

MINUTES OF NZOA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT RUTHERFORD HOTEL, NELSON
MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2013 AT 3.30PM

1 APOLOGIES: Julian Stoddart, Chris Bossley, Ed Newman, Bill Sanderson, John Calder, Greg Kassel, Simon Dempsey, John Matheson, Peter Welsh, Rob Rowan, Peter Robertson, Chris O'Meaghan

2 CONDOLENCES

The meeting was asked to stand and observe a minute's silence for Ross Nicholson.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD AT FORSYTH BARR STADIUM, DUNEDIN OCTOBER 15, 2013

It was noted that Rob Orec and Karel Chiver's names were misspelt. Richard Lander then moved that, apart from the above errors, the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Hamish Leslie, and passed.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

5 REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Richard Lander advised that the reports will be taken as read from the annual report. Any questions answered. In his Presidential report he highlighted that it has been a privilege to be the President for the last year, including travelling to worldwide meetings, and the benefits of the carousel. He also touched on the recent signing of the partnership agreement with RACS, which should provide New Zealand with more autonomy with orthopaedic training. Gary Hooper asked whether there would be more autonomy with selection, and Richard felt this would be the case.

CEO REPORT

There were no questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grant Kiddle spoke to the report of the consolidated financial statements. He highlighted that the surplus from the secretariat will go to the NZOA Trust, and the surplus from last year's ASM will go to the Research Foundation. Grant advised that because of the surplus from the secretariat, there will be no increase in subscription fee this year. Tim Love thought that the subscription needed to be raised each year by CPI, but the Constitution was reviewed and this was found not to be the case.

Grant proposed that the annual accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Mark, and passed.

Alan Panting asked whether financial advisers should be used to maximise return on Trust funds. Grant replied that because of potential property acquisition by the NZOA Trust, it was thought best to have these funds more easily and quickly available, and hence the reason why funds were not being invested in longer term investments.

CPD REPORT

Alex Rutherford advised that there is a new software programme for CPD, which is not quite ready. The programme has been approved by RACS, and New Zealand Medical Council.

6 NZOA OFFICE BEARERS 2012/2013

Richard Lander announced the new office bearers, and as there was a single nomination for all positions no vote was required. Office bearers include Jean-Claude Theis as Second President Elect, Andrew Oakley as Honorary Secretary Elect, Stewart Walsh as Honorary Treasurer Elect, and Bruce Hodgson as Council member. Richard thanked both Bryan Thorne as previous President, and Haemish Crawford as previous Council member for their valued contribution to NZOA Council.

7 NZOA MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership 2013 shown as a power point presentation. This included:

Senior Fellows

- Merrick (Bill) Sanderson
- Tony Hardy

Full Membership Candidate and Referees.

1 Arpad Konyves	Chris Ngar	Preston Moorcroft
2 Michael O'Malley	Gordon Veale	Russell Fowler
3 Michael Rosenfeldt	Brendan Coleman	Adam Dalglish
4 Andreas Stadtmueller	John van Dalen	Simon Dempsey
5 Jacob Munro	Andrew Campbell	Hugh Blackley
6 Rowan Schouten	Grahame Inglis	Andrew Vincent
7 Andrew Graydon	Richard Nicol	Andrew Campbell
8 Hamish Love	Stephen Parkinson	John Pennington
9 Warren Leigh	Mathew Brick	Stewart Walsh
10 Dawie Jansen Van Nieuwenhuisen	Preston Moorcroft	James Fenton
11 Albert Yoon	Edward Yee	Matthew Walker
12 Hamish Deverall	Chris O'Meeghan	Richard Willoughby
13 Alpesh Patel	Garnet Tregonning	Robert Orec
14 Matthew Debenham	Garnet Tregonning	Gavin Farr
15 Stephen Andrews	David Lawson	Sudhindra Rao
16 Simon Young	Peter Poon	Matthew Walker
17 Frank Wurmitzer	Steve Earnshaw	Sean van Heerden

Corresponding members (Ex Advanced Surgical Trainees)

Dihan Aponso
Shaneel Deo
Angus Jennings
Jonathon Richards
Bradley Richmond
Anubhav Sathu
Aman Singh
Stephanie van Dijck
Michael Van Niekerk

Corresponding Members (To move from Fellow membership to Corresponding as now residing overseas)

Eddie McCaig
Gregory Finch
John Scott
Bruce Twaddle

Associate members (New Trainees)

Charlotte Allen
Tim Chuang
John English
Ryan Gao
Woosung Kim
Heath Lash
Mohamed Namazie
Paul Phillips
Neal Singleton
Seung-Min Youn

Hamish Leslie moved that the nominations be accepted. This was seconded by Mark Wright, and passed.

