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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (HA SIG)  
HELD ON FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE SYDNEY  
CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, BAYSIDE TERRACE  
ROOM FROM 1300HR

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**1. Attendance**

Drs Jeanette Thirlwell (Chair), Richard Bailey, Christine Ball, Kester Brown, Michael Hodgson, Gerry Lewis, Lindsay McBride, David McConnel, Jane McDonald, Richard Walsh, Rod Westhorpe and Professors David Gibb and John Gibbs.

**Secretariat Staff in Attendance**

Ms Danielle Ashford (Policy Assistant)

**Apology**

Dr Michael Cooper

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**The Chair opened the meeting at 1300 and welcomed those in attendance.**

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**2. Confirmation of Minutes for the Previous Meeting**

2.1. Minutes of the HA SIG Meeting held Sunday 3 October 2011

*“That the Minutes of the HA SIG held Sunday 3 October 2011 (Item 2.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record.”*

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY THE CHAIR**

**3. HA SIG Annual Report And Financial Status**

3.1. JT confirmed the change of the acronym from HAR SIG to HA SIG.

3.2. JT advised attendees that the 2011/12 budget for HA SIG was approved by the Anaesthesia Continuing Education Coordinating Committee (ACECC).

3.3. JT also reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the History of Anaesthesia (ISHA) is scheduled for 22-25 January 2013 and will be held at the Veterinary School Conference Centre at the University of Sydney. Organisation for the meeting is well underway with speakers, venue and accommodation at St John’s Colleges established for the meeting.

3.4. The History of Anaesthesia session at the combined ANZCA and Hong Kong College of Anaesthetists on Saturday May 14, 2011 was well attended and can successful.

3.5. JT reported that the History of Anaesthesia Session to be held in Perth at the ANZCA ASM in May 2012 was already organized by the WA representative Robert Harrison.

The program:

1. Enigma of Chloroform & Matthew Kastner Moss – last of the ‘True believers’, inventor. WA pioneer anaesthetist – Robert Harrison
2. Anaesthesia in W.A 1935: Toby Nicholls (included film)
3. Development of Anaesthesia in WA
  - a. History of the Dept. at SCGH – Neville Davis
  - b. History of the first Anaesthetic practice in WA – Ken Williams

4. Obstetric Anaesthesia in WA – Rebirth of Obstetric Anaesthesia, KEMH 1990: Moira Westmore
5. WA contribution to international Aid Programs:
  - a. Tsunami in Aceh and its aftermath, ‘Anaesthesia challenge’: John Martyr
  - b. WA contribution to the care of patients in Bali, ‘Victims of Terror’: Priya and VJ

This was an interesting selection of presentations and very much Western Australian.

#### **4. Report to ACECC**

4.1. JT informed those in attendance that she recently presented a report to ACECC detailing HASIG activities. An ISHA 2013 progress report had also been forwarded to ACECC. This was received without question.

#### **5. HA SIG Executive Committee**

5.1.1. JT advised that no election nominations had been received. She stated therefore that the existing HA SIG Executive Committee would remain as currently constituted.

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**There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 1310 and thanked those in attendance.**

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