

Minutes
Executive Committee of the AAAPC
24th JUNE 2014

1. **Attending:** Nick Zwar, Dimity Pond, ,Liz Halcomb, Kitty Novy
2. **Apologies:** Alistair Vickery Grant Russell Marie Pirotta, Sarah Larkins, Julia Walters, Danielle Mazza, Kirsty Douglas Ellen McIntyre Michelle Guppy, Louise Stone
3. Minutes Executive Meeting Tuesday 20 May were confirmed as correct
4. **Correspondence** :An invoice for AAAPC Travelling Fellowship and invoice for SAPC Megan Elliott Rudder

5. **Business Arising:**

5.1. **Securing a date for meeting Tom Fleming** There has been no progress on the email Nick Zwar sent on 16-06 to Tom Fleming hoping to secure a meeting in Canberra afternoon of Tuesday 22-06-14 ,ahead of the Primary Health Care Research Conference

ACTION : K.N to call office and try and secure date for Tuesday 22nd July in the afternoon for Nick and Grant to meet

5.2. **Changes to the Constitution.** No further feedback from members since the final draft was sent out What went out with AGM papers is what is what people accepted at the AGM There are no more changes at the upcoming AGM There have been a number of proxy votes supporting the amendments

5.3. **AAAPC press release:** One of the outcomes of the last meeting was the discussion around whether it was worthwhile AAAPC putting out a press release. The topic for the press release would be implications for primary care research and teaching arising from the 2014 federal budget. At last meeting Grant had said it was important to concentrate on core AAAPC business, teaching and research in general practice and primary care

A working group set up last meeting. Nick was to do an initial draft of press release and then Dimity and Danielle were to work on the next draft. Dimity felt that it was still very much worthwhile .

Dimity said there had been a huge fallout from the budget in her area, with much uncertainty It was fertile ground for AAAPC to come up with something definitive about some aspect of teaching and learning in primary care

Nick felt role of primary health care organisations in supporting teaching and research in the community was the issue and how this can that be maintained and enhanced in the new structures. Nick felt that the only thing that AAAPC could do was to point out some of the things that we hold precious in terms of the quality of teaching, the pipeline of academic general practitioners of the future that the academic posts they have helped to create. The support by Primary Care Organisations for teaching and research was important

Dimity felt that undergraduate exposure to General Practice and the importance of the apprenticeship model should be noted. The apprenticeship model was supported by the RACGP. Nick also felt that training could be enhanced by a more academic approach more involvement by Universities in the education provided to GP registrars. They need real experience in real practices.

The 2 points in the press release that Dimity felt were important:

One of things that that is good about the current system built up over the years is the network of practices that have experienced GP supervisors providing teaching for registrars. This capacity that has been built up over years and is vital not to lose it.

The science as well as the art of teaching as GP supervisor in General Practice should not be underestimated.

Nick felt that it is impossible solve every issue but to put a positive message about opportunity as well as risk .What we want to build in the course of change, even if we feel there is more risk of being lost than built

Dimity felt that we need to emphasise there is opportunity for more involvement for Universities who follow the primary health care Medicare local networks

Nick pointed out there are more opportunities for Universities in GP vocational training

Dimity felt there were 2 points that should be included in press

- Arguing for the involvement for the Universities in teaching at post graduate and undergraduate level
- Universities to be involved in project evaluation in the role out of activities that Primary Health Care networks would be doing . Universities can add value to both activities – could be building a new model

Nick felt although good points as an Organisation we needed to be cautious about being an advertisement for Universities considering that we have a wide ranging membership .The message should be more around academic evidence based

Liz Halcomb said that it was important to also mention the loss in the nursing programs The ALM jobs , nursing in general practice programs positions have all been lost. There is funding for specialist mental health but not for practice nurses

Once press release drafted it was important to get comment from the membership

Liz will also FU with Lynn Walker to get the correct wording to send to Nick

ACTION:Liz to send Nick key message, to incorporate in press release

ACTION: Send press release for feedback membership

5.4. *Implications of budget for academic primary care teaching and research.*

It was important to celebrate the PIP increase, a real positive for primary care teaching out of the budget. Nick had heard that there had been some talk of loading on the rural PIP funding which was a big incentive financially in the rural areas.

Dimity had also heard that some practices had felt that it would be easier to take students not registrars because of financial incentives now offered

The expansion of training places has been increased but they have taken money from PGPP program to do that and have kept something for themselves.

There has been some rural incentive money for infrastructure funding

6. The newsletter

This was coming together a number of articles on new members in Need to find someone to write about the conference and also could adapt press release or discussion

7. PHC Research Conference Update :

Kitty to ask Marie to write short piece on treasures position if she is up to it for Nick to deliver at the conference

ACTION:K.N to talk to Marie report conference

8. Other Business

8.1. Bridges Webb medal nominations

There have been 2 nominations so far but K.N will send out a reminder and have cut off on 4th July rather than the 27th July

ACTION:K.N send out reminder for Bridges Webb nomination to membership

8.2 Executive officer nominations

There have been 2 nominations for the position of Treasurer Phyllis Lau UoM and Suzanne McKenzie from James Cook University, Townsville. There will be a vote at AGM if both still want to apply for the position

There are some practical issues re the management of the funds etc and the cheque book but this can be sorted out if the person is not at the University.

We have had a nomination for the Tasmanian representative, Emma Warnecke. Nick would like to thank Julia Walters who helped find Emma.

All other current committee members were happy to stay There was a discussion about Louise Stone who will still be at GPET till the end of the year and Nick would like her to remain as a co-opted committee member and she is happy to do that as well.

8.3 APCReN funding progress.

Nick has had an indication after previous letter to APCHRI that they were interested to get a more detailed proposal for continuing the funding for a short period of time (to end of calendar year). This has been put in including a progress report and case studies of what some of the PBRN's are doing. Have asked for funding for Natalie Appelby's position as coordinator for the end of year. Also asked for money to set up a meeting later in the year to talk about a CRE application .Nick hoping to hear back from Terry Finlay very soon and seemed upbeat

There will be a number of events at the PHC Research Conference highlighting APCReN.

Dimity will be presenting a 10 minute paper on what APCReN and the members have been doing

There will be a 90 minute workshop talking about progress but also showcasing an example of a network (Andrew Bonney from Wollongong)

Oliver Frank's will also be presenting a NHMRC proposal that that would utilise a number of networks across the country

There will be small group discussions on the issues in terms of supporting practices in taking part in research and what networks need to do to build for the future

ACTION :Nick to chase Terry Finlay later this week on outcome

9. Finances

At the moment we have \$22,045.88. A number of cheques have been signed off .K,N payment to the University ,The Travelling Fellowship invoice from Irene and the \$500.00 prize for Megan Elliott Rudder to attend SAPC

10. New Members .

There was a new member this month from Tasmania , Marianne Catchpole

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 23 JULY AGM

