



AIRWAY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held during the ANZCA ASM in Sydney on Saturday 3rd May from 1500- 1530 in Bayside 204b

MINUTES

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Seppelt, Chris Bain, Stephen Gatt and Amutha Samuel.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Nothing was highlighted for discussion under this agenda item.

3. Chair's report

The Chair reported that over the last year several Airway workshops have been held around Australia and New Zealand bringing some conformity to Airway training.

The Chair reported that there has been concern that there has been no airway equipment standard in the past. The College has never at any point mandated, or produced a Professional Document with equipment standards for sites handling airway management.

Dr Paul Baker has conducted an audit of the Auckland hospital (approx 22 sites in total) that has been published in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care. Dr Baker found significant deficiencies at most of the sites. As a result the College recently held a meeting in Melbourne for interested parties, including College Councilors and Airway SIG members. During the meeting a list was put together outlining minimum equipment that will be required at all airway management sites in Australia and New Zealand. Although it will not be compulsory for hospitals to conform, they will not get accreditation if they are a training hospital and do not comply.

The next step is to publish the document in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care and then pass through Council, once passed through Council it will become a Professional Document.



Now that this document has been put together, three extra workshops have been set up at the college with the same group that put together the equipment list to ensure sufficient training in equipment use for Trainees.

The Chair identified a number of items for action by the executive in the near future. The Chair advised that he recently had a call from the Australian Defense Force. The ADF needs to set up training in airway equipment and they would like collaboration in setting this up.

The Chair advised that over the next year he would like to see the Airway SIG website developed further to include items such as equipment reviews, upcoming courses, and details of airway fellowships throughout Australia & New Zealand.

The Chair advised that he had been approached regarding the possibility of a combined meeting with the Education and Simulation SIG next year. The Chair noted that due to the difficulties of holding standing a stand alone meeting and the fact that the two SIGs would work well together the idea was welcomed

4. SIG Status

4.1 Executive

The Chair advised that following the recent election the executive committee comprised of the following:

Dr Reny Segal (Interim Chair)	VIC
Dr Christopher Acott	SA
Dr Paul Baker	NZ
Dr Keat Lee	VIC
Prof Richard Riley	WA
Dr Hock Tan	NT
Dr Keith Greenland (Coopted Member)	QLD
Dr Tony Padley (Coopted Member)	NSW

4.2 Membership

The Chair advised that the SIG currently has 248 Members.

4.3 Financial Report

The Chair advised that the SIG generated \$1928.65 in expenses for 2007

5. Future Meetings

The Chair advised that there will be a stand alone Airway SIG meeting in Adelaide in August and more details would be available shortly.



6. Other Business

With no further business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 1530

Dr Reny Segal
INTERIM CHAIR

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