

Minutes of AAAPC Committee Teleconference 16 February 2010 @ 12 midday (EDST)

1 Attendance: Jon Emery, Faline Howes, Tarun Sen Gupta, Margin Parker, Deb Askew Marie Pirotta , Richard Reed, Dimity Pond Kitty Novy,

2 Apologies: Vicky Palmer – she has advised she will be leaving the committee and so a new State rep will be needed. Kitty to email the membership.

3 Minutes of last meeting of the AAAPC– The minutes of 1 December 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Business Arising

4.1 Progress report on tasks requiring attention following the name change:

4.1.1 The design of the AAAPC flyer – finding images is proving difficult. It may be necessary to pay for them. The Getty photo archives include images that are royalty free. Kitty and Marie to make a mock up ready for viewing at the next Committee meeting.

4.1.2 The design of the AAAPC flyer – Vicky was involved with this. Suggestions have been made by Sarah and Debbie. The flyer needs to be available for the Conference in Darwin. Many primary care researchers, such as psychologists, know almost nothing about the AAAPC. It was suggested to take Sarah's bullet points and amend the wording within the flyer to 'General Practice and Primary Care'.

4.2 The Newsletter – update by Sarah: She is going to approach Nick for an article on his trip to the USA, a follow on from his article that appeared in the MJA and hopes to have something from Michael Kidd on a book he wants including. Next newsletter will be in March/April 2010 and then another one straight after the conference. Kitty will be sending out a request to all members in the next couple of weeks for reports on conferences etc that they may have attended and could report on.

5 General Business

5.1 Non-Clinical Academics

5.1.1 Non GPs teaching general practice – not an issue that the Committee is going to pursue for the time being.

5.1.2 Suggestions for advertising our activities for our non-GP members – not an issue that the Committee is going to pursue for the time being.

5.3 Membership

5.3.1 New members: None as yet this past month.

5.4 Finances

5.4.1 The Treasurer's report: The name change has gone through with the NAB although most statements still go to Newcastle. We have \$13,000 in the current account and another \$2,000 has just gone in as the subs are paid with more to come. State representatives are asked to encourage members to pay their subscriptions promptly.

5.4.2 Update concerning members with unpaid accounts for 2009 – this has been resolved. The intention is to be much tighter this year, particularly before our conference.

5.5 Communications to President

5.5.1 Letter sent to Robert Hale with the AAAPC comments on Academic Registrars. GPET has received our comments on the current draft document on academic registrars. The latest draft of the policy document is likely to incorporate the suggestions and comments of the AAAPC.

5.6 Research training for GP registrars

A request by GPET, for AAAPC to support research training for GP registrars. This has sparked great debate. There has also been interest from the NSCR point of view. From the College's point of view, Janet Radford, who is the College chief censor, has proven to be very sympathetic to the idea of increasing the examination of research skills in some way so that this could flow back into being more important in the curriculum. Could the AAAPC put together a curriculum that every registrar should know about GP research? In practical terms the AAAPC and the NSCR could collaborate in writing an exam question on this topic, perhaps requiring registrars to integrate the use of evidence into answers. The need was raised for registrars to read journals and to critically evaluate this information in answering exam questions. Possibly the AAAPC, the NSCR and GPET could join forces on this issue and incorporate this way of thinking into the life of the registrar and the curriculum. A day workshop writing exam questions on this issue might be beneficial. It would be useful to develop research skills that can be incorporated into the practice of a card carrying GP. It was floated that a GPET funded position might be created to provide expertise to help RTPs with the AAAPC very much involved in setting up this position.

5.8 Access to the AAAPC mailing list. It is important that the AAAPC cannot be used as a directory unless we have the consent of all our members, the Committee unreservedly agreed.

5.10 The PHC Research Conference

There was a discussion about the scheduling of the conference:

The draft program is up.

The call for abstracts is out on our website with revised judging criteria already agreed.

Like last year, we should identify two papers as we have a one and a half hour slot. It would be good to link Jim Primrose, one of the key note speakers with that slot. The dinner will be on the Wednesday with 60 to 70 people, perhaps eating al fresco. The boat club was suggested. No speaker has yet been found for the dinner. The AGM will be on the Thursday. Wednesday morning 7.45 – 9am was suggested for the HoDs meeting. This needs to go high up on the agenda from now on.

Tarun Sen Gupta intends to update the AAAPC about the Conference which this year is in Cairns and runs for three full days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The theme is 'Shape Our Future'. Focus so far has been on key note speakers: Barbara Starfield and John Ledhard. There will be a focus on indigenous health. No decision has been taken on numbers of papers to be given. If there were particular workshops that AAAPC would like to sponsor these would be readily included. The AAAPC could also be given a dedicated spot. Parker and Marie talked about doing an EBM type workshop focussing on finding evidence and making critical evaluations and the AAAPC would consider funding this. Publicity will be circulated through the AAAPC network.

6. The next meeting 16 March_2010 at 12 noon

7. Other Business

ALLOCATED ACTIONS

Kitty and Marie to:

- make a mock up of the flyer ready for viewing at the next Committee meeting . It was suggested to take Sarah's bullet points and amend the wording within the flyer to 'General Practice and Primary Care'.

Kitty and Sarah to:

- Identify and book a venue for the AAAPC dinner

Kitty is to:

- email the membership to find a State representative who can take over the role from Vicky
- send out a request to all members in the next couple of weeks for reports on conferences etc that they may have attended and could report on.