



OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held during the ASA 66th National Scientific Congress and AOSRA-PM 9th Biennial Congress at the Burswood Entertainment Complex on Saturday 15th September 2007

1. Opening and Apologies

SIG Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair. In attendance were Dr S Simmons (Chair), Dr M Andrew, Dr A Dennis, Dr D Elliot, Dr C Fahey, Dr G Goulding, Dr R Jones, Prof W Ngan Kee, Prof M Paech, Dr M Shaw.

Apologies were received from Drs John Crowhurst, Maggie Wong, Michael Turner, Richard Maynard, Sandra Taylor, Michael Fong, Jack Hill, Elaine Langton and Steven Katz

2. Minutes of AGM October 2006

Recommendation:

D Elliot/S Simmons

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

Carried

3. Report from the Chair

A one page summary of activities by SIG distributed to attendees by the Chair.

4. SIG Status

4.1 Executive Committee

The executive group has been in place for the last three years and consequently elections were recently held to determine the executive for the coming three years.

Nominations were sought and under the constitution there were eight people elected:

Dr Alicia Dennis (VIC)
Dr Steven Katz (NSW)
Dr Scott Simmons (VIC)
Dr Kym Osborn (SA)
Dr Andrew Ottaway (TAS)
Dr Graham Sharpe (NZ)
Dr Elizabeth Ward (NSW)
Prof Mike Paech (WA)

The chair noted there can be nine members of the executive. In light of this it was acknowledged that there was no representative from Queensland.



Recommendation:

S Simmons / A Dennis

That Genevieve Goulding be elected to the SIG Executive.

Carried.

Dr Stephen Gatt expressed an interest in contributing to the ongoing work of the SIG. Because there can only be nine members of the constitution it was motioned that Dr Gatt become a co-opted member of the executive.

Recommendation:

S Simmons / M Craig

That Stephen Gatt be co-opted to the SIG Executive.

Carried.

4.2 Membership

There are currently 762 members of the SIG.

4.3 Financial Report

The financial status of SIG will be included in the annual report in January and will show a positive balance.

5. Continuing Education Meetings

5.1 Blenheim Meeting 2008

It was noted that organization for this meeting was progressing well

5.2 OAA Videoconferencing

The Chair reported that the video conference was technically a success and was a useful exercise in determining the potential to hook up to international events. It was considered a viable option for the future.

6. Obstetric Anaesthesia SIG Scientific Evidence Project

An overview of this project was given and it was noted that a meeting regarding this project will be held following the ASM. All those involved in the project were invited to stay on for the following meeting.

7. Other Business



The Chair noted that he has been involved in developing a joint position on delivery of obstetric services, which has now been released.

It has been suggested to the group at college level that they incorporate some words along the lines of 'pediatric attendance is something that is not the responsibility of the anesthetist'. In other words the anesthetist primarily has responsibility for the mother and there needs to be someone who has dedicated responsibility for the baby.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians was not involved in drafting this position statement but will be invited to comment when the document is reviewed.

It was noted that the Executive will determine a new Chair at their next meeting.

Dr Scott Simmons
Chair

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