Associate Members (Other requests) Noting Candidate and Referees

Ramamurthy Chandru	David Templeton	Sean van Heerden
Jonathan Coorsh	Aidarus Farah	Karel Chivers
Nigel Giles	Jennifer Hicks	Guy Rosset

There was wide ranging discussion about these candidates. The concern was based on IMG's taking position in the peripheral hospitals, and hence depriving graduates of the NZOA training programme of potential positions. There was also concern raised that accepting these nominations for associate membership was effectively rubber stamping the entry of IMG's into the country. It was pointed out, however, that associate membership would not provide advantage when applicants applied to become full members, and a separate application was required. It was also felt that it was important to be inclusive in the orthopaedic community within New Zealand, and provide a means of IMG's to carry out CPD. Because of the contentious nature of these nominations each nomination was voted on separately.

Hamish Leslie moved that the nomination of Dr Chandru be accepted. This was seconded by Mark Wright, and the nomination was accepted by majority. Those against accepting the nomination were Grahame Inglis, Denis Atkinson and Richard Nicol.

Hamish Leslie moved that the nomination of Dr Coorsh be accepted. This was seconded by Mark Wright, and passed by majority. Objection of Grahame Inglis, Denis Atkinson and Richard Nicol were noted.

Nigel Giles. His name did not initially appear on the associate membership list as he initially applied for full membership, but did not provide CV or referee reports or evidence of vocational registration. Bryan Thorne, however, asked that he be considered for associate membership and both Guy Rosset and Jennifer Hicks spoke in support of this nomination. Bryan Thorne moved that his nomination be accepted. This was seconded by Sud Rao, and passed.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Hamish Leslie went through proposed Constitution changes. Again these were shown as power point presentation. The changes include changed definitions to Senior Fellows, Emeritus Fellows and Full Fellows of NZOA. The changes were accepted although the definition of Full Fellows was altered slightly in that final definition to read:

Membership categories to know read:

- c) Senior Fellows - These are Fellows of the Association who have reached the age of 65 and are still in practice. They retain their status as a member of the association and will pay 50% rate of full subscription. They may vote, cannot hold office but otherwise have the rights and privileges and obligations of Fellows. Application to become a Senior Fellow is through the Honorary Secretary and approved at the AGM.
- d) Emeritus Fellows - These are Fellows of the Association who have retired from active practice and wish to retain membership. They do not vote, hold office or pay dues, but shall otherwise have the rights, privileges and obligations of Fellows. Application to become an Emeritus Fellow is through the Honorary Secretary and approved at the AGM.
- e) Fellows - These shall be Orthopaedic Surgeons who –
 - 1) Have successfully completed training in orthopaedic surgery through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, or
 - 2) Hold an acceptable higher qualification, and
 - 3) Are vocationally registered as orthopaedic surgeons with the Medical Council of New Zealand

Hamish Leslie moved that the recommended changes be accepted after noting that there would be a grandfathering clause. This was seconded by Richard Lander and passed.

There was discussion regarding vocational registration. Julian Balance advised that as censor he has provided recommendations to the New Zealand Medical Council in the past regarding vocational registration, and some of these recommendations have been ignored. Nigel Willis in his role as Chairman of the New Zealand branch of the RACS, advised that he will be soon meeting with the Chair of the New Zealand Medical Council and be raising these concerns.

Richard Lander announced the Hong Kong Young Ambassador will be Alpesh Patel, and the ABC Travelling Fellow will be Brendan Coleman.

John McKie, in his role as Chair of the ACC Committee, advised that ACC has raised concerns that up to 20% of patients who have their ACC claims for surgery accepted, do not actually receive surgery. Possible reasons for this were discussed. It was felt that it was ACC's responsibility to find out why this is the case.

Michael Caughey asked whether there could be improved accuracy with regard shoulder data with Joint Registry by providing an area on the Registry form where the consultant could sign this to ensure that the forms have been completed correctly.

9 FUTURE MEETINGS

COE meeting, Queenstown April 2014

Hand Society - Fiona Timms convening

Gordon Beadel spoke to this as Fiona was not present. Advised it will be Hand Society meeting initially, followed by the COE, and this will be general hand conditions, and attendance was encouraged.

ASM 2014, Tauranga

Andy Stokes addressed the meeting regarding this, and showed a short promotional video.

ASM 2015, New Plymouth

ASM 2016, combined Australia/New Zealand meeting in Cairns, but there will also be the combined English speaking meeting in South Africa in the same year.

RACS ASM meeting May 5-9 in Singapore 2014, and Richard Lander emphasised that there will be an orthopaedic component to this meeting.

10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mark Wright acknowledged Richard Lander's contribution to the NZOA, both as an ambassador and advocate for the NZOA at RACS.

The meeting closed at 5.05pm

Hamish Leslie