



## **AIRWAY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airway Management Special Interest Group  
held during the ASA NSC at the Melbourne Convention Centre,  
Room 212 & 213, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

### **1. Attendance and Apologies**

In attendance were:

Dr Reny Segal (Chair)  
Dr Chris Acott  
Dr Drew Heffernon  
Dr Martin Culwick  
Dr Keith Greenland  
Dr Beverly Peers

Apologies from:

Dr Ian Seppelt

### **2. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. SIG Status**

#### **3.1 Executive**

The Executive currently comprises of:

Dr Reny Segal	VIC (Chair)
Dr Keith Greenland	QLD
Dr Anthony Padley	NSW
Dr Chris Acott	SA
Dr Paul Baker	NZ
Dr Richard Riley	WA
Dr Keat Lee	VIC
Dr Hock Tan	VIC

It was agreed the Executive Committee would co-opt Dr Drew Heffernon.

#### **3.2 Membership**

The SIG currently has 407 Members.

#### **3.3 Financial Report for Twelve Months ending 31/12/2009**

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the Australian Society of Anaesthetists and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists.



Income

Total Expenses	\$3,353.40
Surplus/(deficit)	(\$3,353.40)

Please note the above figures do not include any income from the 2010 Airway SIG Meeting.

#### **4. Future meetings**

##### **4.1 2011 Airway Management SIG Conference, Hyatt Coolum**

Dr Acott reported on the progress with the plans for the 2011 Airways Conference in Coolum; almost all speakers and session titles are confirmed. Dr Acott requested the Committee recommend facilitators to conduct the workshops, as many sessions remain un-catered for. The Committee discussed potential locations for the 2012 Airway Conference and agreed to look into venues which can cater for a large number of workshops, however will consider returning to Lorne as the capabilities of that facility are known.

##### **4.2 2011 ASA NSC, Sydney**

The Chair advised the Committee that he had not yet been contacted by the Organising Committee of the 2011 NSC in Sydney, and will confirm the Airways SIGs presence once an invitation has been extended.

##### **4.3 2011 ANZCA ASM, Hong Kong**

The Chair reported on the Airway SIG workshops scheduled for the Saturday during the CSM. It was mentioned the improvement in structure of the workshops, allowing the facilitators ample time to attend CSM sessions by only running the workshops multiple times on the one day. Workshops will be run in groups of up to 20 participants.

##### **4.4 2012 ANZCA ASM Perth**

The Chair advised no plans had been made for sessions at the 2012 ASM in Perth at present.

#### **5. Other business**

The Committee discussed the various other activities the SIG had been recently been involved in. The Curriculum Review was discussed at length, with Dr Greenland reporting on the progress with standardising the airway curriculum for trainees, as part of the basic training program. At present there is no standard and participation in courses is not mandatory. Dr Greenland suggested the implementation of a "manual" to which the Committee could contribute chapters relating to the various aspects of airways training. The

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Committee agreed this be a valuable tool for both the ANZCA Curriculum (trainees) and participants in workshops such as the Natcat. The issue of copyrighting the text was raised, with the Committee agreeing to copyright the book then make the information freely available in so far as the user acknowledge the authors.

The Committee discussed the need for ANZCA to set standards in the training of airways management, in terms of topics covered and equipment. The Committee noted the need for the College to mandate a training program for all the states, territories and New Zealand in the near future to help develop and improve the airway management field.

The Chair advised the Committee of a request received by Dr David Bromley on behalf of the Victorian Regional Committee; to conduct a one day workshops for Victorian registrars and consultants. The Chair reported on his polite decline of this invitation (on behalf of the SIG) due to the high number of airway workshops currently being conducted to which Victorian registrars may register to attend.

With no further business the Chair thanked the Committee for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Dr Reny Segal  
Chair