



Anaesthesia and Critical Care in Unusual and Transport Environments Special Interest Group

The Annual General Meeting of the ACCUTE SIG was held during the ANZCA ASM in Sydney on Tuesday 6th May at 1500 hrs, in Bayside Auditorium B, Darling Harbour Convention Centre.

MINUTES

1. Attendance and apologies

1.1 Present

George Merridew (Acting Chair), Peter Cook, Nutan Kumta, Ken Harrison, Elaine Lee, Sandy Donald, Patrick Liston, Brian Pezzutti, David Scott, Howard Roby

1.2 Apologies

Blair Munford (Chair), Bernie Hanrahan

2. Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Recommendation:

B Pezzutti / S Donald

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

Carried

3. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2007 AGM

3.1 Funding for a multidisciplinary trauma workshop mooted for Victoria was to have been explored with the Victorian government. The matter may have lapsed, but will be re-explored by the Chair.

3.2 The matter (raised by Dr Pezzutti) of the College approaching Health Ministers regarding funding for disaster-related equipment will be addressed again.

3.3 Dr Pezzutti commented upon his recent trip to the USAF hospital at Landstuhl Air Base in Germany, the destination of most Coalition serious casualties from the Middle East.

Recommendation:

B Pezzutti / K Harrison

The College's NSW Regional Committee collaborates with a suitable other body in a retrieval-related forum to provide one or more speakers presenting the USAF's Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) approach and experience in the retrieval of stabilised combat casualties from the Middle East.

Carried



4. SIG Status:

4.1 Executive

Currently comprises:

Dr Blair Munford (Chair)	NSW
Dr Bruce Lister	QLD
Dr Allan MacKillop	QLD
Dr George Merridew	Tas
Dr Mason Ramsay	NZ
Dr Peter Sharley	SA
Dr Dianne Stephens	NT

4.2 Membership

The SIG has increased from 243 to 272 members

4.3 Finances

The Financial Report for 2007 recorded no income. Total yearly expenditure was \$1920

5. Chair's Report

To be circulated

6. General Business

- 6.1 Dr Cook advised that College Council will soon be examining the FANZCA curriculum and that the SIG has an opportunity to recommend the insertion of SIG-related topics and/or a module.

Recommendation:

Cook / Harrison

That the SIG engage with the curriculum review process with a view to inserting SIG-related topics and/or a module.

Carried

- 6.2 Dr Pezzutti reported that an inhalational anaesthesia device called *Anaconda* has been developed in Germany. It feeds controlled volumes of liquid agent into a wick placed in the patient breathing system. *Anaconda* is disposable. It is not yet available in Australia. See Google.

- 6.3 Dr Donald advised that the development of a Queensland-wide network with the potential to provide civilian locums to backfill the local posts of anaesthetists deployed on military or civilian aid activities in Australia or overseas was nearly completed.



7. Next meeting

To be advised

8. Meeting close

There being no further business, the Acting Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 1525 hrs.

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