

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN
ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC GENERAL PRACTICE
Friday 3rd October, 2008
Melbourne Convention Centre**

1. Attendance: See list attached. A number of overseas visitors were welcomed to the meeting.
2. Apologies: R Lee, G Jones, J N Parikh, S Wearne, A Gunn, J Dunbar, C Del Mar, S Dennis, G Mitchell, T Sen Gupta, G Reid, N Spike
3. Minutes of the previous meeting: These were accepted as correct.
Moved D Pond, seconded J Gunn.
4. Business arising:
 - 4.1 Mark Nelson suggested that the RQF issue had moved on with the change in government.
 - 4.2 It was agreed that General Practice still doesn't have representation on NHMRC. Jane Gunn suggested that we lobby Warwick Anderson and Justin Beilby on this issue. Mark Harris suggested that some GP and PHC academics might like to nominate to serve as members of the NHMRC in response to a recent request for nominations sent around by the NHMRC.
Action: Mark Harris to circulate the relevant email.
5. General Business
 - 5.1 President Report
Mark Nelson presented the Presidents report in the form of a powerpoint. He made the following points:
 - The organization now has 128 members
 - Subscriptions have not increased for several years, and this needs to be reviewed.
 - Institutional payments have been received from the University of NSW, University of Tasmania, and Notre Dame.
 - Deb Askew received the 2007 travelling fellowship and benefited greatly from this.
 - At the 2008 PHCRED conference Parker Magin and Justin Beilby delivered distinguished papers. The process for awarding these was complicated by the brevity of the abstracts for this conference. Debb Askew outlined a new process for the distinguished paper award, based on the NAPCRG process. In this process only full papers will be considered, with two people to read each full paper. Marie Pirotta appealed to all women academics to put themselves forward for the most distinguished paper award.
 - Heather Hanks received the award for the best first time presenter
 - Jane Gunn received the inaugural Bridges-Webb medal

- The GP&PHC conference was followed by a very successful bushwalk attended by a number of members.
- Activities during the year included lobbying AGPN for educator membership, and lobbying DOHA regarding Community Clinical Schools and practice based research networks. Following an approach to the RACGP, membership for CPD points for Departments of GP were significantly reduced.
- AAAGP was represented on the Scientific Committees for the RACGP/Asia Pacific WONCA conference and the GP and PHC Conference. AAAGP was also on the organizing committee for the latter conference.
- Other AAAGP representation included the NSW Health Information session for general practitioners role in an influenza epidemic (Zwar, Parikh)
- An important issue for the future includes GP Superclinics. A discussion ensued about these, and it was suggested that teaching and research should be included in all bids.
- Teaching and Research are also important to the new Primary Care Strategy Group, on which sit two AAAGP members – Mark Harris and Claire Jackson.
- Mark thanked members of the executive for the contribution.
- He also thanked Debbie Mutton for her support for the organization over the past 4 years. She was awarded a virtual bunch of Tasmanian native Iris. It will be vital to find a suitable replacement for Debbie.
- The outgoing president also raised the issue of whether the organization should be renamed to represent a Primary Care focus and to include our New Zealand colleagues eg through the name Australasian Association of General Practice.

Prof Jon Emery moved a vote of thanks to Prof Mark Nelson for his service to AAAGP over a number of years.

5.2 Treasurers report.

Marie Pirotta presented this report. She reassured the group that the organization is in the black. Salary for administrative support is the main expense. Marie announced that Head of Departments have been asked to contribute a one off sum to the organization for 2009.

5.3 Office bearers for 2008/9 were announced:

President: Jonn Emery
 Secretary: Dimity Pond
 Treasurer: Marie Pirotta
 Editor of the newsletter: Sarah Dennis
State representatives:
 Victoria Vicki Palmer
 NSW Joachim Sturmberg
 Queensland Deb Askew
 ACT Marjan Klakovic

SA Richard Reed
WA and Tasmania TBA

5.4 Secretariat Position

Debbie Mutton is resigning at the end of the year. The Executive to discuss where the new administrative officer will be based.

5.5 and 5.6: nothing further to report

5.7 See president's report.

5.8 AAAGP name.

Jon Emery suggested that we should consider including primary care in the name. A discussion followed, in which the following points were made:

- Practice nurses and others are changing the face of GP already
- The general community should be willing to change their view of GP to be inclusive primary care
- It is time that the people we work with and for identify the organization representing them
- The current minister sees the field as primary care
- We need to consider whether the broader membership is ready for the reclassification
- We might broaden the membership without changing the name
- Changing the name might not broaden the membership
- The first way to go might be to get discussion going on an email mailing list.
- Such a discussion might also be initiated in our departments.
- Next year the PHCRIS meeting will be in July, so the AGM could be held then, with broader representation from the primary care community
- It might be better to add something to the current name because A3GP is very recognizable
- New Zealand academics would like the name change to "Australasian".
- A logical next step might be Australian and New Zealand Association, in line with AMC membership.

6. Other Business

6.1 Travelling Fellowship

Joel Rhee was announced as the AAAGP Fellowship winner.

6.2 Membership Subscriptions

It was agreed that fees should go up to \$120 per year. Moved Marie Pirota, seconded Dimity Pond.

Attendance

Mark Harris
Jane Smith
Jan Radford
Danielle Mazza
Eugen Molodysky
Amanda Barnard
Grant Russell
Heinz Tilenius
Mieke van Driel
Parker Magin
Nerida Paterson
Barbara Booth
Annapurna Nori
Michelle Guppy
Peter Schattner
Sanjyot Vagholkar
Nick Zwar
Jon Emery
Jenny Doust
Claire Jackson
Rosa Schattner

John Murtagh
Charles Bridges-Webb
Michael Fasher
Joachim Sturmberg
Oliver Frank
Caroline Johnson
Nigel Stocks
Jeremy Bunker
Richard Reed
Michael Kidd
Melinda Prince
S Poolaganathan
Dimity Pond
M Monixuzzaman
Graeme Horton
Victoria Palmer
Kelsey Hegarty
Marie Pirotta
Deb Askew
Jane Gunn