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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS (ASA)
HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2006**

1. ATTENDANCE

Michael Aitken, Phillip Alen, R. Allen, Alex Baker, Michael Barrington, Stewart Bath, James Bradley, Catherine Brooksbank, Kester Brown, Reg Cammack, William Cheng, Colin Chilvers, Richard Clarke, David Crankshaw, Leslie Csenderits, Martin Culwick, Greg Deacon, R Dean, A. Donovan, Alan Duncan, Mathew Duncan, Elizabeth Feeney, David Fenwick, Mark Freedman, Nicholas Gemmell-Smith, Robyn Gillies, Genevieve Goulding, Cameron Gourlay, Richard Grutzner, John Hains, Kenneth Hales, Alec Harris, William Herlihy, Ruth Hippiusley, Michael Hodgson, William Hoffmann, Mathew Howes, Susan Inglis, Beverley Jan, Chris Jeeliffe, Nareen Joan, Kevin Johnston, Karin Jones, John Keneally, David Kinchington, Jenny King, Louis Klein, John Lauritz, Hugh Lawrence, Michael Lawrence, Sue Lawrence, Peter Lillie, John Lodge, Barbara Main, Graham Mapp, Elizabeth Maycock, Phillip Mayne, Don Maxwell, John McCarty, David McConnel, Rob McDougall, Joe McGuinness, Carmel McInerney, Noel McMahon, George Merridew, Rowan Molnar, Frank Moloney, Fariborz Moradi, Andrew Mulcahy, Tom Mullins, Tim Nyman, John Oswald, Anthony Padley, Michael Paech, Thomas Palmer, Tim Pavy, Peter Peres, Haydn Perndt, Renald Portelli, Tony Quail, Anne Rasmussen, Ross Rathborne, Merylyn Rees, John Richards, Orysia Sandry, Andrew Schneider, David Scott, Murray Selig, John Shrapnel, Scott Simmons, Mark Skacel, Adrian Skidmore, Alan Stern, Neil Stokes, Rob Storer, Stephen Swallow, Joel Symons, Sandray Taylor, Jeneen Thatcher, Jeanette Thirlwell Jones, Wally Thompson, Jim Troup, Michael Tuch, Allan Tyson, Benjamin Van Der Griend, Maurice Vialce, Richard Waldron, Paul Waizer, Liam Walker, Linda Weber, Rodney Westhorpe, Richard Willis, Timijin Wong, David Woods, Dennis Wooller, Gregory Wotherspoon, Ken Williams, Michael Wilson, M. Xavier and John Zubevich

SECRETARIAT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Peter Lawrence and Ms Cassandra Hargreaves

2. APOLOGIES

David Bollinger, Margie Cowling, Mark Donnelley, Mark Fajgman, Paul Ferris, Harbans Gingh Gill, John Hickman, John Lee, Christopher Lourey, Richard Maynard, Paul McGrath, Andrew Patrick, Brian Pezzutti, Lindy Roberts, Peter Rodds, John Russell, Mark Sinclair, Ian Seppelt, John Williamson and David Woods

There being a quorum of ASA members present Dr Gregory Deacon, the ASA President, opened the Meeting at 14.30 hrs and welcomed those in attendance.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of the ASA AGM held 25 September 2005

3.1.1 Prior to confirming the minutes of the previous meeting Dr James Bradley presented the following ASA Awards for 2006:

3.1.1.1 Gilbert Troup Award	Dr Collin Chilvers
3.1.1.2 Kevin McCaul Prize	Dr Darcy Carol-Apeli
3.1.1.3 Diners Club	Dr Bradley LaFelita
3.1.1.4 LMA PacMed Award	Dr Elizabeth Prentis
3.1.1.5 ASA PhD Support Grant	Dr Paul Soding, Dr Allan Cyna
3.1.1.6 GE Healthcare Research Grant	Dr Michael Barrington
3.1.1.7 Abbott/ASA Research Grant	Dr Robyn Gillies

“That the Minutes of the ASA AGM held 25 September 2006 (Item 3.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR MARTIN CULWICK

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES



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4.1 Nil

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 Dr Gregory Deacon read from his report which was available on the ASA Website. He highlighted the profound sadness at losing two influential life members of the ASA, Dr Ben Barry and Dr Brian Dywer, who had both served as the ASA President. They would be sadly missed.

5.1.1 Dr Deacon encouraged members who were not presently ASA office bearers to consider contributing to the ASA. He commented that it was particularly satisfying and a worthwhile experience.

5.1.2 Dr Deacon concluded that it had been an enormous honour and privilege to serve as the ASA President.

“That the President’s report (Item 5.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

6. HONORARY FEDERAL TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 Dr Michael Tuch spoke to his report which summarised the ASA's finances for the previous two years. It was available on the ASA Website.

6.2 Dr Tuch advised that when purchasing Unit 602 they were studious in their research and made an offer when a low point was evident in the market. This has since been proven to be the case. The contract was signed one day after the stamp duty tax was abolished, which saved the ASA approximately \$25,000 in the purchase price. He felt that this was a good example of how the ASA was focused on providing the best investments for its members.

