



## **Cardiothoracic, Vascular and Perfusion Special Interest Group Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Cardiothoracic, Vascular and Perfusion SIG held at 1730 on Sunday 30 September 2007 during the SIG CME Meeting in Port Douglas.

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

Attendance: Drs Chris Cokis (Chair), Aileen Donaghy, Jay Bruce, Joan Sutherland, Margaret Griggs, Maggie Bailey, Andrew Stewart, Kerrie Benfield, Guy Christie-Taylor, Ross Wallace, Debra Devonshire, Julie Walker, Lee Tan, Everd Strauss, Monique Wells, Bill Soong, Michael Fanshawe, David Liessmann, John Stellios, Phillip Melksham, Joe Power, Edward Murphy, Paul McConkey, Heinrich Cornelissen, Alastair McGeorge, Amanda Dawson, Brennan Ingram, Shashikanth Manikappa, Elli Tutungji, Paul Geldard, Joe Mezzatesta, John Murray, David Kibblewhite, Chris Horrocks, Ross Dysart, Andrew Van Leeuwen, Dean Dimovski, Dishan Chandrasekara, Dean Cowie, Peter McCall, Chris Bain, David Daly, Ian Harley, Gerard Handley, Darren Wolfers, Kevin Johnston, Jess Dickson, Bram Tiernan, David Scott, Roman Kluger.

In attendance Ms Juliette Mullumby.

Apologies were received from Drs Malcolm Anderson, Roderick McRae, Howard Machlin, Sharon Tivey and Andrew Silvers

### **2. Minutes of previous AGM**

#### **Recommendation:**

**G Christie-Taylor / P McCall**

**That the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Carried.

### **3. SIG Status**

#### **3.1 Executive**

The Chair noted that the members of the Executive Committee were Drs Guy Christie-Taylor, Chris Cokis (Chair), Brad Fawkes, Mario Kalpokas, Roman Kluger, Alastair McGeorge, John Murray, Ross Wallace and Monique Wells.

#### **3.2 Membership**

The SIG currently has 627 members.



### 3.3 Financial Report

The Chair noted that the SIG constitution has been changed by ACECC and that SIGs no longer accumulate funds. . It is anticipated that this conference will make a surplus as registration numbers have been higher than anticipated.

The Chair reported that Paul Myles had asked him to remind members about the ATACAS trial and to encourage hospitals to sign up.

### 4. Perfusion issues

Dr R Wallace reported that the College had approached the SIG to consider developing a certification in perfusion. A survey of those who practice perfusion has been undertaken and the results will be presented during the conference.

Delegates noted that appreciation for the perfusion simulator session that had been included in the meeting. It was agreed that as it was a core focus of the SIG that perfusion workshops should be held at all future SIG conferences.

### 5. General Business

Following the presentation from Prof James Ramsay, the Chair felt that the SIG had potential to accomplish more than it was currently doing. He noted that the constitution did limit the activities of the SIG and wondered whether the SIG should consider forming an independent society.

Much discussion occurred around this suggestion and a number of the positive and negative implications were raised.

There was a general consensus that the SIG did not have the numbers to support an independent society. It was agreed to consider alternate initiatives that the CVP SIG could submit proposals for.

It was agreed that there may need to be cause to review this option at a later date.

A suggestion was raised that the CVP SIG could purchase an electronic voting system similar to the system Bayer sponsored at this meeting. It was felt adding participation of delegates to sessions enhanced the educational value of the meeting. It was suggested that this cost could be covered by all the SIGs and retained at ANZCA for use by the SIGs and the three parent bodies. The Chair undertook to follow this suggestion up.



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

Suggestions were sought for the venue of the next conference of the SIG in 2009. Locations raised included Mt Hotham, Fiji, Bunker Bay in WA, Herron Island in the Whitsunday's, Shoal Bay and returning to Port Douglas. It was noted that the decision on the next location will be made by the Executive in due course.

The Chair noted that the next AGM was likely to be held during the ANZCA ASM in Sydney in May.

With no further business the Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

C Cokis  
**Chair**