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Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Inc

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 4 October 2001  
Bellarine Rooms Melbourne Convention Centre

## **PRESENT:**

### **Full Members**

Dr Tony Allworth, Dr Jonathan Anderson, Dr Miles Beaman, Dr Christopher Birch, Dr Barry Bland, Dr Michael Boyle, Dr David Bradford, Professor Bruce Brew, Dr Diane Bridger, Professor Chris Burrell, Dr Catherine Cherry, A/Professor Frank Christiansen, Dr John Chuah, Ms Levinia Crooks, Professor Suzanne Crowe, Professor Anthony Cunningham, Mr Philip Cunningham, Dr Stephen Davies, Dr Elizabeth Dax, A/Professor Nicholas Deacon, Dr Gregory Dore, Dr Fraser Drummond, Dr Beng Eu, Dr Rick Franklin, A/Professor Martyn French, Dr Virginia Furner, Dr Roger Garsia, Dr John Gerrard, Dr Miriam Grotowski, Dr Andrew Grulich, Dr Richard Hillman, Dr Jennifer Hoy, Dr Sarah Huffam, Dr Rodney Jones, Professor John Kaldor, Dr Anthony Kelleher, Dr Mark Kelly, Dr Stephen Kent, Ms Henrike Korner, Dr Richard Lawrence, Dr Sharon Lewin, Dr Johnson Mak, Dr Sarah Makinson, Mr Patrick Mallon, Dr Linda Mann, A/Professor Deborah Marriott, Dr Jenny May, Mr Tony Maynard, Mr Craig McArthur, Professor Peter McDonald, Dr Kay McKinnon, Dr Marilyn McMurchie, Dr Nicholas Medland, Professor John Mills, Dr Graham Mills, Dr Maree O'Sullivan, Dr Cheryn Palmer, Dr Catherine Pell, Dr John Peterson, Dr Peter Pigott, Dr Jeffrey Post, Dr Tim Read, Dr Hugo Ree, Dr Gary Rogers, Dr Diane Rowling, Dr Joseph Sasadeusz, Dr Steven Skov, A/Professor Graeme Stewart, Dr Sven Strecker, Dr Alan Street, Dr Kathiravelu Thirunavukkarasu, Dr Robin Tideman, Dr Rachel Wells, Dr John White, Dr Edwina Wright,

**Associate Members,** Miss Fiona Clarke, Ms Susan Connors, Mr Andrew Garland, Ms Jenny Learmont, Dr Patricia Price, Mr Tim Ramacciotti, Ms Alice Tzannetis .

## **APOLOGIES:**

Dr Katherine Brown, Dr Dominic Dwyer, Professor Michael Kidd, Dr Anne Mijch, Dr Jane Morgan, Ms Beatie Pearlman, Dr Ashley Watson.

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

There being fifty-three members present a quorum was declared and the meeting opened by the President at 12.50 pm.

## **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Annual general Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2000 having been circulated were accepted as a true record.

**(M: DR JOHN MILLS, S: DR VIRGINIA FURNER.) CARRIED**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The Annual Report was included in the satchel packs for this meeting. My report appears on page one of the Report, but I would also offer the full report as a statement of the activities of the Society over the past year.

ASHM has continued to grow from strength to strength. It has been a busy year and also a very productive year. Though being launched today, our third monograph, HIV and Viral Hepatitis: a guide for primary care, was a significant piece of work undertaken during the term of this annual report. We have also produced two satellite broadcasts with the Rural Health Education Foundation – one looking at HIV risk assessment and diagnosis and one on hepatitis C. The society continues to run the Short Course in HIV Medicine and has commenced running a day program in hepatitis medicine. We have also re-established strong links with the Commonwealth and have considerable input to the range of ANCAHRD Committees and have been active in reviewing policy and other documents and resources for production by the Commonwealth and other service providers in the sector. It has been a particularly hectic year for me as I have also been convenor for this year's conference which has been a particular challenge given our close association with ICAAP. It has meant programming has been very complex and exacerbated more recently by the tragic events overseas and airline problems in Australia. I am heartened that so many people were able to come to the Conference and hope you have an enjoyable as well as educational experience.

**(M: DR JENNY HOY, S: PROFESSOR SUSAN CROWE) CARRIED**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Treasurers Report was presented by Dr Elizabeth Dax.

