

Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2006

Date: Wednesday 11 October, 2006

Time: 12.40-13.30

Location: Private Dining Room, Ground Floor, Carlton Crest Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne

Present: Debra Allen, Jonathan Anderson, Mark Boyd, Thomas Brett, Marina Carman, Damian Conway, Deborah Couldwell, Levinia Crooks, Elizabeth Dax, Judith Dean, Gregory Dore, Liza Doyle, Fraser Drummond, John Dyer, Sean Emery, Kath Fethers, Carla Gorton, Christopher Heath, Margaret Hellard, Sonja Hill, Jennifer Hoy, Peter Pigott, Lyndal Daly

Proxies: Rex Melville, Chris Carmody, Richard Doherty, Basil Donovan, Mark Douglas, Geoffrey Heaviside, Stephen Kent, Lloyd Mayson, Marilyn McMurchie, Richard Medbury, John Mills, Alan Pithie, Christopher Ross, Colin Walker, Margot Whitfeld, David Austin, Andrew Gowers, Chris Birch, John Kearley, Rick Franklin, Sandra Thompson, Richard Moore, Jeff Willcox, Thai Lim

Non-Voting: David Bradford (Retired Member)

Apologies: Martyn French, Tony Allworth, Sean Riminton, David Cooper
Moved Frazer Drummond Seconded Jenny Hoy
Carried

Acceptance of the minutes from the previous AGM:

Moved: Stephen Lambert Seconded: Mark Boyd
Carried

Presidents Report:

The report is presented in the Annual Report. I present this to the members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Levinia Crooks, CEO and the staff for their contribution to the Society. Also a special thanks to the Nadine and the Conference Organising Team for another excellent conference

Moved: Jenny Hoy Seconded: Frazer Drummond
Carried

Treasurers Report:

The financial report can be found in the Annual Report. As you can see the Board has authorised considerable expenditure from our reserves and we have completed work on a number of activities which had been carried over from previous years. This is reflected in our spending this year. As a Board we are aware of this and do not believe the trend will continue as. We have also been spending against next years conference and will not see a return on this expenditure until next year or possibly the following year. We have also moved to full accrual accounting. I would like to thank Monica Clavijo for her work in the finance area.

Moved; Mark Boyd Seconded Kelly Tank
CARRIED

Motions on Notice: (Special Resolutions)

Special resolution (1):

That the objectives of the Society be amended as follows to reflect the Society's work and interest in viral hepatitis:

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To reduce the impact of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and viral hepatitis epidemics by the use of established public health and scientific methods;
- b) To ensure optimal care for all HIV and viral hepatitis infected individuals;
- c) To advance the science and practice of HIV, viral hepatitis and related medicine;
- d) To facilitate liaison between clinical and laboratory practitioners;
- e) To provide a forum for the development and expression of a multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of HIV and viral hepatitis medicine;
- f) To foster education for health professionals and the general public;
- g) To facilitate and promote a national research programme;
- h) To provide career professional assistance to members of the Society;
- i) To publish papers, periodicals or books which the Society deems desirable for the promotion of its objectives;
- j) To promote informed public discussion of issues related to HIV and viral hepatitis medicine;
- k) To liaise with other national or international bodies whose objects are similar to those of the Society;
- l) As ancillary to the foregoing objects, to assist medical practitioners and other health care workers in developing countries to achieve the objectives set out in paragraphs (a) to (k) inclusive above in those countries and, in particular, to undertake development/aid activities in relation to those objectives in those countries, and
- m) To attempt to meet any other needs of the members of the Society as deemed appropriate by a majority of members, through the provision of education, training and support.

Moved: Sharon Lewin Seconded: Jonathan Anderson

CARRIED

Special resolution (2)

That the membership provisions of the Society be changed to reflect the Society's role and interest in viral hepatitis. Accordingly Clause 2 (i) (II) will be amended as follows:

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

2. Membership will include the following categories:

- (i) Ordinary Member
- (I) Any medical graduate who agrees with and will work to further the objectives of the Society.
- (II) Any non-medical graduate who holds a qualification considered appropriate by the Board and who has worked in the field of HIV or viral hepatitis for no less than three consecutive years.
- (III) Any other person who agrees with and who will work to further the objectives of the Society and whose membership of the Society is accepted by the Board.

Subject to paragraph (II) herein, an Ordinary Member has the right to vote and to hold office.

Moved: Sharon Lewin

Seconded: Jonathan Anderson

CARRIED

Special Resolution (3)

That the Clause 14 (8) (a) of the Constitution be amended as follows to allow for the election of a member from New Zealand to the Society's Board.

The following provisions shall apply at all elections to the Society's Board:

- (a) At each election the nine candidates attracting the highest number of votes will be elected. However, should no representative be elected from an Australian state or New Zealand in which there is a minimum of five financial members, the nominee with the highest number of votes from that Australian State or New Zealand will be deemed to have been elected.

Moved: Edwina Wright

Seconded: Sally Roberts

CARRIED

Special Resolution (4)

That the Clause 14 (8) (b) of the Constitution be amended as follows to bring Tasmania in line with ACT and Northern Territory, and thus to allow for the further development of collaborative linkages between Victorian and Tasmanian members.

- (b) For the purposes of this determination the Australian Capital Territory will be counted as part of New South Wales, and the Northern Territory as part of South Australia, and Tasmania as part of Victoria.

Moved: Edwina Wright

Seconded: Alistair McGregor

CARRIED

Special resolution (5)

That the surplus property provisions of the Society be changed to use the simplified reference to the Society, "the Society". Accordingly clause 41 will be amended as follows:

SURPLUS PROPERTY

(41) That in the event of the winding up of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine all surplus funds of the Society will be disbursed to organisations that are, and remain at the time of wind-up of the Society, tax deductible gift recipients, recognised by the Australian Taxation Office. This special resolution (passed at the Annual General Meeting 23.10.2003) rescinds all previous resolutions relating to the disbursement of funds following wind-up of the Society.

Moved: Edwina Wright

Seconded: Levinia Crooks

CARRIED

Motion on Notice 1

Establishment of Membership Fees

The CEO reported that the Board would be establishing a sub-committee to consider membership issues, including the attraction of members, benefits to members and would also be asked to review the costs to members. Accordingly the Board had decided to again recommend leaving the membership fees at the 1999 rate of \$100 for full members and sustaining members and \$60 for associate and retired members.

Moved; Joe Sasadeusz

Seconded: Levinia Crooks

CARRIED

ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD

Two members of the Board stood down this year they are

Adrian Booth and Chris Health. I would like to thank them both for their contribution to the Board. They are replaced by two new members Garry Trotter, Nursing Unit Manager for the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney and John Dyer from Fremantle Hospital Western Australia.

That brings to a close the AGM

Thank you all for attending.

Meeting closed at 13.30