



## **ACUTE PAIN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the Acute Pain SIG  
held on Sunday 3 May at 3.00pm  
during the ANZCA ASM Cairns, Cairns Convention Centre.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Attendance and apologies**

The Chair welcomed SIG members to the meeting.

The Chair noted apologies were received from Dr M Cowling, Dr M Zacharias, Dr J Elson, Dr Lindy Roberts, Dr Michael Fong, Dr M Hogg, Dr S Jones, Dr J Branch, A/Prof S Gatt, Dr TW Lee, Dr Ronald Lo, Dr F Fisher, and Dr B Evans.

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The Minutes of the previous AGM were confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

#### **3. SIG Status**

##### **3.1 Executive Members**

##### **3.2 Membership**

The membership has increased from 700 to 914 members with associate members growing from 11 to 15.

##### **3.3 Financial Report**

The Chair commented that a proposal has been sent to ACECC for the APS meeting in Brisbane in 2010.

#### **4. Future Meetings**

##### **4.1 2009 FPM Spring Meeting, Melbourne**

##### **4.2 2009 ASA Darwin**

##### **4.3 2010 APS/Acute Pain Day preconference**

The Chair commented that there would be an Acute Pain day before the meeting and if anyone wanted to submit for a topical seminar this would need to be done in the next two weeks.

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- 4.4 **2010 ANZCA ASM, Christchurch**
- 4.5 **2010 FPM Spring Meeting, Hunter Valley**
- 4.6 **2011 ANZCA ASM, Hong Kong**

## **5. Other Business**

### **5.1 Relationship Acute Pain SIG to peri-operative medicine**

The Chair commented that the other interesting area was perioperative medicine, and that the Acute Pain SIG had made a formal application to join the Working Party which was in progress.

### **5.2 Relationship Acute Pain SIG re FPM and meetings**

The Chair discussed the interaction and overlap between the Acute Pain SIG and FPM and the need for more communication between the groups so joint meetings can be organised. The Chair mentioned another issue that was raised by a pain nurse about the standards of care in country hospitals. The Chair said herself and Penny Briscoe were working together to investigate the College's response and had confirmation from an ANZCA Council Member that hospitals that don't have an Anaesthesia Trainee is concerning and there was nothing further to report.

### **5.3 Functions of the Acute Pain SIG**

#### **5.4 Election results**

#### **5.5 Database acute pain services**

The Chair commented on a discussion from the last meeting regarding a data base for Acute Pain services being made available for research purposes. There was a formal proposal drawn up which has been sent to ACECC.

### **5.6 ACECC website discussion forum**

The Chair commented on the interest in having a discussion site for Acute Pain SIG. She informed the meeting that the SIG had been given access to the ACECC site for discussion threads. The Chair then displayed the topics from the 250 discussion threads for the members information.

The Chair commented that the points being brought up were very relevant not just processes, mainly contributions by the nursing staff, and very few medical staff were interacting on the site. She suggested that this should be publicised more so more contributions can be made.

Dr Lindy Roberts has contributed information on the site and is interested in developing the website further.

## **6. Date of the next meeting**

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To be decided.

With no further business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 3.30.

**Dr Jane Trinca**  
**Chair**

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