



## WELFARE OF ANAESTHETISTS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Welfare Special Interest Group  
held during the ANZCA ASM at the Christchurch Convention Centre,  
Meeting Room 4, at 12.00pm (NZ Time) on Monday 3 May, 2010

1. **Attendance** : Dr Di Khursandi, Dr Margie Cowling, Prof John Gibbs, Dr Meredith Craigie, Dr Rob Fry.

### Apologies

Dr Lachlan Doughty, Dr Melissa Viney, Dr Elizabeth Maycock, Dr Judy Branch,  
Dr Sandra Taylor, Dr Tracey Tay, Dr. Richard Morris, Dr John Crowhurst, Dr Michael Corkeron, Dr Prani  
Shrivastava, Dr Leona Wilson, Dr Kushlani Stevenson, Dr Genevieve Goulding.

2. **Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. **SIG Status**

- 3.1 Executive

The Executive currently comprises of:

Dr Margaret Cowling	SA
Dr John Crowhurst	VIC
Dr Genevieve Goulding	QLD
Dr Diana Khursandi	QLD
Dr Tracey Tay	NSW
Dr George Mendelson	VIC
Dr Rob Fry	NZ
Dr Jane McDonald	NSW
Dr Prani Shrivastava	WA

- 3.2 Membership

The SIG currently has 503 Members.

- 3.3 Financial Report for Twelve Months ending 31/12/2009

Income

Total Expenses	\$2989
Surplus/(deficit)	(\$2989)

Please note the above figures do not include any income from the  
2009 Combined SIG Meeting.

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#### **4. Future Meetings**

##### **4.1 2010 Combined SIG Conference, Port Douglas**

The Chair spoke on the progression of the Combined SIG Conference, and introduced the guest speakers, TRIAD consulting firm. They specialise in communication and difficult interaction, and will be conducting several workshops during and before the main sessions.

The Welfare of Anaesthetists speaker is Mr Michael Gorton who will participate in three sessions: Conflict resolution, national registration and mandatory reporting, and a session on dinosaurs “how to avoid becoming one”.

##### **4.2 2010 ASA NSC, Melbourne**

There will not be a WOA SIG session at the 2010 ASA NSC in Melbourne.

##### **4.3 2011 ANZCA ASM, Hong Kong**

The Chair discussed the potential session topics for the 2011 ANZCA ASM. The preferred topic as suggested by the convener Dr Warrick Knan Kee, is “Work-life balance”. The members agreed to gather more information about topics before making a decision, as Dr Fry informed the members he will be speaking on the same topic at a separate session during the 2011 ANZCA ASM.

##### **4.4 2012 ANZCA ASM, Perth**

The Chair spoke on the intended session topic for the 2012 ANZCA ASM. The session will be based on increased awareness of the stress on doctors when participating in organ transplant surgery. The Chair noted Dr Shrivastava had been in contact with Mr Gerry O’Callaghan from the Organ and Tissue Authority. It was agreed to invite Dr O’Callaghan to present a talk, and request Dr Shrivastava chair the session.

The Chair also noted the need to update the resource documents related to the issues with organ donation.

#### **5. Other Business**

The members agreed the next WOA SIG AGM will be held at the Combined 2011 SIG Conference.

The Chair announced a new Trainee Representative to the WOA SIG Executive, Dr Kushlani Stevenson from Victoria.

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will occur at the Combined SIG Conference in 2011.

The Chair thanked members for attending and the meeting was closed.

**Dr Di Khursandi**  
**Chair**

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