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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS LTD
HELD ON SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2005
AT THE GOLD COAST CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE**

1. WELCOME

The President and Chair Dr Gregory Deacon declared the 63rd ASA AGM open at 16.05 hrs as a quorum was present and welcomed those in attendance.

ATTENDANCE/APPOLOGIES

Members in Attendance:

Drs Nicola Acworth, Phillip Allen, David Archibald, Edwin Barker, Paul Barnard, Peter Beahan, John Blaxland, James Bradley, Kester Brown, Jonathan Brown, David Chapman, Richard Clarke, Mark Colson, Paul Cook, James Cowling, Margaret Cowling, Martin Culwick, Robert Dawson, Gregory Deacon, Roberta Deam, Aileen Donaghy, Simon Duncan, Robert Edwards, David Fenwick, Stephen Gatt, John Goldsmith, John Harris, Alec Harris, Michael Hellings, Michael Hodgson, Ross Holland, William Hurley, Dennis Kerr, Elaine Kluver, John Lauritz, Michael Lawrence, Samuel Leong, Phang-Chien Lim, Anton Loewenthal, Graham Mapp, Michael Martin, Jinny Marxsen, Patricia Matthews, Donald Maxwell, Elizabeth Maycock, Phillip Payne, Edward McArdle, David McConnel, Donald McKenzie, Alan Meads, Andrew Mulcahy, Anthony Neville, John Oswald, Helen O'Toole, Anthony Padley, Thomas Palmer, Timothy Pavy, Renald Portelli, Anne Rasmussen, Ian Rechtman, John Richards, Piers Robertson, Gavin Robinson, Christine Rowe, W John Russell, Orysia Sandry, Peter Sayers, Andrew Schneider, David Scott, Roslyn Shaw, Scott Simmons, Mark Sinclair, Mark Skacel, Neil Stokes, Robert Storer, Mathew Swann, Nigel Symons, Jill Taylor, Andrew Thang, Jeanette Thirlwell-Jones, Sharon Tivey, Michael Tuch, Gerald Turner, Maurice Vialle, Paul Waizer, Richard Waldron, John Walker, James Walker, Rodney Westhorpe, Phillip Wicks, Jimmy Wong, Timujin Wong and John Zubevich.

Secretariat Staff in Attendance:

Ms Cassandra Hargreaves, Ms Deborah Jones and Mr Peter Lawrence.

Apologies:

Drs Andrew Bennett, David Davies, Roger Eltringham, Caroline Fahey, Elizabeth Feeney, Sai Yan Fong, Harbans Gill, Genevieve Goulding, John A Hickman, May Lim, John Marum, Richard Maynard, David McCuaig, Desmond O'Brien, Brian Pezzutti, Lindy Roberts, Ian Seppelt, Sandra Taylor, Barbara Trytko, George Walters, David Wilkinson, John Williamson and Ian Woodforth.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Minutes of the 63rd ASA AGM held 3 October 2004.

“that the Minutes of the 63rd ASA AGM held 3 October 2004 (item 2.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR DAVID FENWICK CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Nil

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Dr Gregory Deacon spoke to his report which covered the period October 2004 to September 2005 and elaborated on pertinent issues relating to the Secretariat, non-medical anaesthesia providers, Society finances, the AMA, the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (AIC) Journal and various Committees. He thanked the Secretariat, the Council and the Society's Committees for their work during the course of the year.



“that the President’s Report (item 4) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR MARTIN CULWICK CARRIED

5. HONORARY FEDERAL TREASURER’S REPORT

5.1 Dr Michael Tuch spoke to his report and advised that there would not be an increase in subscription fees for 2006. He added that the financial statements were available on the ASA website.

“that the Honorary Federal Treasurer’s Report (item 5) be received”

MOVED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH SECONDED BY DR GREGORY DEACON CARRIED

5.2 Motion – ASA Auditors

5.2.1 Dr Tuch advised that an auditor must be appointed for the 2005-2006 period.

“that KPMG be appointed as the Society’s auditors for 2005/2006”

MOVED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH SECONDED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE CARRIED

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

6.1 Mr Lawrence spoke to his report and gave an update on the ASA Headquarters and staff, membership, the purchase of Suite 602, and patient enquiries. The report was available on the ASA Website.

“that the Executive Director’s Report (item 6) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE CARRIED

7. CHIEF EDITOR’S REPORT

7.1 Dr Jeanette Thirlwell-Jones spoke to her report and which was available on the ASA Website. She thanked all members of the Editorial Board and the Secretariat staff for their work during the year.

