

MINUTES AAAPC Executive Committee meeting 8-12-16

- Attending: Grant Russell (President/Chair), Phyllis Lau (Treasurer), Nick Zwar (Past President), Lauralie Richard (NZ), Oliver Frank (SA), L Michelle Guppy NSW, Sue Pullon (NZ), Lynsey Brown (Early Research), Kitty Novy (Secretariat), Kirsty Douglas (ANU), Ngaire Kerse (NZ), Danielle Mazza (VIC), Liz Halcomb NSW), Sarah Larkins (QLD)
- Apologies: Alistair Vickery (WA)), Lucie Walters (ACCRM), Christina Hagger (Conference Convenor), Richard Reed (SA) Tim Stokes (NZ), Jennifer Walker (Editor), Bianca Brijnath,(RACGP),Dimity Pond (Secretary), Jan Radford (TAS), Jodie Oliver Baxter (Early Research),

Actions/Decision from meeting 8-12 2016

- **ACTION: GR to draft email to Anne Kelso re clarification of the primary care focus in the NHMRC funding rounds**
- **ACTION: Lauralie,Phyllis and Michelle to draft ammendments to Travelling Fellowship scoring criteria for before July 2017**
- **ACTION:Kiity to forward dates for 2017 meetings**
- **ACTION: KN to confirm date for Strategic Planning Meeting**

	Items
1. Approval of the Agenda	Chair Grant Russell (GR)
2. Past Minutes	Accepted as correct and noted that our concern for Suzanne Mckenzie 's health which continues to be poor
3. Correspondence	NZ noted a letter from the HODS developed to Sussan Ley about the registrar funding – short discussion
4. New Zealand Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue informed that she and Felicity presented their survey reports on the the lack of clinical placement in general pratice to the New Zealand Medical Council and Healthwork Force New Zealand. Anticipating to develop a consortium with the help of the College of GPs to develop and improve coordination and management across the sector. At some levels there is now national cooperation but still a very difficult space to be working in. • Sue and Ngaire reported on the proposal for a third medical school at at the University of Waikato likelyto be approved. There are many concerns around the clinical placements that a new University would bring to the landscape. • Nick noted that that Felicity spoke about NZ concerns at the recent HODS meeting and Sue and Ngaire will follow up on feedback from the Australian experience. It was felt that they might be able to argue for for more resources for student placements rather than object to the proposed school.To continue discussion at the next meeting. • Sue reported on progress of the agreement being drawn up between Otago and Auckland Univerities to develop a rural health centre. A discussion on the multi disciplinary development in the rural space and Nick suggested that they look at the UDRH model for ideas. • Lauralie noted that there was a very good contingent of New Zealanders at NAPCRG and to try and get to Montreal in 2017
5. For Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary Care Research funding in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR noted that the MRFF was released several weeks ago and he had had a brief correspondence off line. From the AAAPC point of view the advocacy of primary care by our members has been acknowledged in some of the guidelines • Nick felt that one of the hopeful strategies that was identified was to establish a national institute focused on health services, and public and preventive health research to facilitate evidence-based and cost-effective healthcare. If this was to happen it could be a game changer for health services in Australia-should AAAPC mention to State and Commonwealth people if opportunity arises

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- Liz noted tha Allied health focus was poor
 - Danielle thought that it was difficult to find primary care in the document but felt that working with the NHMRC advanced health and research translation centres to deliver a research agenda in primary care has a lot of opportunity in terms of clinical pathways intergration, variations and outcomes in morbidity in populations.
- 2. HODs Meeting**
- Nick reported on the main points covered in the meeting
 - The main discussion was around the proposed third medical school in New Zealand.in which Felcity asked for Australian feedback
 - Gerard Gill led a discussion on the workforce crisis in General Praticce in Australia and what could be done to encourage more people into academic general practice. There were no real answers to this problem
 - Dimity raised the particular issues about the support of the workforce going into academic general pratice and how tough it is to be part of a general practice department in a University at the moment and whether there should be some representation to the Medical Deans about that.The consensus from the group was that it was pretty tough for everyone at the moment and General Practice had not been singled. The suggestion was that Dimity contact Carmel Tebbutt of the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand to see if it was on the agenda
 - A discussion about the Academic Registrar program confirmation just in that it has been transferred over to the Colleges. Kirsty had raised the issue that delays in the agreement and payment of registrars had threatened to hold up the cohort starting in 2017. A letter drafted by Nick Zwar to send to Sussan Ley and Colleges . Dimity had raised the issue with Zena Burgess who had promised to follow up the transition arrangements

6. For Discussion

1.Strategic planning working group meeting

- GR led discussion around planning the meeting for early next year and thanked all who attended Things to highlight
- Invitation list : To focus on the Executive, New Zealand and to target some Early Career Researches approx. 10-15 in total
- Venue: Melbourne . KN look for options
- Date: A Monday,late March a possible option, KN to send doodle poll to executive before Christmas break
- To consult with SAPC and NAPCRG to see what the international groups that are similar to us are doing –get some ideas from their plans
- Lauralie and Sue suggested they would try and identify the most useful strategic partners in New Zealand to contribute to the discussion to balance the dialogue

2.Review of the Travelling Fellowship scoring criteria

- The review to be conducted by July 2017

3 Membership drive

- To be discussed at Strategic Planning Meeting
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7. Standing Items

1. Conference: The Primary Health Care Research Conference confirmed 5-7th August 2017 in Brisbane. The call for abstracts and further details out early 2017 and any suggestions for a key note speaker welcomed
2. Communication :
The newsletter: The newsletter out mid December
Social Media: Any material to disseminate welcomed
3. APCReN: Updates on the responses of the future of APCReN standing item – nothing to report
4. Financial report: There is currently \$14,800.82 in account. To continue membership drive
5. Membership: None
6. 2017 Executive Meeting : To continue and rotate , lunchtimes could be better for some as late afternoons often difficult

NEXT MEETING February 2017
