



Australian
Society of Anaesthetists

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE HISTORY AND RESUSITATION SIG
HELD ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2006, IN THE YANDINA ROOM, HYATT
REGENCY COOLUM, SUNSHINE COAST, QUEENSLAND, COMMENCING AT 9AM**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present

Dr Chris Ball, Acting Chair	
Dr. David McConnel	DMcC
Dr Rod Westhorpe	RW
Dr Pat Mackay	PM
Dr Godfrey Williamson	GW
Dr Don Maxwell	DM
Dr. Jeanette Thirlwell Jones	JTJ
Dr Stewart Bath	SB
Dr David Gibb	DG
Dr John Mcarty	JM
Dr. Kester Brown	KB
Dr Steve Clulow	SC

Also in Attendance

Dr. P Stanbury	PS
Ms. E Triarico	ET

2. APOLOGIES

Dr. R Holland
Dr Bill Reynolds
Dr Stephen Gatt
Dr Richard Bailey
Dr John Williamson
Dr. GJ Deacon (President)

The Acting Chair opened the Meeting at 9 am and welcomed those in attendance.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 *Minutes of the meeting on 27 September 2005 in the Gold Coast Convention Centre were accepted as a true and accurate record*
MOVED FROM THE CHAIR SECONDED RW CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Nil

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 5.1 It is pleasing that yet again each national body has been generous in allocating a historical session to the SIG at their forthcoming annual meetings. This obliges the SIG to

continue providing good quality papers as it has done to date. Members should be aware of the following future events:

May 2007: Melbourne ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting. A session has already been allocated to the SIG and it is hoped that Dr Archie Brain will lead the program. After discussion it was hoped that there would be a number of papers including those from Drs Brown, Sainsbury, Westhorpe and Ball. RW said he hoped a display would be mounted from the Geoffrey Kaye Museum.

July 2007: The next meeting of the NZSA will be in Christchurch, New Zealand. An enquiry has been received as to whether our SIG wishes to participate in this meeting. After discussion it was decided that Dr Holland to continue his negotiations for a History Session at this conference.

September 2007, ASA: This is the combined 66th NSC of the ASA and the 9th Biennial Congress of the Asian and Oceanic Society of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine at the Burswood International Resort, Perth. The Chairman has received an inquiry from the Convenors as to whether the SIG can mount a session. There is some urgency in responding to this query. After discussion PS was asked to invite all SIG members to present a paper at this conference.

March 2008: 14th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in Cape Town. A call for abstracts has been issued for this quadrennial event which always includes a history session.

May 2008: ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting, location unknown. Dr Mark Priestley has already invited our SIG to support a session at this meeting. RH has responded to Dr Priestley to the effect that in principle we are committed to presenting and will advise him on details as soon as possible.

As can be seen there are many opportunities to present a paper, and it is to be hoped that our members will do their best to ensure that our record of uninterrupted support since 2000 is maintained.

5.2 A new constitution for SIGs has been formally adopted by the constituent bodies, and the good news is that a sum of \$10,000 is available annually to each SIG in order to further its objectives and encourage presentations.

5.3 A proposal has been made to establish a “virtual” museum of anaesthetic history, which would enable collections scattered across Australia and New Zealand to be entered on a common database and made available electronically via a website. Members are especially requested to advise the Chairman of any such collection (no matter how small) of which they are aware in their region. In answer to several question PS said that the proposal was in its infancy and would probably take some years before it was completed. The first stage involved discussions about a common data base and a common vocabulary or thesaurus.

5.4 The Chairman advised that although he is willing to stand for election for the forthcoming year, he would like to relinquish the position in 2008.

6. ELECTIONS

6.1 PS said there had been two nominations properly seconded: one was for Chair (Dr Ross Holland) and one for a member of the Executive of the SIG (Dr Stephen Gatt). The election of these two persons was received with acclamation and the remainder of the Executive was asked stay at their posts for 2006-7, although it was noticed with sadness that Dr Mervyn Cobcroft had resigned during the year.

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 Ian Steven, SA

DR Tony Newson, *New Zealand*

DR David McConnel *Q*

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 GW commented that there was a clash between the session given by Dr Stephen Gatt and the History SIG AGM and asked that in future the AGM be held after any plenary session. PS noted that the program was tight this year because of the reduced number of days, the available locations and time slots and also because of the unexpected number of presenters.

7.2 KB asked that it be recorded that prior to the AGM at the History session there had been three really excellent presentation and he noted that the attendance had been higher than in previous years.

There being no other business the Chair closed the Meeting at 9.26 pm and thanked those in attendance.