The audited accounts of the Society can be found at the rear of the Annual Report. Suffice to say the Society has increased its income and the work it does.. I am pleased to say that in the eyes of the Auditor our procedures are sound and we have now fully implemented a new and more responsive accounting system. Our financial situation is complex as we derive funds from a range of sources, in years gone by the Annual Conference was our major source of funds, in the last year, though very successful, the conference accounted for only 4% of our income. The chart on page two gives a break-up of our income. Clearly our educational grants account for the majority of our income. The other large category is made up of course fees, sales of resources, consultancies and small grants from third parties for specific activities and bank interest.

**(M: DR ELIZABETH DAX, S: DR ROGER GARSIA.) CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION 1 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

The Executive Officer explained that Resolution 1 is a special motion on notice , the opportunity to nominate a proxy was offered to all members and the proxies must be exercised in the manner indicated by the member giving the proxy.

The Executive Officer explained that Resolution 1 is procedural. A number of the changes proposed in it are clarifications of wording to ensure consistency within the Constitution. The procedure for using coloured voting slips was described.

**(M: DR JENNY HOY, S: DR JOHN KALDOR.) CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION 2**

Appointment of beneficiaries in the event of closure of the Society

The Executive Officer told the meeting that Resolution 2 meets a requirement of incorporation. It records the Society's intent, in the event of its closure, to distribute its funds to like-minded agencies that are registered for taxation purposes in Australia. The Executive Officer stated that it is proposed at the close of this meeting to discuss which organisations could be beneficiaries. The National Committee will note the expressed views of members .

**(M: DR ANDREW GRULICH, S:DR ELIZABETH DAX.) CARRIED**

## **MEMBERS OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE**

The President thanked all members of the 2000/2001 Committee. Those not standing for re-election are:

Tony Allworth (Queensland)  
David Baker (New South Wales)  
Michael Boyle (New South Wales)  
Diane Bridger (New South Wales)  
Suzanne Crowe (Victoria)  
Debbie Marriott (New South Wales)  
Rachel Wells (South Australia)  
Ashley Watson (ACT)

## **CONFIRMATION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR 2002**

The President announced that a call for nominations was made by post as required by the constitution. Nominations were received for five executive positions and nine ordinary positions. The new Committee is:

Andrew Grulich (President – NSW)  
Sharon Lewin (Vice President – Victoria)  
Liz Dax (Treasurer – Victoria)  
Rick Franklin (Secretary – New Zealand)  
Jenny Hoy ( Immediate Past President – Victoria)

Miles Beaman (WA)  
Mark Kelly (NSW)  
Michael Kidd (NSW)  
Craig McArthur (Vic)  
Cheryn Palmer (Tas)  
John Quin (NSW)  
Hugo Ree (Qld)  
Gary Rogers (SA)  
Joe Sasadeusz (Vic)

There being the same number of nominations as positions, the Committee was declared elected. Jenny Hoy welcomed the new committee and handed the meeting over to Andrew Grulich.

## **CLOSURE**

The new President thanked Jenny Hoy and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed 1.25 pm

# HCV Discussion following the AGM

A discussion paper from the Viral Hepatitis Standing Committee was distributed to background discussion at the meeting, attached

Andrew Grulich led the discussion

Greg Dore spoke to the distributed paper.  
The meeting then moved into discussion and received comments from the floor.

A range of views were canvassed:

ASHM Conference Brings together four streams in HCV. Everyone has own organization. ASHM does this good. Can't just take on umbrella role HCV grouping across 4 streams for conference.

Sydney supports Rx focus in HIV. HCV could benefit from same mechanisms. We are after peek long term C + B care.

Fundamentals won't fall into place, should tread slowly

Should do it, do GP education well in HIV.

This debate is happening in other organisations, we should see what is happening and be responsive to this.

The move should be encouraged, it is particularly important for people working in smaller centres who have shared responsibilities.

Government and the sector is moving in this direction.

Have the capacity and should develop links

Need to establish links

ASHM has educational expertise and HCV would benefit from this.

The general sentiment was that ASHM should continue close collaboration and the Viral Hep and National Committee review progress.

Only one speaker said that ASHM should remain with an HIV focus only.

The President and Chair of the Viral Hepatitis Standing Committee thanked members for the discussion and agreed to continue discussions out of session.

Meeting Closed 1.50 pm