
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HISTORY OF ANAESTHESIA AND RESUSCITATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS HELD ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009 IN THE WATERFRONT ROOM OF THE DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

1. Attendance

Dr Kester Brown, Dr Steve Clulow, Dr Dave Fenwick, A/Prof Stephen Gatt, Dr Robert Harrison, Prof David Gibb, Dr John Hains, Dr Robert Hare, Prof Ross Holland, Dr Graham Sharp, Dr Donald Maxwell, Dr David McConnel, Dr Jane McDonald, Dr John Paul, Dr Jeanette Thirlwell, Dr Godfrey Williamson, Dr Rod Westhorpe.

Secretariat Staff in Attendance

Mr Peter Lawrence and Ms Gordana Stevanoski

The Chair opened the meeting at 1430 and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous Meeting

“That the Minutes of the AGM of the HAR SIG held on 14 October 2008 during the Combined Scientific Congress, Wellington (Item 2.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR

SECONDED BY R. WESTHORPE

CARRIED

3. Chairman’s Report

- 3.1. JT stated that she was nominated as Chair by Ross Holland who wished to step down. This was accepted by the vote of the Committee by email.
- 3.2. JT reiterated that the History of Anaesthesia SIG’s expenditure, last financial year, to bring Dr Ron Trubuhovich to Wellington to speak at the congress was well spent.
- 3.3. A breakdown of the 2008-2009 budget as well as the 2009-2010 budget was attached to the meeting papers received by attendees, as well as being emailed to every SIG member prior to the meeting.
- 3.4. JT confirmed that copies of the History Symposium had been sent out to members of HAR SIG who wished to receive them.

4. Report to ACECC September 2009

- 4.1. JT informed those in attendance that she presented a report to ACECC indicating that HAR SIG is well within budget and that the History Symposia had been distributed within the 2008-2009 budget.

5. Future Meetings

- 5.1. NZSA ASM, ROTORUA, NOVEMBER 2009
- 5.2. JT reported that HAR SIG would not be contributing to the NZSA ASM due to too little notice being given.

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5.3. ANZCA ASM, CHRISTCHURCH MAY 1-5, 2010

5.4. Barry Baker has been contacted by JT to organise three papers and has agreed to this.

6. ASA NSC – College of Anaesthetists, Hong Kong, May 14-17, 2011

6.1. JT confirmed that an offer from Professor Warwick Ngan Kee of a session had been accepted for this meeting, and an appropriate program needs to be decided upon. JT asked those in attendance to offer their ideas for this meeting.

6.2. Election and Membership of the HAR SIG Committee

6.3. JT reported that there was a vacancy due to the death of Dr Ian McGlew earlier this year and nomination forms had been distributed, with the aim of filling the vacancy with a member from WA. JT reported that she had nominated Dr Robert Harrison from Perth, WA, who had recently presented some historical papers in WA. Dr Harrison is already a member of the SIG and his nomination has been seconded by Dr Rod Westhorpe.

7. Other Business

7.1. JT agreed and suggested a session to create more interest in the teaching of history to be held in Melbourne, at the ASA NSC 2010 and to invite a speaker. JT reported that this is being promoted quite strongly in the USA.

7.2. RH confirmed that JT, RW and he are attending the ISHA in Crete this year which will decide the meeting venue of the next ISHA in 2013. The composition of this committee includes senior representatives from all the countries where the meeting has been held previously. It was noted that no previous ISHA congress had been held in the southern hemisphere and RH is the only member on the committee outside the northern hemisphere. It was also reported that Australia narrowly missed out to Greece to hold the 2009 ISHA. RH reported that a cost analysis and a business plan will be prepared in order to determine whether a bid will be entered for ISHA 2013.

7.3. JT confirmed that HAR SIG has 209 members.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 1500 and thanked those in attendance.

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