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ANAESTHESIA CONTINUING EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Confirmed Minutes of the Regional Anaesthesia Special Interest Group Annual General Meeting
- Saturday 12 September 2015 at 1730 hrs ACST

1. Attendance - Dr M. Barrington
Michael Barrington MB
Lim Yean Chin YC
Peter Hebbard PH
David McLeod DM

In attendance

Charles Baker, ASA
Dr Phil Holt
Dr David M Scott
Dr Philip Cornish
Dr Ranjita Sharma
Dr Katrina Webster
Dr Michael Challis

2. **Apologies**
Dr Sandra Taylor
Dr Christopher Mitchell
Dr Chris Scarff
Dr Alwin Chuan
Dr Phil Cowlshaw
Dr Emile Kurukchi
Dr Danny McGlone
Dr Savas Totonidis

3. **Confirmation of Minutes from the previous AGM** – Dr M. Barrington
3.1 Minutes of the AGM held 6 October 2014 were confirmed by the Chair and seconded by David McLeod.

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the Australian Society of Anaesthetists and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists.

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4. **RA SIG Annual Report – Dr M. Barrington**

The RA SIG currently has a healthy 583 members. The RA SIG Executive currently includes:

Dr Michael Barrington (departing Chair)
Dr Neil MacLennan (new Chair)
Dr Alwin Chuan
Dr Phil Cowlshaw
Dr Stephen Watts
Dr Andrew Fenton
Dr Emile Kurukchi
Dr Peter Hebbard
Dr David McLeod
Dr Yean Chin Lim
Dr Chris Mitchell

Several SIG telcons were held during the year to discuss matters of interest and relevance.

MB commented in depth on the RA SIG activity reports provided to ACECC for the previous year with thanks going to all concerned for ensuring the events were well attended and therefore financially successful. These reports were provided to the Executive Committee prior to the AGM.

MB advised that the RA SIG had been involved in the following in the past year:

- **2014 ASA NSC Sessions, October 2014 – Gold Coast**

The RA SIG Session at the ASA NSC was chaired by Dr David Scott. The well attended session included the following presentations

- Stumbling Blocks – Is Innovation Possible? *Dr Adrian Chin*
- The Anatomy of the Femoral and Obturator Nerves Revisited. *Dr Phil Cowlshaw*
- Regional Anaesthesia and Patients with Abnormalities of Coagulation. *Dr William Harrop-Griffiths*

The RA SIG Executive would like to thank Dr David Scott, Dr Adrian Chan, Dr Phil Cowlshaw and Dr William Harrop-Griffiths for their hard work, time and expertise. The Executive would also like to thank Dr Phillip Cowlshaw for facilitating workshops

- **ASURA 2015** - In particular MB wished to thank Dr Stephen Watts and the team for ASURA 2015 who pulled together a sensational and innovative meeting. Phil Cowlshaw was prepared to hold ASURA 2016 in Brisbane but obstructions prevented this. Neil MacLennan will now be responsible for establishing an ASURA Committee for a 2017 presentation.
- **ISURA 2015** - notification of the ISURA 2015 meeting in the Netherlands was circulated to all RA SIG members
- **“Stop before you block”** discussions. This involved acknowledging there is a problem, raising awareness through communication to the RA SIG membership and sending a

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letter of endorsement for a 'Stop Before You Block' to the ANZCA Quality and Safety Committee

- **ANZCA ASM Adelaide – May 2015** – another successful RA SIG session chaired by Dr Nicholas Knight plus 90 minute workshops
- Feedback on various professional documents for recommendation has been provided to ANZCA Council

5. **RA SIG Financial Report** - Dr M. Barrington

MB advised that while the Executive Committee had no direct control over the RA SIG finances, they do have control on how we manage our meetings and the finances appeared to be in good order, resulting in a significant profit.

6. **Election of Executive and Office Bearers**

MB advised he would be stepping down as Chair but would remain on the RA SIG Committee. Thanks were given by all AGM attendees to MB for his extensive and valued contribution to the RA SIG committee over the years. Nominations were received from Dr Dr Neil MacLennan and Dr Chris Mitchell. Dr Neil MacLennan was appointed as the incoming RA SIG Chair and MB welcomed the addition of Dr Chris Mitchell to the Executive Committee.

MB advised that David M Scott's resignation was accepted and thanked DS for his involvement with the RA SIG including his valuable assistance since the inception of the committee in 2006.

MB advised that Dr Justin Porter (SA) was also resigning from the Executive Committee and thanked JP for his valued contribution.

7. **Any Other Business** – Dr M. Barrington

8. **Closure** - There being no other business, MB thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 5.50 pm

Dr Michael Barrington
RA SIG Chair