

Minutes of the AAAPC Committee Teleconference

Held 19 April 2011

1. **Attendance:** Dimity, Marie, Deb, and Marjan.
2. **Apologies:** Ellen, Richard , Danielle, Tania, Sarah Jon, and Kitty.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** of the AAAPC held 15 March 2011 were accepted as accurate.
4. **Business Arising:**

4.1. Dimity reported back as follows:

- Journal rankings: she made a submission, as President of the AAAPC, to the ARC on Journal rankings, this was done along the lines suggested by Tanya. It was agreed that a note of thanks be sent for all her hard work on this project; Kitty to do a draft and forward this to Dimity. A number of other committee members also made submissions, including Jon and Marie
- A Meeting with Simon Wilcock: Dimity did not want to organise this meeting until the AAAPC had agreed its approach. She felt we should deal with HWA first and think through the risks and benefits of working with regional training providers before moving on to meetings. There are issues with Universities collaborating with regional training providers, such as the curriculum, and who is to do the assessment.
- Ausdoc: Dimity has not yet written to Ausdoc about providing free copies of journals to those who contribute articles.

4.2. Marie reported back as follows:

- The benefits of membership of the AAAPC: She had drafted a paragraph on the about the benefits of membership of the AAAPC, and this was sent out to all members.

4.3. Deb reported back as follows:

- The search a GP Alliance Queensland representative: She wrote to Claire Jackson about the GP Alliance, and Claire suggested that an approach be made to Marie-Louise but she is on sabbatical at the moment as well as acting head of department. She will now contact Mica, Michael Yelland and Marie-Louise to see if any of them wish to be involved.

4.4. Academic Career Working Group update. There was nobody available to provide an update, but Dimity will attend the next meeting.

4.5. **PHCRED Funding Model:**

- 10 career development posts: the applications for these posts closed on 12 April 2011. A number of members have submitted applications.
- The CREs information session on 21 April 2011 concerning CREs, was attended by Marjan and Dimity. It provided a good description of what is going to happen with CREs but there

seemed to be an emphasis on policy and systems change. There is a list of goals that they want to achieve and each application has to satisfy a number of these goals. There does not appear to be much focus on clinical issues. Marjan suggested that the AAAPC could form a hub to support a group of about 10 PhD students around the country.

5. The Newsletter: The April 2011 publication: The lead article on cuts to MHMRC funding may now be out of date as the morning of this meeting there was an announcement that these cuts were no longer going to happen! This news was welcomed and it appeared to show the benefits of member involvement in opposing the cuts to this funding.

6. General Business

6.1 Membership

6.1.1 New members: Prof Jan Coles, Dr Cathy Grech, (Monash) Dr Rebecca Evans, (James Cook), Dr Tina Janamian, (UQ) Cathy Watson, (Unimelb) Dr Christy Newman,(UNSW)

6.1.2 Finances: These are unchanged. Marie commented that Cathy Watson, who has just applied for membership, is her PhD student. She suggested that PhD students be offered the same discount as Registrars; all agreed. Marie proposed having the meetings on SKYPE as a cost saver. Deb will investigate this to see if it is possible as this would save over \$1,000 per year, or ten subscriptions.

7. The Brisbane Conference:

- A HoDs meeting: This needs to be scheduled, possibly for the Wednesday lunchtime of the conference. Marie to talk with Kitty about booking this. Marie suggested getting someone to come and talk about Medicare locals with the emphasis being on how, as a research community, we can collaborate with Medicare locals; Dimity is to email Jan Williamson to find out who might be dealing with this, with a view to finding someone from the Queensland area.
- The Distinguished Papers: There were two papers that stood out, score wise:
 - a COPD paper and
 - a paper looking at barriers to access to care provision in Mount Isa.

Deb expressed concern that the Mount Isa paper did not meet the criteria of international relevance and of international quality. A decision was taken to award only the COPD paper. Deb suggested a change in the process of reviewing the papers, possibly a two stage process. Marie thought that those that are short listed should be asked to provide the whole paper, and not just the abstract. Possibly, this should go to the AGM as an agenda item.

- The AAAPC Dinner: This has been booked for the Wednesday night at 7.30, and a deposit has been paid.
- The Bridges-Webb Medal: The standard nomination form needs to go out to members by email,

and it should also feature in the Newsletter.

- Judging the First Time Presenters Award: updated forms are to be provided. Kitty is to email all members and ask if those who are attending the conference can assist.
- The AGM: Agenda items should include:
 - Membership in general and the annual fee
 - Revised guidelines on the selection of the Distinguished Paper award, and
 - Attracting new executive committee members.

Dimity indicated that she would be willing to stay on as President for another year. Those positions that are vacant need to be advertised in advance of the conference.

- Best paper award: This is an idea for next year, the idea being to recognise and promote early career development.

8. Next Meeting: 17 May 2011

Allocated Actions

Dimity is to:

- write to Ausdoc about providing free copies of journals to those who contribute articles, and
- email Jan Williamson to find out who might be available, from the Queensland area, to join a conference session on Medicare locals, where the emphasis will be on how, as a research community, we can collaborate with Medicare locals.

Marie is to:

- talk with Kitty about booking a venue for a lunchtime HoDs meeting on Wednesday at the Brisbane conference, and
- formulate a proposal for a prize for new memberships taken out at the Brisbane conference.

Deb is to:

- contact Mica, Michael Yelland and Marie-Louise to see if any of them wish to be the Queensland representative of the AAAPC on the GP Alliance, and
- investigate to see if it is possible to use SKYPE for future AAAPC executive meetings.

Kitty is to:

- send out the standard nomination form to members for the Bridges-Webb medal, and
- email all members and ask if those who are attending the conference can assist in judging the first time presenters award.