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ANAESTHESIA CONTINUING EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

*Confirmed minutes of the Regional Anaesthesia Special Interest Group Annual General Meeting
on Monday, 6 October, 2014 at 12:00 AEST*

1. Attendance - Dr M. Barrington

Michael Barrington	MB
Phil Cowlshaw	PC
Neil McLennan	NM
David Scott	DS
Yean Chin	YC
John Knox	JK
Paul Herreen	PH

In Attendance

Juli Kiely, ASA	JMK
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2. Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous AGM – Dr M. Barrington

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held 30 September, 2012

MB advised that an AGM did not take place in 2013. With no one at the current AGM having been present at the AGM in 2010/2, the minutes were unable to be confirmed.

ACTION: JK to email Dr Myles Conroy to confirm the minutes of the 2012 AGM.

Post meeting note: Dr Myles Conroy confirmed via email that the AGM 2012 minutes were accurate.

3. RA SIG Annual Report – Dr M. Barrington

The RA SIG Executive currently includes:

Dr Michael Barrington (Chair)

Dr David Scott (Vice-Chair)

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Dr Alwin Chuan
Dr Phil Cowlshaw
Dr Peter Hebbard
Dr Neil MacLennan
Dr Stephen Watts
Dr David McLeod
Dr Andrew Fenton
Dr Emile Kurukchi
Dr Yean Chin

MB welcomed the new addition of Dr Yean Chin to the Executive Committee.

The SIG has a healthy number of 575 members.

The RA SIG Session at the 2013 ASA NSC in Canberra was completed. The Executive would like to thank Dr Chris Hoy, Dr Alwin Chuan and Dr Phillip Ragg for their contributions to the 2013 ASA NSC RA SIG Session.

The combined AACA/ASURA meeting was successfully held in February 2014. The RA SIG Executive would like to thank the speakers for this event including Dr Vincent Chan, Dr Lee A Fleisher, Dr Admir Hadzic, Dr Paul Myles, Dr Mark F. Newman, Dr Warwick Ngan Kee, Dr Steve Shafer and Dr Ban Tsui for their contributions to the meeting. The RA SIG Executive also thank the many doctors who facilitated the workshops for this meeting. This meeting was supported by both the ASA and the NZSA and provided a great opportunity for networking amongst colleagues.

The RA SIG session at the ANZCA ASM 2014 in Singapore was completed. The RA SIG Executive would like to thank Drs Daniel Wong, David Scott and David McCombe for their presentations in the RA SIG Session and Drs Alwin Chuan, David Auyong and Myles Conroy for conducting master classes on regional anaesthesia.

MB advised that the RA SIG had been involved in the following in the past year:

- Providing a review and comment on the Infection Control Guidelines for ANZCA
- Discussion and awareness of local infusions on the ward by non-traditional methods.
- Discussion of the conflict of interest disclosure by presenters at scientific meetings
- Discussion of a 'Stop Before You Block'. This involved acknowledging there is a problem, raising awareness through communication to the RA SIG membership and sending a letter of endorsement for a 'Stop Before You Block' to the ANZCA Quality and Safety Committee
- Organisation of ASURA 2015 to be held in Perth is being convened by Dr Steve Watts. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt and will also make use of the C-Tech facilities. Registrations for this meeting have opened this week.
- The RA SIG will hold sessions the ANZCA ASM 2015 in Adelaide. These are being organised by Dr David McLeod.
- A proposal was made to combine the ASA/ASURA meetings 2016 however this proposal was rejected for legitimate reasons. Proposals and ideas for ASURA 2016 are currently being discussed and considered by the RA SIG Executive.
- MB thanked the ASA for the support provided to the RA SIG with particular thanks to ASA CEO Mark Carmichael, Robert Campbell for event support and Juli Kiely as RA SIG Secretariat.

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- MB noted the growing difficulty in organising meetings in general including sourcing speakers and workshop facilitators.
- MB acknowledged that the RA SIG Sessions held today at the ASA NSC were excellent and the RA SIG would like to thank Dr Adrian Chin, Dr Phil Cowlshaw and Dr William Harrop-Griffith for their presentations.

4. RA SIG Financial Report - Dr M. Barrington

RA SIG will be supporting the ASURA meeting in 2015 located in Perth.

5. Other Business – Dr M. Barrington

5.1 DS advised that he would be stepping down from the Executive Committee due to other commitments. MB thanked DS for his involvement with the RA SIG including his valuable assistance since the inception of the committee in 2006.

5.2 MB confirmed that the ASURA meeting held in Auckland was very successful. Suggestions for ASURA 2016 were welcomed. Combining the meeting with the Acute Pain SIG was a suggestion raised. MB confirmed that a meeting on the East coast would be preferably as 2015 is held in Perth. It was acknowledged that 2016 is a busy year for meetings. MB advised that the RA SIG Executive would continue to discuss possibilities for ASURA 2016.

Dr Michael Barrington
RA SIG Chair