

# **MINUTES OF THE AAAGP COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

## **HELD 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

- 1. Attendance:** Jon Emery, Marie Pirota, Marjan Kljakovic, Faline Howes, Dimity Pond, Sarah Dennis. & Kitty Novy.
- 2. Apologies:** Deb Askew, Vicky Palmer & Joachim Sturmberg
- 3. The Minutes of the Last Meeting:** the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 were accepted as an accurate record.

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

##### **4.1 Academic Registrar Positions:**

It would appear that the selection criteria actually used were not the criteria that universities were asked to address in their application, clearly a flaw in their process. The current model lacks flexibility and doesn't allow registrars to apply at the completion of their twelve months training. Jon suggested we wait until the August applications are due before contacting GPET with a view to raising the AAAGP's view that the handling of Academic Registrar positions should be more open and more flexible. Jon to contact Claire Jackson to see if she has received any constructive response out of her correspondence with GPET.

##### **4.2 Finances:**

The signatures have been obtained and Westpac will shortly authorise the change of signatures! Marie will then get advice from Westpac on what we might best do with our investment fund.

#### **5 General Business**

##### **5.1 Membership**

**New members:** There is one, Hagen who was a PHD student at Melbourne. His application was approved.

**Finances** We currently have \$26,000 in our every day account

##### **5.2 Communications to President**

No response from the UGPA. It may be that their June meeting has been postponed. Jon will follow this up with Chris Mitchell. GPET will now, as a consequence of the recent Budget have sole control over both the pre-vocational and vocational training.

At the Canberra meeting Megan Morris began by asking 'what is AAAGP?' She had planned to make an announcement about funding of PHCRED but then along came the Budget. Jon's letter, circulated to committee members asks for details about the funding policy and was generally approved by the committee for sending to Megan Morris.

##### **5.3 RACGP hosted GP09 Conference**

It was agreed that the AAAGP should try to get the fees for Research Higher Degree Students reduced to the student member rate.

##### **5.4 Name Change**

One third of members responded to the straw poll with 50% voting to retain the current name. Given that 75% would need to endorse a name change. AAAPC came in second after taking into account members' preferences. It was agreed to put forward two options for members, including proxy voters to consider at the next AGM. Marie and Kitty to put together a proxy form and Jon will draft an email to go to members advising them of the outcome of the straw poll together with the committee's decision to go to a poll at the AGM. .

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

**6.1 Bridges-Webb Medal:** Only one nomination thus far, Kitty to send out a reminder asking for last minute nominations

**6.2 First Time Presenter Award:** 7 nominations thus far, we will need to get judges from the general membership in addition to the executive members.

**6.3 Booth: 5** of the executive members will make themselves available to assist.

**6.4 The Conference Dinner:** thus far 35 members have registered for the dinner, a reminder to be sent out. Further bookings expected by the early bird deadline of the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Kitty to send out a reminder about the conference as a whole and the closing of the early bird discount in particular.

**AOB:** Nobody has heard from Richard Reed and he is not responding to AAAGP emails, Kitty to phone him and try and make contact.

Committee members for next year are finalised at the AGM. We are especially short of State reps. Two emails required, one to executive members asking them if they wish to continue and then one to all members asking if they wish to seek a place on the executive.

**Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

### **Assigned Actions Required**

**Jon is:**

1. To contact Claire Jackson to see if she has received any constructive response out of her correspondence with GPET concerning the funding of Registrar academic positions.
2. To follow this up with Chris Mitchell with regard to the UGPA and their June meeting.
3. To send off his letter to Megan Morris asking for details about the funding policy.
4. To draft an email to go to members advising them of the outcome of the straw poll together with the committee's decision to go to a poll at the AGM. .

**Kitty is:**

1. To send out a reminder asking for last minute nominations for the Bridges-Webb medal.
2. To send out a reminder about the conference as a whole and the closing of the early bird discount in particular.
3. To phone Richard Reed and try and make contact and ask if there have been problems with his email address and if is he willing to be his State rep for next year?
4. To email all executive members asking them if they wish to continue in their posts for next year.
5. To email all members advising them of vacant positions on the executive and inviting any members to stand for election to any post should they so wish.

**Maria is:**

1. Marie and Kitty to draft a proxy form for members who cannot attend the conference but wish to vote on the name change.

### **Non -Assigned Actions Required**

We need to ask the RACGP to reduce the GPO9 conference fees for Research Higher Degree Students to the student member rate.