
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA AND RESUSCITATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (HAR SIG) OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS HELD ON SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2010 IN ROOM 218 OF THE MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

1. Attendance

Drs Jeanette Thirlwell (Chair), Jean Allison, Chris Ball, Kester Brown, David McConnel, Rajesh Haridas, Jane McDonald, John Paull, Umanath Pawar, Andrew Walpole, Rod Westhorpe, Profs Ross Holland & John Russell.

Secretariat Staff in Attendance

Ms Gordana Stevanoski (Executive Officer)

Apology

Drs Noel Cass, Michael Cooper, Tess Cramond, Dave Fenwick, John Gibbs, Ronald Lo, Richard Maynard & Richard Morris.

The Chair opened the meeting at 1600 and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Business Arising From Minutes

2.1. Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes for the Previous Meeting

3.1. Minutes of the HAR SIG Meeting held 7 September 2010

“That the Minutes of the HAR SIG held 7 September 2010 (Item 3.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record.”

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THE CHAIR

4. HAR SIG Annual Report and Financial Report

4.1. JT put forth the consideration to change the acronym of HAR SIG to HA SIG. The acronym is often wrongly printed as HR SIG which omits the most important component of the title i.e. “Anaesthesia”. There was recent confusion at the May 2010 ANZCA ASM held in Christchurch, New Zealand. The group agreed unanimously that JT could present the change of title at the next ACECC Meeting.

4.2. JT advised attendees that the 2010/11 budget for HAR SIG was approved by ACECC.

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4.3. JT also reported that the 8th ISHA Meeting was scheduled for 22-25 January 2013, to be held at the Veterinary School Conference Centre at the University of Sydney. Organisation for the meeting was well underway with speakers, venue and accommodation at University Colleges St John's and Sancta Sophia established for the meeting.

5. Report to ACECC October 2010

5.1. JT informed those in attendance that she recently presented a report to ACECC. This was circulated to all members of HAR SIG for information.

6. Future Meetings of HAR SIG

6.1. JT reminded the meeting that the next SIG meeting will be held in Hong Kong at the Combined College Meeting in May 2011. The speakers will be:

1. "Postoperative Mortality in the 20th Century- A Remarkable Period of Change"- *Professor Ross Holland*
2. "The History of Anaesthesia Development in Hong Kong" - *Dr Jean Allison*
3. "Did Surgeons Pioneer Neuroanaesthesia?" - *Dr Jean Horton*

7. Membership of the HAR SIG Executive Committee and Election of Members to the Executive Committee

7.1. JT advised that no election nominations were received. She stated therefore that the existing HAR SIG Executive Committee should continue in their roles.

7.2. Dr John Russell was to contact Dr John Crowhurst to request whether he would be interested in joining the HAR SIG Executive Committee as the South Australian Representative.

7.3. **Action: Dr John Russell to contact Dr John Crowhurst and to notify JT.**

8. Other Business

8.1. JT advised that as of October 2010 there were 218 members of the group, ten more than in 2009.

8.2. JT notified attendees that a recent mailout of the History Supplement was directed to HAR SIG members who no longer wanted to receive the Scientific Journal, but just the Supplement. She had received positive response from this action.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 1615 and thanked those in attendance.
