

Minutes of AAAPC Committee Teleconference
16 March 2010 @ 12 midday (EST)

1. **Attendance:** Jon Emery, Sarah Dennis, Dimity Pond, Kitty Novy, Deb Askew

2. **Apologies:** Marie Pirotta, Faline Howes, Richard Reed, Moyez Jiwa, Joachim Sturmborg, Marjan Kljakovic

Ellen is willing to attend meetings when Richard is not available. Given that the conference is fast approaching, Ellen's involvement would be beneficial.

It was noted that many committee members had been very busy submitting grant applications.

3. **Minutes of last meeting of the AAAPC** – 16 February 2010 accepted as an accurate record.

4. **Business Arising:**

4.1 The AAAPC flyer – Victoria had commented that the flyer would benefit from an image of a primary care clinic. The wording needs to be amended to 'general practice and primary care'. It should be a representative 'organisation' not a representative 'body'. The images seem to be an improvement; it is difficult to portray research in an image. Maybe an image of someone giving a paper would cover this, for example, an image of Mark giving a presentation. Jon queried whether the website had the correct URL address. Jon expressed the view that the URL address should be changed to AAAPC from the current AAAGP. Reference to the AAAPC dinner is to be removed. It was suggested that the wording be 'discipline' of general practice and primary care. Jon commented on the need for the font to be more visible on the grey scale background. Background colours were discussed: blue and white were suggested. Kitty is to amend the wording, find an extra image to portray research, remove reference to the AAAPC dinner, amend the URL address on the website and on the flyer, experiment with different background colours, and then send it out to the committee members.

4.2 GPET's latest draft of its policy for Academic Registrars. Jon advised there was no specific update though he indicated he would chase them up for the latest draft of the policy. Mention was made of the research week that it is sponsoring. The curriculum issue has been discussed by Jon and Marie; they have found copies of UK exam papers

4.3 Finding a State representative to take over from Vicky

John Furler is willing to step in until the AGM. Kitty is to write to him saying that the Committee would be delighted to have him fill in as the State representative.

5. **The Newsletter** – update. Sarah is hoping for an article from Nick about his travels in the USA with a different slant to his article in the MJA, covering academic general practice in the US. This will

be the main article. Maybe some of Marjan's email could be included into an article for the Newsletter. Publication will be mid-April. It was suggested that the newsletter should promote the book by Sandy which won the Sane award for best book of the year.

6. General Business

6.1 Membership

6.1.1 New members: None

6.1.2 Finances: Finances OK. \$19,000 in the bank account. Reminders of missing sub payments will go out after Easter. Many are now using the internet to make payment.

7. The Darwin Conference

The deadline for abstracts is 19 March 2010, Ellen will provide them to the Committee. We will need two reviewers for each paper.

7.1 The Program of Events and Publicity for the Conference. This is being handled by Ellen and PHCRIS. No decision yet on which of the key note speakers will address the AAAPC as the after dinner speaker.

7.2 The Venue for the Dinner. This is booked at Hanaman's restaurant in Darwin.

7.3 The Key Note Speakers. It was suggested we wait to see if any visitors from overseas are attending. Jon will liaise with Ellen on this one. Another option would be to get the Bridges-Webb Medal winner to give the talk. Marjan's name was suggested.

7.4 The Bridges-Webb Medal. We need to put out a call for nominations, allowing a month for nominations to come in. Kitty to send out a email to all members. Nominees will need to submit a CV.

7.5 Judging the First Time Presenters Award. The criteria are clear. We will need judges. We may need to approach other members to assist the Executive members with the judging.

7.6 The AGM. This will be held on the Thursday, immediately before the dinner.

Lunchtime or breakfast sessions. Jon suggested inviting someone high up to talk about the new PHD registrar scheme. There was meant to be a teleconference next week to look at the latest draft of the new PHD registrar scheme but this was postponed. Hopefully by June some decisions will have been made. Vicky Murphy was suggested for a lunchtime workshop. There is nothing planned in the main conference. Jon will raise this with Ellen. Jon will also ask Ellen to come to the next committee meeting.

8. Other Business

UWA has been advised that it is not allowed to claim the Medicare fee if a procedure has been physically done a medical student. This potentially has big implications for the way students are trained. There appears to be conflicting advice. If the AAPC seeks formal clarification on this issue, the risk is that the Medicare will confirm the position advanced to the UWA. There has been a parallel issue raised by Optometrists and again different State Optometry boards have advised differently. Jon is to informally consult with Medicare from his UWA chair, rather than as President of the AAPC.

9. **The next meeting:** 13 April 2010 at 12 noon.

ALLOCATED ACTIONS

Jon is to:

- informally consult with Medicare from his UWA chair, rather than as President of the AAPC, over whether it is allowed to claim the Medicare fee if a procedure has been physically done a medical student
- raise with Ellen whether, in the main conference, someone might be invited to talk about the new PHD registrar scheme
- ask Ellen to come to the next committee meeting, and
- chase up GPET for the latest draft of the policy for Academic Registrars.

Kitty it to:

- amend the wording on the flyer, find an extra image to portray 'research', remove reference to the AAAPC dinner, amend the URL address on the website and on the flyer, experiment with different background colours, and then send it out to the committee members
- put out a call to all members for nominations for the Bridges-Webb Medal, allowing a month for nominations to come in. Nominees will need to submit a CV, and

- contact to John Furler saying that the Committee would be delighted to have him fill in as the State representative until the AGM.