

MINUTES OF THE AAAGP COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

HELD 16th JUNE 2009

1. **Attendance:** Jon Emery, Marie Pirotta, Deb Askew, Marjan Kljakovic, Dimity Pond, Sarah Dennis, & Kitty Novy.

2. **Apologies:** Faline Howes, Vicky Palmer & Richard Reed.

3. **The Minutes of the Last Meeting:** the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 2009 were accepted as an accurate record.

4. **Matters Arising:**

4.1 Academic Registrar Positions:

No response from GPET to Claire Jackson's letter. Registrars can prolong their training by another 12 months by seeking an academic post provided they don't sign off on their training before they make the application. The AAAGP will go to GPET after this coming round of positions has been completed.

5 **General Business**

5.1 Membership

New members: Pamela Douglas, from Queensland accepted as a new member.

Finances The books will be ready for the AGM and Marie will present the finances to the AGM. Subscription fees to remain the same for another year.

5.2 Communications to President

Still no response from the UGPA.

A letter from Canberra was sent out to all involved with PHCRED saying that there will be stakeholder consultations in July. Still no clear indication as to details of future funding.

5.3 RACGP hosted GP09 Conference

It has been agreed that the fees for Research Higher Degree Students are to be the same as the student member rate.

5.4 Name Change

A postal vote will go out 21 days before the meeting, a separate proxy vote will be sent out and there will be voting on the day. Early voting will close on the Friday. A reminder will go out with a summary of the past year of discussions on the name change

6 GP & PHC Conference – 15-17 July 2009.

6.1 Bridges-Webb Medal: Six nominations with Jon, Vicky and Deb who have no conflict and who will therefore judge the applications and will liaise next week on this. Some have not submitted full CVs, Kitty to chase them. Mark Harris is out of the country so his PA would be the person to chase. The medals need to be engraved with the winners names so a decision will need to be made by the end of the month.

6.2 First Time Presenter Award: 14 nominations so far, Ellen is still seeking further nominations. Kitty already has a list of judges, we will need two per paper.

6.3 Booth: The schedule is coming together.

6.4 The AGM

All current committee members are prepared to remain on the committee for another. Jon will

provide a written President's report highlighting what has been done for members over the past year. Marie will read this out at the AGM.

AOB In Marie's role as chair of NSCR, it has come up as to whether there should be a member of the AAAGP on College Council. Dimity agrees and mentions that The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.5 Billion to be distributed over three years to support placements not just in General Practice but in Allied Health and Specialised placements as well. The funding will be run out through Regional Training Providers, not Universities. It seems likely that this will replace the PIP payments. This re-enforces the need for the AAAGP to have someone on the College Council. Jon and Marie to write a joint letter on behalf of the NSCR and the AAAGP with a view to getting a representative on the Council to ensure that research is protected and promoted; Marie to do the first draft.

Marie and Jon to organise some additional cheques to cover for the conference expenses etc.

Newsletter

Sarah raises the matter of contributions for the next Newsletter, due out after the conference. The main article will be written by the Bridges-Webb Medal winner, Kitty will ask the Distinguished Paper winners to write articles. There will also be the travelling scholarship winner who can write something. Jon will also write an article. Kitty will take photos at the conference which can later be used in the Newsletter.

Next Meeting: 25th August 2009

Jon will be away from the 14th July so Dimity will chair the meeting.

Assigned Actions Required

Jon is:

To provide a written President's report highlighting what has been done for members over the past year. Marie will read this out at the AGM.

Kitty is:

1. To organise a postal vote to go out 21 days before the meeting and a separate proxy vote will be sent out. She is to advise members that postal votes must be received by the Friday before the conference.
2. To send out a reminder to members with a summary (prepared by Maria) of the history of the discussion concerning the name change debate.
3. To chase up any missing CVs for applicants seeking the Bridges-Webb medal and pass these on to Jon.
4. To organise the engraving of the Bridges-Webb medal once the judging has been completed and in time for the medal to be presented at the conference.
5. To complete the schedule for the AAAGP booth and circulate the schedule to all executive members who have agreed to take a shift at the booth.
6. To approach the Bridges-Webb Medal winner and the Distinguished Paper winners to write articles for the end of July edition of the Newsletter.
7. To organise the taking of photos at the conference.

Maria is:

1. To draft a joint letter on behalf of the NSCR and the AAAGP to the College Council with a view to getting a representative on the Council to ensure that research is protected and promoted.
2. To organise the signing of some additional cheques as Jon will be away from the 14th July and there will be expenses to cover over the conference period.