



Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Special Interest Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Special Interest Group held on Monday 28 May 2007 at 1500 during the ANZCA ASM.

1. Attendance

Present: Drs: Margaret Walker (Chair), Ian Millar, Mike Bennett, Andrew Fock, Glen Hawkins, David Smart, Simon Mitchell, Fiona Sharp, Barbara Trytko and John Williamson.

In attendance Ms Juliette Mullumby

Apologies were received from Drs Ian Seppelt, Michael Davis and Harry Oxe.

2. Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting held on 18th August

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

3. Business arising from the Minutes

Nothing specific was raised under this item.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair reported that ANZCA Council had approved the amended requirements for the DHM Certificate, making completion of the SPUMS Diploma optional. The alternate to the SPUMS Diploma is the completion of a formal project.

The Auckland Hospital Course was considered and approved for the theoretical component of the Certificate. It was noted that any practical component undertaken during the course in an approved unit may be submitted for approval by the assessor.

No further facilities have applied for accreditation and no exam will be held in 2007. It was noted that two candidates needed to sit for the exam before it would run.

Dr M Bennett raised concerns about the relationship between the SIG Certificate and SPUMS Diploma. He felt that the link between the two should not be interrelated.

Dr I Millar suggested that flexibility with the approval of courses was necessary. He argued that each course should be independently assessed through the College and reviewed regularly. Dr F Sharp noted that SPUMS is not primarily an educational organization.

The Chair reported that the SIG were contributing a session to the 2007 ASM. They also hoped to contribute sessions at the 2008 ASM in Sydney and the 2009 ASM in Cairns.



5. SIG Status

5.1 Executive Members

The Chair reported that an election for the SIG Executive had been held in the lead up to the ASM and noted the current members of the Executive.

5.2 Membership

The Chair reported that the SIG currently had 190 members.

5.3 Financial Report

The financial report was given by the Chair. It was noted that the SIG constitution had been changed to allow SIGs to apply for seed funding each year for educational activities.

6. Other Business

The poor invoicing for the certificates was noted and it was confirmed that this matter was being followed up with the College.

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

DR MARGARET WALKER
Chair