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Draft Minutes of the Regional Anaesthesia Special Interest Group Annual General Meeting
Sunday 18 September 2016 at 1245 hrs AEST held in Room 204 at the Melbourne Convention and
Exhibition Centre, Melbourne Victoria

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Attendance

Dr Neil MacLennan (Chair)
Dr Yean Chin Lim
Dr Peter Hebbard
Dr David McLeod (dial in)
A/P David M Scott
Dr Stephen Watts
Dr Phil Cowlshaw
Dr Paul Herreen

Maxine Wade (ASA)

Peter Lane
Penny Hall
Phil Holz
Adrian Chin
Barry Egan
Michael Challis
Krishna Boddu
Myles Conroy
Grace Gunasegaram

2.

Apologies

Dr Sandra Taylor
Dr Chris Scarff
Dr Christopher Mitchell
Dr Alwin Chuan

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the Australian Society of Anaesthetists and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists.

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3. **Confirmation of Minutes from the previous AGM** – Dr N MacLennan
3.1 Minutes of the AGM held in Darwin, NT on 12 September 2015 were confirmed by David M Scott and seconded by Peter Hebbard.

4. **RA SIG Annual Report**

The RA SIG currently has a healthy 627 members. The RA SIG Executive currently includes:

Dr Neil MacLennan (Chair) NM
Dr Alwin Chuan
Dr Phil Cowlshaw
Dr Peter Hebbard
Dr David McLeod
Dr Yean Chin Lim
Dr Chris Mitchell
Dr Stephen Watts
Dr Ross Peake
Dr Andrew Lansdown

Several SIG telcons and events were held during the year to discuss matters of interest and relevance:

- ASM in May 2016 in New Zealand – RA SIG contributed to 2 sessions namely – Alternatives to the Epidural; and Orthopaedic Anaesthesia focussing on # NOF and Total Joint Arthroplasty. Both were with high quality sessions with excellent presentations.

We have also benefited from the presentations at today's Session and Chair thanked the speakers at both of these sessions for their obvious hard work in preparing these presentations and their contributions to our specialty.

5. **RA SIG Financial Report**

No activity to report

6. **Election of Executive and Office Bearers**

NM advised that RA SIG were actively recruiting new members. David M Scott recently nominated two new members who were seconded and welcomed by the Chair, namely:

Dr Ross Peake, and
Dr Andrew Lansdowne

We are always interested in other members who have an interest in Regional Anaesthesia and in helping with the work of the Executive, so if you know of anyone please get in touch with NM.

7. **Any Other Business / Future meetings**

7.1

ASURA 2017 – we are taking a slight departure from the usual meetings in a big centre and have chosen a resort on this occasion for a more relaxed feel. It will be held at the Peppers Resort in Noosa, Qld in 23 – 26 February 2017. This will be Regional Anaesthesia with an educational theme which we think will be of interest to a broad range of anaesthetists. Our keynote speakers reflect that mix of regional anaesthesia and education:

- Professor Viren Naik is Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Ottawa; he is an experienced educator and will share how education theory can help those learning, or teaching regional anaesthesia
- Professor Ed Mariano is Professor of Anesthesiology, Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco. His research interests include the development of techniques and patient care pathways to improve postoperative pain control with of focus on regional anaesthesia. He has a particular interest in the role of simulation-based training of residents in regional anaesthesia techniques
- Associate Professor Glenn Woodworth, is the Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellowship Director at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon. Dr Woodworth has pioneered the development of the Anesthesia Toolbox that will be a topic of great discussion in Noosa

Our international speakers will be supported by an experienced Australasian faculty from both the regional anaesthesia and education communities. With the education theme for ASURA, there will be useful content for trainees, novices and regional anaesthesia experts with an interest in teaching.

We are hoping to finalise the program soon, currently working on the last of the small group sessions with a view to opening registration in the next few weeks. Anyone interested in contributing to the meeting should contact NM directly or Maxine at the ASA and we will get you on the potential workshop faculty list. Sponsorship to be discussed between Chair and DM at end of ASA Congress

There is another meeting proposed for ASURA in 2018. We are in the early days of planning but hope to combine it with the ASEAN meeting in Singapore. AC has undertaken some exploratory work on that and a proposal does look viable at this stage and we hope to progress in due course.

7.2

RA Fellowship training options in Australasia – details almost finalised and will be posted on relevant websites in due course. This will assist those looking for a Regional Anaesthesia Training Position and who to contact.

8.

Closure - There being no other business, NM thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 2.00 pm

Dr Neil MacLennan
Chair, RA SIG

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