



RURAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Rural SIG held in
Hamilton Island, Endeavour Room
on Tuesday 6 July, 2010 at 12:00pm (QLD Time)

- 1. Attendance:** Dr David Wright, Dr Eric Micklethwaite, Dr Christopher Thomas, Dr Gay Clery, Dr Bruce Ryley, Dr Gerry Meijer, Dr Judith Killen, Dr Fred Rosewarne, Dr Mark Tuck, Dr Deborah Gardiner, Dr David Rowe, Dr John Male.

In attendance: Hannah Burnell

Apologies: Dr Trevor Cook, Dr Brian Spain, Dr Sandra Taylor, Dr Deb Wilson, Dr Frank Fisher, Dr Brian Pezzutti, Dr Graeme Murrell, Dr Andrew Michael, Dr Di Khursandi, Dr Frank Moloney.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 6 July 2009

As a quorum was not reached at the 2009 AGM, no minutes were available.

3. SIG Status

3.1 Executive Members

The current Executive Members comprise:

Dr John Male (Chair)	WA
Dr Deborah Gardiner	NZ
Dr Anna Hawke	NSW
Dr Di Khursandi	QLD
Dr Andrew Michael	SA
Dr Craig Mitchell	VIC
Dr Frank Moloney	NSW
Dr Brian Spain	NT
Dr David Rowe	NSW

3.2 Membership

The SIG currently has 333 Members.

3.3 Financial Report

The SIG finished 2009 with an overall balance of (\$438.60). However this figure does not include any income from the 2009 Rural SIG Meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

ACECC is a joint initiative of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, the Australian Society of Anaesthetists and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists.



The Chair expressed his intention of resigning from the position of Chair of the executive committee. He suggested holding a teleconference with the Executive to discuss a replacement. The members agreed to a teleconference being held in the near future. It was noted an election is due to occur in early 2011, the members agreed to actively attempt to encourage new ANZCA Fellows to consider joining the committee.

The Chair highlighted current issues which the Rural SIG should focus on in 2011:

- How to go about getting more Rural Hospitals accredited
- How to obtain more support for Rural Hospitals
- How to overcome the general “issues” with getting trainees into Rural positions

5. Future Meetings

Dr David Rowe reported on the progress of the 2011 Rural Conference to be held in the Barossa Valley. Dr Rowe discussed potential topics for the meeting:

- Donor panels and blood transfusion
- Education and the challenges facing us in Rural Areas
- Difficult airways
- MH Local Anaesthetics or Toxicity guidelines

It was noted Dr Robyn Gillies would be an excellent speaker on “MH local Anaesthetics” and should be invited to the 2011 Meeting. The members also agreed it appropriate to extend an invitation to Dr Reny Segal for the “Difficult Airways” session.

The Chair highlighted the relevance of including issues such as Q & A, Clinical Governance and the Application of Standards, Protocols and Guidelines in the Meeting

Dr Rowe requested members contact him should they become aware of any speakers who may wish to volunteer to present at the 2011 Conference.

6. Other business

The Chair acknowledged the College’s intention to disband the RARS program.

7. Date of the next meeting

The Chair wished to formally thank Dr David Rowe for his effort in making the 2010 Rural Meeting a success. With no further business the meeting was closed at 12:15 pm.

Dr John Male
Chair



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