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*Confirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the History of Anaesthesia SIG
held at the Darwin Convention Centre, NT
on Monday, 14 September 2015 at 12:00 ACST*

PRESENT: Dr Rod Westhorpe

OBSERVERS: Dr Reg Cammack
Dr Don Maxwell
Dr Michael Cooper
Dr Di Khursandi
Prof John Gibb

IN ATTENDANCE: Maxine Wade, ASA Committees Assistant

1. Dr Westhorpe called the AGM to order and introduced Maxine Wade as the ASA SIG Committees Assistant
2. Apologies:
Dr David McConnel
Dr Peter Cox
Dr Noel Cass
Dr Andrew Walpole
Dr Christine Ball
Dr John Crowhurst
Dr Jeannette Thirlwell
Dr Richard Maynard

Dr Westhorpe commented that as the AGM did not have a quorum, they could not make decisions, only recommendations.

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3. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of AGM meeting held 6 October 2014 at the Gold Coast were tabled. Dr Westhorpe very grateful to Dr McConnell for standing in at short notice due to Dr Westhorpe's ill health. Chair asked meeting if there were any matter to be raised and with no objections received, moved as the Chair that they be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Resolution from the Chair

That the minutes of the meeting held October 6, 2014 be accepted.

Supported by DM. Carried.

4. **HA SIG ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr Westhorpe advised this had also been circulated. Dr Westhorpe confirmed that History SIG currently has 214 members and that the History Supplement had been mailed out.

5. **ISHA 2014 Proceedings Book production following on from International Symposium on the History of Anaesthesia**

Dr Westhorpe called on Dr Michael Cooper for an update on this item. Dr Cooper advised that it has been through a long gestation but been very successful with support in the production process by Dr Christine Ball. Proofs are expected to be with the authors early 2016. Dr Westhorpe indicated how he appreciated the editing process of such a Book.

Resolution from the Chair

That the Annual Report be received.

Supported by DM. Carried.

6. **HA SIG FINANCIAL REPORT**

As mentioned at the ACECC meeting, HA SIG is a low budget SIG. It was made obvious at ACECC (about to be re-badged as ACE – Anaesthesia Continuing Education) of the enormous co-operation between the College and the two Societies in making it the centre of all continuing education information and activities; including the role of updating the website and making it all work much better. It was also clearly understood that those SIGs who have the ability to generate significant incomes, and can run large and very successful meetings and are able to invite overseas guest speakers are quite readily there to support the less financially able SIGs like this one. It was well recognised that this SIG can access financial support for running meetings and that will be looked on extremely favourably in terms of the Budget.

Resolution from the Chair

With no comments the Chair moved the HA SIG 2015/2016 Budget be accepted.

Supported by DM. Carried.

5. **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE BEARERS**

Chair indicated that after 2 years he was ready to hand over, but as no-one had readily indicated a desire to take over, and in the absence of a quorum Dr Westhorpe is prepared to continue for another year. Dr David McConnell has indicated his wish to step down from the Executive. Also, while no formal nominations have been received, Dr Westhorpe would like to

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propose Dr Di Khursandi to the Executive Committee but not specifically representing Queensland.

Resolution from the Chair

That Dr Di Khursandi be appointed to the HA SIG Executive Committee

Supported by RC. Carried.

Dr Westhorpe also mentioned that Dr Khursandi and Dr Gibbs have jointly offered to act as Convenors for the History Session at the ASA in Auckland next year; Chair confirmed that a session has been allocated.

6.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Westhorpe read out the report of Dr Christine Ball from the ASM in Adelaide 2015.

Dr Khursandi requested that CVs be collected following a conversation at the RAG lunch. Chair indicated that while not the role of the HA SIG, it was certainly something HA SIG could promote and support.

MC commented that the last history supplement of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care was the largest to date and, as editor of this supplement we are encouraging submissions that will be independently reviewed like any other submission to the journal.

Dr Reg Cammack mentioned that in an effort to expand general interest in SIG membership, perhaps a prize would be offered for the best history paper. Chair happy to write to ASA that this be considered if appropriate.

RC also mentioned visit to Cowlshaw Collection during the NSC in Melbourne 2016. It appears Andrew Schneider was interested in running an excursion.

MC mentioned that the RAC were reluctant to open their doors, though an approach to David Watters, who has a keen interest in medical history, could help get this organised.

Ms Jan Davies indicated an interest in joining HA SIG as an interested participant and provided MW with her email address.

7.

CLOSE

Dr Rod Westhorpe thanked those in attendance and brought the meeting to a close at 12.15pm