

Minutes of AAAPC Committee Teleconference Tuesday 21 February 2012 @12 midday (EST)

1. **Attendance:** Dimity Pond, Marie Pirotta, Ellen McIntyre, Tina Janamian, Richard Reed, Liz Halcomb Tania Winzenberg, Kitty Novy Michelle Guppy
2. **Apologies:** Jon Emery Marjan Kljakovic Natasha Pavlin
3. **Minutes of last meeting** of the AAAPC held Tuesday 13th December 2012

4. Business Arising:

- 4.1. Ausdoc - regarding the AAAPC request that all AAAPC members be provided with free copies of the journal – Linda was to call Dimity (not happened) – Linda has been given Dimity's email and Mob Ph number. (The issue is that many Academics do not get AusDoc free despite contributing to the publication)

ACTION – Kitty to follow up

- 4.2. GPET want a bigger job description / Policy document / Proposal / template and a Risk Analysis from Dimity re the position. Dimity has sent a Scoping Document. (AAAPC, with AGPT funding, would pull together an Issues Paper and put on a Summit to discuss better integration of learners and types / levels of learners in General Practice and to look at funding issues. Negotiated that the person who is funded would be based in Newcastle Department of General Practice with Dimity. Some comments in the discussion were
 - GPET want to look at Integrated Clinical training Networks (?)
 - HWA has had in some proposal papers that they would fund Regional Areas Clinical Networks that would provide planning and coordination across areas – GPET want to be the lead agency on this
 - Universities would not be in favour of the Regional Training Providers being the lead agencies
 - In Vic HWA is funding Clinical Placement Networks / Support and a stipulation in the funding contract is that the funding goes to a Service Provider and not to a University – funding has gone in a large part to the Medicare Locals
 - Medicare Locals are not divisions of General Practice – they are a much wider organisation

There is no process at present to gain / gather information or views. GPET does not want a Literature review and AAAPC needs to be careful that all issues are put in a fair and balanced way.

ACTION – A Working Group to be formed from the membership and a member to be part of the Steering Committee.

- 4.3. Maree, Dimity and Danielle to have a meeting to follow up with APHCRI – still to be organised. Dimity has sent Bob Wells the names of people interested in being part of an Advisory Group (teleconference)
 - APHCRI has not made a decision to fund a PBRN at this stage

ACTION – Dimity and Kitty to set something up for after NHMRC submission time

- 4.4. HWA response was forwarded to Executive

- They appear to have responded constructively to AAAPC's concerns

ACTION – If members have any thoughts, please forward them to Dimity or Kitty

- 4.5. MJA prize

- If the winner of the Award is known early enough then it would be possible to have some publicity on the Award and the winner
- MJA may be interested in awarding a prize – MJA would need to provide the judges

ACTION – Marie to have a discussion with MJA – there needs to be some distinction between other this and other awards

Kitty to provide Marie with a list of the current prizes and their criteria (awarded at the PHCRIS Conference)
Marie to talk to Annette to determine her interest and timelines – need to come out the issue after the Conference

4.6. Career Development Fellowship update

- There are no Primary Care offers this time
- Ellen to find seek information and background on why they have been dropped

ACTION – Ellen to follow up

4.7. Committee to discuss Ellen's letter re the travelling fellowship

- Changes in the paper that was sent to members were accepted
- Overseas travel (contribution to) has been included
- AAAPC's financial situation may impact on possibility for this to be ongoing

ACTION – Financial situation to be on Agenda of next meeting

5. The Newsletter

- Michelle is seeking articles for the March issue
- Seeking clarification of the purpose of the Newsletter
What the Organisation has been doing for the members (summary)
- Three new members who are willing to contribute
- PBRN article / summit / good idea (Dimitry to write with assistance)
- Article on James Cook re membership
- Possibility of an article on the newer Universities (Michelle – UNE program – rural aspects)
- Information on criteria to be s sponsored delegate to the PHCRIS Conference

6. General Business

6.1 Membership

- New Members
 - o Dr Susie Radford (Bond Uni) Simone Ross (JCU), Nicole Mohajer (JCU),A/Prof Louise Young (JCU),Sabina Knight (JCU) Rachel Katterl (Flinders) Tilly Pain (Townsville GP Network) David Carter (UTS)
 - o One member only has left since the increase in membership
 - o James Cook University did a big membership drive – possibly an article in the next newsletter
 - o Seems to be fewer members from the new Universities !

