



**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE HISTORY AND RESUSCITATION SIG  
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2007, IN THE STUDIO 1, BURSWOOD  
INTERNATIONAL RESORT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Dr Ross Holland, Chair	RH
Dr Jane McDonald	JMc
Dr John Paull	JP
Dr Greg Deacon	GD
Dr Mike Hodgson	MH
Dr Jeanette Thirlwell	JT

**SECRETARIAT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr Peter Stanbury	PS
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**2. APOLOGIES**

Dr Rod Westhorpe	RW
Dr Des O'Brien	DO'B
Dr Micheal Cooper	MC
Dr Richard Bailey	RB
Dr David McConnel	DM

**The Chair opened the Meeting at 10.00 and welcomed those in attendance.**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1** *Minutes of the meeting on 22 October 2006 in the Yandina Room, Hyatt Regency Coolum, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, were accepted as a true and accurate record.*  
**MOVED FROM THE CHAIR      SECONDED JT      CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 4.1** Discussion arose concerning mention in the revised Constitution of the responsibility of the SIG in organising its proceedings at the annual NSC Conference. GD clarified the issue stating that if all 16 SIGs wished to hold a session, accommodation and financial issues might arise. However, in the normal course of events, smaller SIGs that indicated their wishes early and that had a program of speakers would find no problem in arranging their event. It was also possible to obtain funding to have one meeting per year of no more than a day in length at another time (not at the NSC). Overseas speakers' funding, especially from the Asia/Pacific region, was also possible. Arrangements for booking the fare and accommodation could be made through the secretariat. The nominal budget of \$10,000 must be used for educational purposes and the group must be financially responsible.

## 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 5.1 RH stated, as in the past, that it was important for the SIG to continue to provide good quality papers at the NSC and ANZCA meetings. Members needed to be aware of the following future events:  
 2-7 March 2008: 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Anaesthesiologists, Cape Town. This is a quadrennial event which always includes a history session.  
 3-7 May 2008: ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney  
 11-14 October 2008: ASA NSC Wellington, New Zealand  
 5-8 September 2009: ASA NSC Darwin
- 5.2 RH stated that an invitation had been sent to Professor Keith Sykes to speak in Sydney, but that he was unable to come due to the illness of his son. Dr David Wilkinson had also been invited but he was committed to speak in South Africa and was unlikely to be available.

## 6. ELECTIONS

- 6.1 RH vacated the Chair, JT acted as Chair.  
 PS stated that there had been no new nominations. After discussion, the present Executive was asked to stay at their posts for 2007-2008, although it was noted with sadness that Dr Ian Steven had died during the year. It was suggested that John Richards be approached to act as the South Australian representative. RH accepted the position of Chair for a further year, but hoped another would assume the responsibility next year.  
 RH resumed the Chair.
- 6.2 The current Executive is thus:  
 Chair: Dr Ross Holland (NSW)  
 DR Ian McGlew, WA  
 DRs Chris Ball & Rod Westhorpe, VIC  
 DRs Richard Bailey, Ross Holland & Stephen Gatt, NSW  
 DR Tony Newson, *New Zealand*  
 DR David McConnel, *QLD*
- 6.3 JP offered to see if he could find a representative from Tasmania.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 MH commented that it was important to contact retired members and other anaesthetists to obtain oral histories. At one stage in the past this had been an active project. RH mentioned that the ASA had a number of recordings, but the cost of transferring them to modern digital media was high. PS offered that the recent emphasis on the museum refurbishment had meant that the oral history recordings had taken second place in priority, but that lists could be drawn up of what we had and on which medium they were recorded, and of potential future interviewees. RH offered to contact a specialist in oral recording, Rosie Block of the NSW State Library, to see if she would speak or run a workshop at the ANZCA meeting in Sydney in May 2008.

**There being no other business, the Chair closed the Meeting at 10.32 and thanked those in attendance.**