



AIRWAY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held during the ANZCA ASM
on Saturday 2nd May at 1500 in Meeting Room 7 at the Cairns Convention Centre

MINUTES

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Grace Koo, Stephen Gatt and Ian Seppelt

2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 3 May 2008

The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Chair's report

The Chair reported that over the last year Dr Paul Baker has conducted an audit of Auckland Hospitals (approx 26 sites in total) that has been published in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care. Dr Baker found significant deficiencies of the sites with regards to airway management equipment.

As a result there were various meetings held at the College recently with the interested parties, including Airway Management SIG members to try and create a new process for a mandatory airway equipment list to be held at all hospitals. The Chair reported that the draft document was evidence based and in the final stages with it now going to Council as a final version for approval. The aim is that it will become a Professional Standards document which will help Fellows go to private institutions where equipment is not adequate and for tertiary hospitals to ensure they have the required standards of equipment.

The Chair reported Dr Keith Greenland and Dr Wilhelm Smithies had put together a submission to College on Trainee Curriculum Review outlining suggestions for both increased and more formalised airway management training for registrars and was awaiting a response.

The Chair reported that the website will be developed further and by the end of the year there will be information on upcoming courses endorsed by the SIG with links to further information. The Chair suggested also having possible equipment reviews and postings of airway fellowship positions. It would continue to be a College administrated website, however the SIG will have input as to what is entered onto the site. It was also suggested to endorse the EMAC and DAS algorithm on the website.

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Another idea was to have an Airway Discussion Group which would act as a forum on cases of interest, however the SIG was unsure who would manage this as it could be a time consuming endeavour.

4. SIG Status

4.1 Executive

The Chair advised that the Executive comprised of:

Dr Chris Acott	SA
Dr Paul Baker	NZ
Dr Keith Greenland	QLD (Co-opted)
Dr Keat Lee	VIC
Dr Tony Padley	NSW (Co-opted)
Prof Richard Riley	WA
Dr Reny Segal	VIC (Chair)
Dr Hock Tan	NT

4.2 Membership

The Chair advised that the SIG currently has 315 Members.

4.3 Financial Report

The Chair advised that the SIG generated \$2381.00 in expenses for 2008. The Chair agreed to determine the breakdown of this expense total. The chair reported that next year Dr Chris Acott is spearheading a Conference in Lorne which will be the first income generating event for the SIG.

5. Future Meetings

The Chair advised that the SIG has held workshops at the ASM in Melbourne, Sydney and this year in Cairns. The Chair reported that the SIG also held a session at the ASA last year and will be holding another this year in Darwin. Dr Chris Acott is the Convener for the inaugural stand alone Airway Management SIG meeting in March 2010 which will be a two day workshop in Lorne. At the 2011 ASM in Hong Kong Dr Keith Greenland and Dr Michael Irwin are organising a session for the SIG.

6. Other Business

It was suggested that more research from registrars would be beneficial; however the SIG conceded it was difficult to get the work completed unless it is part of a formal project. It was suggested that at the stand alone SIG meeting in Lorne next year the best airway paper could be awarded a prize.

It was agreed to set up an Airway Management email group.



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

Dr Reny Segal
Chair

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