Committee members in attendance to email Mark with President recommendation

5.2. Communications to President

5.2.1 Letter from Minister September

Any solution that comes forward about Super Clinics that is contested by other GP groups are unlikely to be considered. A3GP may in a good position to broker the subject of Community Clinical Schools which is still a preferred model for teaching medical students.

Action: Mark to contact Ruth Kerion in response to the recent letter from the minister.

5.3. Newsletter

Sarah has been recruited as our new editor. Next edition will feature Wonca articles and AGM. Health education discussions/NAPCRAG articles/ Brisbane Initiative (Marie to write article).

Action: Debbie to forward newsletter template to Sarah with articles ideas for this edition.

5.4. Website

5.5. Working groups

Nothing report.

5.7 PHCRED continuation

Conference has been booked for 15-17 July in Melbourne

5.8 PBRNs

Sarah's is still continuing with plan to grow further.

5.9 Wonca Conference

5.9.1 AGM

Action: Debbie to forward agenda to members.

5.9.2 HOD mtg

Invitations were sent out to all delegates attending. Dimity & Jane are following up on media coverage.

Action: Debbie to confirm with conference organisers that both meeting need 1 ½ hrs.

Action: Debbie to email Mark asking for his confirmation for 1 ½ hrs.

5.10 Travelling Fellowship 2008

Awarded to Joel Rhee. To be announced at the AGM. Mark confirmed the fellowship is purely to support travel and accommodation within Australia only and cheapest fare must be found.

Action: Debbie to review Application

6. Other Business

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7. Next meeting

AGM 3 October at Wonca

8. Meeting closed