



**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE HISTORY AND RESUSCITATION SIG  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2008, IN THE ILLOT THEATRE, TOWN HALL,  
GROUND FLOOR, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Dr Jeanette Thirlwell, Acting Chair	JT
Dr David McConnel	DM
Dr Tony Newson	TN
Dr Ron Trubuhovich	RT
Dr Basil Hutchinson	BH
Dr David Gibb	JT
Dr M Farrant	MF
Dr Pen Brown	PB

**SECRETARIAT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Liz Wall	LW
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**2. APOLOGIES**

Dr John Gibbs	JG
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**The Acting Chair opened the Meeting at 10.10 and welcomed those in attendance.**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1** *Minutes of the meeting on 14 October 2008 Combined Scientific congress, Wellington, NZ, were accepted as a true and accurate record.*

**MOVED FROM THE ACTING CHAIR      SECONDED TN      CARRIED**

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 4.1** JT stated that she was nominated for Chair, taking over from Ross Holland who, unfortunately, has stepped down.
- 4.2** JT reiterated that the History SIG's expenditure, last financial year, to bring David Wilkinson to Sydney to speak at the ANZCA ASM was well spent, as his presentations were very well received.
- 4.3** A breakdown of the 2007-2008 budget, as well as the 2008-2009 budget was attached to the meeting papers received by attendees, as well as emailed to every SIG member prior to the meeting. JT asked if there were questions of concerns about the budget, to which no one responded.

**5. ELECTIONS**

- 5.1** JT informed those in attendance that the Executive Committee currently had 8 members and was able to have 9. One nomination had been received to fill the vacant seat and JT asked LW to announce the nomination. LW stated that JT had been nominated by RH and RB and that it had been an oversight of sorts that she was not already officially part of the

Executive. There being no objections to JT assuming the remaining free seat, she was congratulated on her appointment.

**5.2** The Executive for 2008-2009 is thus:

Chair: Dr Ross Holland (NSW)\*

DR Ian McGlew, WA

DRs Chris Ball & Rod Westhorpe, VIC

DRs Richard Bailey, Ross Holland, Stephen Gatt, Jeanette Thirlwell, NSW

DR Tony Newson, *New Zealand*

DR David McConnel, *QLD*

\*Elections for Chair for 2008-2009 will commence via teleconference in the near future as RH has indicated his desire to step down.

**6. ORAL HISTORY**

**6.1** JT reported that progress was made in the last year on the SIG's expressed desire to pursue the oral history program more vigorously. JT asked LW to relay these progress reports. LW stated that CB, in Melbourne, had made great progress collecting oral histories in Victoria. She had interviewed Bernie Dunn, Phil Armstrong, Ian Rechtman, Bob Gray and John Lane. These histories were done for the Victorian Anaesthetic Group, but also fulfilled the SIG's objectives. CB was also going to meet with Jim Villiers. LW then reported that the ASA had purchased 2 new voice recorders and that the "Recollections" oral history manual had been revised and updated and was ready for distribution via post or email to those interested in becoming interviewers.

**6.2** JT asked those in attendance to consider becoming interviewers and also to contribute names of those who would be good interviewees. DM asked if people have considered collecting histories of anaesthetic practices in addition to individuals. He suggested that a history of his practice (Narcosis Anaesthetic Group) be obtained as it had a significant impact on anaesthetic history in Australia. DM added that the practice was started by Roger Bennett, who was president of the College, and that Peter Livingstone, who practised with Roger, is still there and is the link to retrieving this history. DM will approach Peter Livingstone. DM continued by stating that only one practice in Australia had made more influence on anaesthesia in Australia and that was Elizabeth Bay Road. DM asked if anyone had done a history of Elizabeth Bay Road. JT said that individuals had been interviewed but not about the whole practice, as such (RB has since indicated that Des O'Brien had done a small history of Elizabeth Bay Road). DM suggested that Don Maxwell, who was part of Elizabeth Bay Road, would be an interesting interviewee.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1** JT indicated that the group should always be looking for presenters for future meetings, especially those appropriate to a specific venue. She went on to suggest that, for the upcoming Cairns meeting, Vic Callinan or Tess Cramond could speak. DM suggested that Joe Brimacombe could speak on the LMA business for the Darwin meeting. He added that Joe may have presented on the LMA at the ASA Goldcoast meeting 3 or 4 years ago, but that he would be appropriate because he is on site, a very good speaker and at the fore on that part of anaesthetic history. JT thought he would give an interesting talk but that Archie Brain, of the LMA, would be speaking at the Darwin meeting and we wouldn't want too much overlap. DM also mentioned a young man in his practice, Steven Clulow, who is interested in anaesthetic history and may want to present. DM would follow-up. JT reminded attendees that the development of anaesthetic equipment was always applicable, no matter how old the equipment was, but that older equipment was usually preferable. Members were invited to send suggestions to LW.

- 7.2 JT reminded attendees to keep in mind items for the once yearly History Symposium, which is always appreciated and even has overseas recipients.
- 7.3 LW offered one more point about the history displays at meetings. The ASA's HALMA (History of Anaesthesia Library, Museum and Archives) Committee funds the displays and LW questioned whether or not the History SIG would like to become more financially involved. JT replied by stating that funding for such exhibits would preferably be part of the SIG's tripartite scheme but that the New Zealanders, for example, do not have history displays at other meetings. JT concluded that it is the Executive Committee's job to develop the function of the group and negotiate such matters on behalf of the group. It would be considered.

**There being no other business, the Acting Chair closed the Meeting at 10.35 and thanked those in attendance.**