“that the Chief Editor’s Report (item 7) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY PROF JOHN RUSSELL CARRIED

8. ECONOMICS ADVISORY OFFICER’S REPORT

8.1 Dr Mulcahy spoke to his report and outlined various Economic issues from the previous year including the RVG in Medicare, RVG changes that would be coming into effect on 1 November 2005, negotiations with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA), the Department of Health and Aging (DHA) and various Health Funds and Informed Financial Consent (IFC). He thanked everyone who had assisted the Committee during the year.

“that the Economics Advisory Officer’s Report (item 8) be received”

MOVED BY DR ANDREW MULCAHY SECONDED BY DR JOHN HAINS CARRIED

9. PROFESSIONAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR’S REPORT

9.1 Dr Nigel Symons spoke to his report and expressed his thanks and appreciation for the members of the Committee, as well as the help and advice from the Executive Director and support from the ASA Secretariat. The report was available on the ASA Website.

“that the Professional Issues Advisory Committee Chair’s Report (item 9) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY PROF ROSS HOLLAND CARRIED

10. FEDERAL GASACT CHAIR’S REPORT

10.1 Dr Deacon advised that Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy was unavailable to attend the AGM however, his report was available on the ASA website.



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“that the Federal GASACT Chair’s Report (item 10) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR KESTER BROWN CARRIED

11. AWARDS, PRIZES AND GRANTS CHAIR’S REPORT

11.1 Dr James Bradley spoke to his report and named the winners of the awards for 2005. He stated that there would be a new award for a PhD Grant, details of which would be made available on the ASA Website. He thanked the award adjudicators for 2005.

“that the Awards, Prizes and Grants Chair’s Report (item 11) be received”

MOVED BY JAMES BRADLEY SECONDED BY PROF JOHN RUSSELL CARRIED

12. AMA CRAFT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

12.1 Dr Deacon advised that Dr Ian Woodforth was unavailable to attend the AGM however, his report was available on the ASA website.

“that the AMA Craft Group Representative’s Report be noted”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE CARRIED

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

13.1 ASA NSC & AGM Coolum, Queensland 20-24 October 2006

13.1.1 Dr John Lauritz congratulated Dr Anthony Coorey and his team for organising the 2005 NSC. He commented that the Hyatt at Coolum would cater for the ASA’s needs well in the 2006 NSC. He added that Dr Piers Robertson and himself would be the convenors for NSC 2006.

13.2 ASA NSC & AGM Perth, Western Australia 14-18 September 2007

13.2.1 Dr Timothy Pavy advised that Dr Michael Paech would be the Scientific Convenor for the 2007 NSC and that the NSC would be held at the Burswood Casino. Dr Pavy showed a DVD from the Perth Convention Bureau outlining what Perth has to offer for tourists.

14. MOTION – SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION

14.1 Dr Deacon advised that the decision to offer Dr Thirlwell-Jones Life Membership had been considered by the Executive and Council and had been unanimously supported. Prof Ross Holland outlined Dr Thirlwell-Jones’s career and highlighted why she had been recommended for Life Membership.

“that Dr Jeanette Thirlwell Jones receive Life Membership for her many contributions to the Society’s publications since 1976”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREG DEACON CARRIED

14.2 Dr Deacon gave a background on Mr John O’Dea and highlighted the support he had given to the ASA, whilst working at the AMA. Dr Andrew Mulcahy outlined why he seconded Mr O’Dea and the work he had done to assist members.

“that Mr John O’Dea receive Honorary Membership of the Society for providing exceptional guidance and advice in the broad areas of industrial and Government matters for 10 years”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ANDREW MULCAHY CARRIED

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Dr Deacon formally acknowledged Dr John Russell for Life Membership in 2004 as he was absent when it had been awarded.

16. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

16.1 Dr Richard Clarke, Vice-President, announced the unopposed nomination for President of Dr Gregory Deacon.



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“that Dr Gregory Deacon be accepted as President of the Society”

MOVED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE SECONDED BY

CARRIED

16.2 Dr Gregory Deacon announced the unopposed nomination for Vice-President of Dr Richard Clarke.

“that Dr Richard Clarke be accepted as Vice-President of the Society”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR

CARRIED

16.3 Dr Gregory Deacon announced the unopposed nomination for Honorary Federal Treasurer of Dr Michael Tuch.

“that Dr Michael Tuch be accepted as Honorary Federal Treasurer of the Society”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR

CARRIED

16.4 Dr Gregory Deacon announced the unopposed nomination for Executive Councillor of Dr David Scott.

“that Dr David Scott be accepted as Executive Councillor of the Society”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR

CARRIED

“that the Office Bearers of the Society as mentioned above be accepted”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR

CARRIED

There being no other business the Chair closed the Meeting at 17.30hrs and thanked those in attendance.

NB: All reports are available on the ASA website at www.asa.org.au (including the PowerPoint presentation of the AGM) OR by contacting the ASA Secretariat on (02) 9327 4022 or asa@fed.asa.org.au