



DIVING AND HYPERBARIC MEDICINE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held during the ANZCA ASM in Sydney
on Monday 5th May from 1000 – 1030 in Bayside 204B.

MINUTES

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Margaret Walker, Fiona Sharp, David Davies, Simon Mitchell, Barbara Trytko, Glen Hawkins, Mike Bennett, David Wilkinson.

Apologies: Ian Unsworth, Mike Davis, Jenny Plummer, John Williamson, David Cooper, Ian Seppelt, Robert Webb, Judy Branch.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report under this item

4. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the following activities:

Honours – Dr Robert Wong received the Australian Defence Force Medal and Robert Webb is now an Associate Professor at James Cook University Medical School.

Training - Approved training courses for the ANZCA certificate were reviewed during the year and there are now three alternate pathways. One pathway is to do one of the training courses in diving and hyperbaric medicine for a duration of four weeks full time. Alternatively approval was given for the medicine 714 & 715 components at the University of Auckland Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Science, however, now that that course has been abandoned this only applies to students who are already in the program.

The ANZ-HMG course was run again successfully with many overseas candidates attending.



The Scientific Session ran successfully last year and the Chair thanked Dr Mike Bennett for his efforts. The course will run again this year in Cairns and the Chair identified this as an ideal opportunity to hold a satellite meeting of the DHM SIG.

Facility Accreditation – Christchurch Hospital has been inspected and accredited for 6 months training. As there are no diving medicals undertaken in the unit, if all training has been done at Christchurch there would be a need to go to another unit for 6 months where there was a significant diving medical component.

The Prince of Wales Hospital has been inspected and re-accredited.

Examinations – There was not a sufficient number of candidates to hold an examination this year. However there is one candidate from Tasmania who has been unable to sit the examination for two years in a row due to insufficient numbers to hold an exam. As such, the Chair proposed the following motion:

'If a candidate has already been deferred from sitting the exam for one year due to insufficient numbers, they should be given an opportunity to sit the exam on their own'

The motion was unanimously carried.

5. SIG Status

5.1 Executive Members

The Chair advised that the Executive currently comprises of:

Dr Bob Wong	WA
Dr David Smart	TAS
Dr Margaret Walker	TAS
Dr David Wilkinson	SA
Dr Robert Webb	QLD
Dr Michael Bennett	NSW

5.2 Membership

The Chair advised that the SIG currently has 203 Members including 7 Associate Members.

5.3 Financial Report

The Chair advised that the expenses for the SIG for the last year were \$3,111.20 with no income recorded.

6. Other Business

With no further business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10:30

DR MARGARET WALKER
Chair