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**ANAESTHESIA CONTINUING EDUCATION**

***Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the History of Anaesthesia SIG  
held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Room 205  
on Monday, 20 September 2016 at 12:45pm AEST***

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**PRESENT:** Dr Rod Westhorpe (Chair)  
Dr John Crowhurst

Maxine Wade, ASA Committees Assistant

**OBSERVERS:** Approximately 12 including:  
Dr Reg Cammack  
Dr David Crankshaw  
Dr Kester Brown

**APOLOGIES:** Dr John Paull  
Dr Christine Ball

1. Dr Westhorpe called the AGM to order and introduced Maxine Wade as the ASA SIG Committees Assistant

2. **ABSENT:**  
Dr Jeannette Thirlwell  
Dr Don Maxwell  
Dr Michael Cooper  
Dr Anthony Newson  
Dr Robert Harrison  
Dr Di Khursandi

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3. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

As the Minutes of AGM meeting held in Darwin, NT on 14 September 2015 had been circulated, the Chair took them as read, seconded by John Crowhurst. There was no business arising.

**Resolution** from the Chair

**That the minutes of the meeting held September 14, 2015 be accepted.**

Supported by JC. Carried.

4. **HA SIG ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr Westhorpe advised this had also been circulated. Dr Westhorpe mentioned that the HA SIG attempt to hold a Session at every Conference of ANZCA and ASA as these are the Societies that represent our Special Interest Group. HA SIG will consider holding another stand-alone session with the last one being the International Symposium on the History of Anaesthesia in 2013.

Dr Christine Ball advises that the next College meeting will be in Brisbane in May 2017 and while a session has been organised there may well be space for an additional workshop as part of that meeting.

Dr Westhorpe confirmed that the History Supplement continues to be published and well received.

**Resolution** from the Chair

**That the Annual Report be received.**

Carried

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

Dr Westhorpe was pleased to record that the proceedings from the last ISHA Meeting have finally been published and distributed in the last few months. This represented a vast amount of work by Michael Cooper and Christine Ball, taking into account that the majority of the overseas papers had to be re-written. HA SIG would like to record its thanks to Michael and Christine for undertaking this project and for doing it so successfully – what has been produced is an excellent record of the resource.

6. **HA SIG FINANCIAL REPORT**

The HA SIG budget is small, but it is supported by the ASA Secretariat in Sydney. HA SIG runs a very tight ship due to a limited number of SIG Executive meetings.

**Resolution** from the Chair

**With no comments the Chair moved the HA SIG 2016/2017 Budget be accepted.**

Carried.

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

All current Executive members have expressed their wish to continue and as previously advised, Dr Westhorpe indicated that he wished to step from the HA SIG Chair. He was delighted to announce that Dr John Crowhurst has agreed to be nominated as the incoming Chair and with no other nominations being received, Dr Westhorpe pronounced Dr Crowhurst as the newly elected Chair of HA SIG, commenting that Dr Crowhurst will bring a new enthusiasm to the SIG. Dr Crowhurst was welcomed by the meeting.

**Resolution** from the Chair

**That Dr John Crowhurst be appointed as Chair HA SIG Executive Committee**

Carried.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

In addition to the previously minuted 2017 meetings, Dr Westhorpe mentioned a Sunday morning meeting on 16 October 2016 at the ASA offices in North Sydney called World Anaesthesia Day; a "History Masterclass" session being held at the College on Saturday 15 October 2016 is essentially a class in researching and writing about history; and finally the ISHA 9 meeting to be held in Boston in October 2017. Again, this Boston event will be a major meeting and there will many opportunities to visit other historical sites in the area.

Dr Kester Brown expressed everyone's thanks to Dr Westhorpe for his work as Chairman of HA SIG.

Dr Crowhurst mentioned that as World Anaesthesia Day is unfortunately on a Sunday, in SA, others have contacted local radio stations (through the talk back shows) to raise public awareness of anaesthesia, and of course it is the 170th anniversary of the first successful public demonstration of ether anaesthesia by William Morton. JC will contact MW in relation to this. We don't get a lot of publicity in relation to the history of anaesthesia and it probably needs a lot more public attention.

7. **CLOSE**

Dr Rod Westhorpe thanked those in attendance and brought the meeting to a close at 1.15pm