Finances - \$13,094.47

- o This does not include the small amount in a savings account and need to pay C. Laurence for T.Fellowship
- o A proper report will be prepared for the next meeting

6.2 Communications to President

- HWA response has been covered

7. Other Business

7.1 PHCRIS conference – Ellen to lead discussion on any updates

- Delighted with response from AAAPC members who were prepared to be part of the Scientific review Committee
- Seeking abstracts – closing date is March 2nd for
 - o Posters

- 10 minute presentation with 5 min for questioning
- Papers
- Symposiums – 60 minute session
- Workshop – 90 minute session
- Concern that if an abstract was forwarded for a symposium / workshop and was not accepted, then there was no opportunity to then submit for the shorter presentation
- Presenters could submit for more than 1 presentation, knowing that if accepted for a Workshop / symposium then they would not be able to present a paper
 - Ellen to bring this to the attention of the Conference Committee
- Speakers are in place – on website
- AAAPC usually have a session
 - Last year it was Medicare Locals with Mark Booth
 - New Australian Medicare Local Network starts up on 1st July
 - Suggestion that the session again be on Medicare Locals
- There will be an invitation only meeting at the Conference (as per the request of the Department) – title of the meeting is Primary Health Research in the real World
- AAAPC to have a table / plenary session / selecting the best abstract presenter – Dimity to chair / Dinner
- Sponsored delegates (twice as much money available)
 - Criteria for Sponsored delegates is on the website
 - Need to be an Australian resident
 - Preference to
 - researchers who have presented an abstract that is relevant to the Conference theme
 - Consumers with an involvement in Primary Health Care research
 - Researchers from rural and remote areas

ACTION – Ellen to forward concerns re Abstracts

- AAAPC to let Ellen know of requests re meeting / who to invite / type of venue (lecture theatre, etc)
- Information on the AAAPCE session to be included in Report from the Conference
- Kitty to send an email to members re being a sponsored delegate (encourage them to submit an abstract / subscribe to the Conference communique
- Kitty to book Dinner venue (Concern re numbers)

7.2 Career Development Fellowship Update

- This was covered above

7.3 McKeon Review - Dimity to lead discussion

- The Panel is seeking written submissions on 4 questions
 - Why is in Australia's interest to have an internationally competitive research sector?
 - How might it best be managed /funded
 - What are the strategic directions and priorities?
 - How can we optimise translation into better health and well-being
- A small group to write the submission has been suggested and dividing up the questions - if AAAPC wants to answer all of them
- Paul Glasziou has agreed to write the first one
- Marie to be on the small group so there is good alignment with the College
 - Small teleconference for those interested
- Who on the Exec to be involved - Marie Pirotta , Dimity Pond Sarah Dennis keen to be involved, Paul Glasziou
- Email to members seeking interest form those who would be willing to put pen to paper
- Previous winners of the Charles Bridges Webb to be invite -Mark Harris , Mark Nelson, Jane Gunn and Paul Glasziou
- Invite senior people to look over submissions before they are forwarded
- Closing date – 30th March
- Important AAAPC has a voice
- Advocating for
 - Primary care research (in the strategic directions)
 - Translation into Primary care

ACTION – Marie and Kitty to send email / 3 that includes timeline / to Dimity to check before being sent

to members

Next meeting

- Tuesday 20 March 12.00pm