6.3 Dr Tuch stated that in the 2006 Financial Report the auditors had included a footnote about the ASA's income tax status. There had been the possibility that it could be withdrawn which would have led to a large retrospective tax payment. He advised that the Australian Tax Office (ATO) had confirmed that the ASA could keep its tax exempt status as a charity and that they were now able to claim back input credits.

“That the Honorary Federal Treasurer’s Report (Item 6.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

6.4 Motion – ASA Auditors

6.4.1 Dr Tuch advised that an auditor must be appointed for the 2006-2007 period.

“That KPMG be appointed the ASA’s auditors for the period of 2006/2007.”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREG DEACON CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7.1 Mr Peter Lawrence spoke to his report which outlined the ASA Headquarters and staff, membership, ASA Website, the new locum online service and the Informed Financial Consent (IFC) campaign. The report was available on the ASA website.

7.2 In conclusion, Mr Lawrence thanked the support staff, the ASA Council for their continued support, with special mention to Dr Deacon and his departure from the Board.

“That the Executive Director’s report (Item 7.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

8. ECONOMICS ADVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 Dr Andrew Mulcahy spoke to his report which was available on the ASA website. He thanked everyone who had assisted the Committee during the year.

“That the Economics Advisory Officer’s report (Item 8.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

9. PROFESSIONAL ISSUES ADVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT



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9.1 Dr Jim Bradley spoke to Dr Nigel Symons' report, in his absence. The report was available on the ASA Website.

“That the Professional Issues Advisory Officer’s report (Item 9.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

10. CHIEF EDITOR OF ANAESTHESIA AND INTENSIVE CARE JOURNAL’S REPORT

10.1 Dr Alan Duncan spoke to his report which highlighted the Enhanced Publishing System (EPS), NZSA subscribers, History Symposium 2006 and MOPS recognition for reviewers. His report was available on the ASA Website.

“That the Chief Editor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Journal’s report (Item 10.1) be received”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY CARRIED

11. FUTURE MEETING DATES

11.1 ASA National Scientific Congress (NSC) – Perth, Western Australia (WA): 15-18 September 2007

11.1.1 Dr Tim Pavy spoke to his report and highlighted what WA had on offer as a tourist destination. He advised that the main theme of the NSC would be regional blocks. The report was available on the ASA website.

11.2 ASA/NZSA Combined Scientific Congress (CSC) – Wellington, New Zealand: 11-14 October 2008

11.2.1 Dr Graeme Sharpe stated that the CSC would be held in Wellington at the Michael Fowler Centre and the Town Hall. There would be a general theme of communication and he hoped to involve the local film community.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Society Honours

12.1.1 Dr Deacon put forward a proposal to the members that Dr Bradley be awarded life membership for his service to the ASA. He gave background on Dr Bradley’s achievements and the positions he had held at the ASA and other medical colleges and organisations.

“That Members award Dr Jim Bradley Life Membership of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists for long and distinguished service to the Society.”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY RICHARD CLARK CARRIED

12.1.2 Dr Bradley proposed that the Pugh Award be awarded to Prof Michael Cousins.

“That Members award the Pugh Award to Prof Michael Cousins for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science of anaesthesia and related disciplines.”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR JAMES BRADLEY CARRIED

12.1.3 Dr Andrew Mulcahy proposed that Mr Roger Kilham receive an Honorary Membership of the ASA. He outlined his reasons for proposing the award.

“That Members award Mr Roger Kilham an Honorary Member of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists in recognition of his outstanding contribution to members, specifically in the field of economic analysis.”

MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREGORY DEACON CARRIED

12.2 Changes to the Constitution



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12.2.1 Dr Deacon advised that the ASA Constitution should be amended under paragraph 4.16 to read "Trainee members shall be those people who are registered with the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists".

"That the meeting approved the removal of the words, 'whether in an accredited or unaccredited post' from Paragraph 4.16. of the ASA Constitution."

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR **SECONDED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY** **CARRIED**

13. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

13.1 Dr Gregory Deacon, Past-President, announced the unopposed nomination for President of Dr Richard Clarke.

"That Dr Richard Clarke be accepted as President of the Society"

MOVED BY DR GREGORY DEACON **CARRIED**

13.2 Dr Gregory Deacon announced the unopposed nomination for Vice-President of Dr Elizabeth Feeney.

"That Dr Elizabeth Feeney be accepted as Vice-President of the Society"

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR **CARRIED**

13.3 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**

13.4 Dr Gregory Deacon announced the unopposed nomination for Executive Councillor of Dr Vida Viliunas.

"That Dr Vida Viliunas be accepted as Executive Councillor of the Society"

MOVED FROM THE CHAIR **CARRIED**

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 John, an ASA member, advised that in the past a vote of the membership was normally conducted prior to a rise to the annual subscription.

14.2 PL replied that the annual subscription was now approved during the budgetary process, and approved by Council and the Board of Directors, which complied with the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997.

There being no other business the Chair closed the Meeting at 15.30 hrs and thanked those in attendance.