

HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA AND RESUSCITATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2004-09-26 3.30-4.30pm in Sydney.

Present:

Dr Jeanette Thirlwell Jones
Prof Ross Holland
Dr Jean Allison
Dr John Hood
Dr Michael Cooper
Dr Rod Westhorpe
Dr Ian McGlew
Dr David McConnel
Dr Richard Bailey

In attendance:

Ms Allison Bartlett
Ms Elizabeth Triarico

4:00 pm Meeting commenced

1. Apologies

Dr Christine Ball

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

R.Holland explained that no minutes from the previous meeting could be circulated as the interim Curator, Warren Wickman, had finished his contract without making his notes available.

3. Business Arising

R.Holland outlined that the primary focus of the History SIG was to organise Historical Sessions to be held in conjunction with meetings of the tripartite member organisations, namely the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA), Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists (NZSA).

3.1 ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting, Auckland, 7–11 May 2005

A Gwen Wilson lecturer has been nominated to speak at the upcoming NZSA. R.Holland believes both Basil Hutchinson and Tony Newson have been approached to speak. The meeting organisers will need to be notified of any desire to present a historical display in appropriate time.

In regards to the Historical Session R.Holland said that he will be attending and will speak on Fisher and Paykel or Penmedic. He asked that if others are intending to deliver papers that they should respond to the official call for papers and submit their abstracts. M.Cooper stated that he would be attending the Auckland Meeting but may not have time to prepare a paper for the History Session.

Action: R.Holland to make contact with the NZSA ASM organisers regarding historical events.

3.2 ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, 13-17 May 2006.

Confirmation of the location of this meeting was required. Arrangements will be made accordingly.

3.3 ASA National Scientific Congress, Gold Coast, 24-27 September 2005

R.Holland inquired as to who would be intending to present papers at this meeting. He invited D. McConnel, present at the meeting, to give a paper at this Queensland meeting. The request is being considered. R.Holland and R. Westhorpe indicated that they intended submitting a paper for this meeting. It was proposed that the SIG representative in QLD, Mervyn Cobcroft, arrange for delegates to visit the Hirschfeld Museum at the University of Queensland.

*Action: D.McConnel to consider the invitation to present a paper
M.Cobcroft to coordinate a visit to the Hirschfeld Museum
Congress organisers to be formally notified in writing of desire to hold a historical session and install an historical display.*

4. New Business

4.1 Election of Office Bearers

R.Holland outlined how the SIG committee normally includes at least one representative from each state. These state representatives are then requested to coordinate any historical session intended for a meeting in their home state. He noted that as yet there was no Tasmanian representative. He raised the issue of subscription fees for the SIG as he understood that other SIGs had subscription fees to fund their activities. The ASA HALMA committee had funded the travel expenses for Brigadier Houghton and he considered that an example of appropriate use of any such funds. R.Westhorpe informed the meeting that no other Special Interest Groups were charging subscriptions at this time. R. Holland said in reply, that being the case, the History SIG did not as yet need to have a subscription. R. Westhorpe said that there is provision for a SIG to receive support funding for meetings, for example, through sharing the cost between the three organisations.

R.Holland opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair of the History of Anaesthesia and Resuscitation Special Interest Group.

R. Westhorpe nominated Ross Holland
This was seconded by J. Thirlwell Jones.

R. Holland accepted the position of Chair. He outlined that secretarial support is provided by the Curator at the ASA and that the SIG AGM is traditionally held in conjunction with the ASA NSC. He added that a business meeting could be arranged in conjunction with any other educational meeting if desired.

4.2 Other business

R. Westhorpe suggested that members of the SIG should be notified of the 6-7th Symposium of History of Anaesthesia in Cambridge next year.

J.Thirlwell Jones updated members on the progress of the History Journal and the proposal from the Editor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care that it be produced as a special Symposium issue of the Journal. This proposal had been considered by the ASA's HALMA committee and offered benefits including indexing of this issue. It was now a matter of accumulating

suitable material for publication. Speakers at SIG Historical Sessions were being asked to supply suitable print copy of their presentations and best quality images for reproduction. R. Westhorpe added that an ANZCA representative had given a paper providing a historical overview of education in another session at this meeting of the ASA NSC. He felt that this paper may be appropriate for the Symposium issue. M. Cooper asked if there was a deadline for the submission of copy for the Journal. J.Thirlwell Jones agreed that there should be but that she would require assistance with tasks such as proof reading for example. R. Westhorpe and M. Cooper indicated that they would be happy to assist with production of the History Journal. It was decided that copy should be in by 31 December 2004 and the Journal issued with the April publication of A&IC.

R.Holland introduced Elizabeth Triarico, Curator of the Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History, to the meeting attendees and thanked her for making the journey to attend the Historical Session for the day. E. Triarico thanked R.Holland and expressed her appreciation of the interesting papers in the session and a desire to maintain collaboration between the organisations.

R.Holland also drew to the attention of those present that Allison Bartlett, Curator of the Harry Daly Museum, was taking a year's leave to undertake a position as Exhibition Producer with Museum Victoria. He wished her well in this new endeavour.

J. Hood suggested that the SIG should be promoted more in the ASA Newsletter. R. Westhorpe proposed that the ASA and ANZCA send a notice to their members regarding membership of the History SIG.