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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)  
OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS (ASA)  
HELD ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Drs Richard Clarke (Chair), Roger Barker, Michael Barrington, Peter Beahan, Jennifer Beckett-Wood, Kerry Boytell, James Bradley, Jonathan Byrne, Reginald Cammack, Neil Clarke, Leigh Coombs, Martin Culwick, Allan Cyna, Panchalinga Das, Stuart Day, Greg Deacon, Aileen Donaghy, Lachlan Doughty, Alan Duncan, Tod Eggleton, David Elliot, James Fowlie, Stephen Gatt, N Gibac, Roger Goucke, Genevieve Goulding, Cameron Gourlay, Richard Grutzner, Victoria Ha, Robert Hare, Michael Heythau, Michael Hodgson, Naveen Joshi, Fiona Kilpatrick, David Kneebone, John Lauritz, Michael Lawrence, Christine Lee, Leonard Lee, Peter Lillie, John Lodge, Phoebe Mainland, Daniel Malone, Donald Maxwell, Elizabeth Maycock, Neil Maycock, Edward McArdle, Jane McDonald, Rob McDougall, Tejia Meyer, Christopher Mitchell, Andrew Mulcahy, Thomas Mullins, Attilia Nagy, Matthew Newman, Anthony Padley, Ian Painter, Tea Palmer, Hannah Parker, William Parkinson, Andrew Patrick, Tim Pavy, Beverley Peers, Philip Peyton, Renald Portelli, Geoffrey Pryor, Mark Radnor, Richards Ranger, Anne Rasmussen, John Richards, John Roberts, Barbara Robertson, Piers Robertson, Elliot Rubenstein, Mark Sandford, Peter Sayers, Andrew Schneider, Mark Sinclair, Colin Smith, Paul Soeding, Brian Spain, Murray Stokan, Neil Stokes, Robert Storer, Stephen Swallow, Matthew Swan, Nigel Symons, Andrew Temperley, Jeanette Thirlwell, Walter Thompson, Elizabeth Tierney, Brian Trainer, Michael Tuch, Gerry Turner, Allan Tyson, Vida Viliunas, David Vyse, Linda Weber, Moira Westmore, Stephen Worboys, Gregory Wotherspoon, Marka Zavattaro and Prof Paul Myles.

**SECRETARIAT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Peter Lawrence and Ms Cassandra Hargreaves.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Drs Malcolm Anderson, Noel Cass, Chris Collin, Peter Cox, Douglas Fahlbusch, Paul Ferris, David Gibb, John Gibbs, Ross Holland, Richard Jones, Di Khursandi, Michael Levitt Pat Mackay, John Marum, Richard Maynard, Roderick McRae, Des O'Brien, John Paull, Brian Pezzutti and Lindy Roberts.

**There being a quorum of ASA members present Dr Richard Clarke, the ASA President, opened the Meeting at 1520 hrs and welcomed those in attendance.**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**3.1 Minutes of the ASA AGM held 23 October 2006**

3.1.1 Prior to confirming the minutes of the previous meeting Dr Greg Deacon presented the following ASA Awards for 2007:

3.1.1.1 Abbott/ASA Research Grant	Professor Guy Ludbrook
3.1.1.2 Jackson Rees Research Grant	Dr Andrew Davidson
3.1.1.3 ASA PhD Support Grant	Associate Professor Phillip Peyton
3.1.1.4 LMA PacMed/ASA Fellowship	Dr Leonard Lee
3.1.1.5 Diners Club	Dr Steven Cook
3.1.1.6 Smiths/ASA Young Investigator Awards	Dr Christopher Mitchell, Dr Maryanne Balkin, Dr Anna Mc Donald
3.1.1.7 Gilbert Troup Prize	Dr Paul Soeding
3.1.1.8 Kevin Mc Caul Prize	Dr Matthew Newman
3.1.1.9 Best Poster Presentation	Dr Somrat Charuluxananan

3.1.2 Dr Clarke noted that an amendment had been requested to Item 3.1.1.5 of the minutes and it should read Dr Allan Cyna not Alan Sinner.

*“That the amended Minutes of the ASA AGM held 23 October 2006 (Item 3.1) be accepted as a true and accurate record”*

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREG DEACON**

**CARRIED**



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#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Nil

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 Dr Richard Clarke spoke to his report which was available on the ASA Website [www.asa.org.au](http://www.asa.org.au). All reports and past minutes were available on the ASA website for members to view. He highlighted the profound sadness at losing Dr Ian Steven who was a life member of the ASA and had also served as an ASA President. He would be sadly missed.

5.2 Dr Clarke encouraged members to read all available literature on national registration of practitioners and accreditation as it had potentially far reaching effects on the society.

5.3 Dr Clarke concluded by thanking all members of Council, the various Committee Chairs and members, Mr Peter Lawrence and the secretariat staff, with special mention to Dr Greg Deacon and Dr Elizabeth Feeney for their efforts in supporting him

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

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH**

**CARRIED**

#### 6. HONORARY FEDERAL TREASURER'S REPORT

##### 6.1 Financial Statements

6.1.1 Dr Michael Tuch spoke to his report which summarised the ASA's finances.

6.1.2 Dr Tuch advised that the ASA was in a good financial position and because of the budget surplus the Treasurer had recommended that the annual membership subscriptions should not be increased for the coming year.

6.1.3 Dr Tuch advised that the investment strategy put forward by the Investment Committee to Council had been implemented in March/April and had proved to be fruitful.

6.1.4 Dr Tuch stated that last month the ASA accepted the resignation of the Finance Manager, Mr Russell Black. The short list of applicants would be interviewed on Monday 24 September to find a replacement.

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

**MOVED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH SECONDED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE**

**CARRIED**

##### 6.2 Appointment of Auditor

6.2.1 Dr Tuch proposed that KPMG the current auditors be re-appointed for the 2007/2008 period.

*“That KPMG be appointed the ASA’s auditors for the period of 2007/2008.”*

**MOVED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH SECONDED BY DR RICHARD CLARKE**

**CARRIED**

#### 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7.1 Mr Peter Lawrence spoke to his report which outlined changes to the ASA Headquarters, staff, membership, the new locum on line service and improvements to the ASA website.

7.2 Mr Lawrence advised that Ms Cassandra Hargreaves had been appointed as the National Education and Events Manager. He thanked Ms Hargreaves for her hard work over the past five years and wished her well in her new appointment.

7.3 Mr Lawrence announced to the members the appointment of Ms Avril Cronk as the Marketing and Communications Officer. Her role would be to search out new sources of revenue for the ASA.

7.4 Mr Lawrence concluded by thanking Dr Peter Stanbury, Curator, who retired at the end of the NSC. He expressed his appreciation to the board of directors, the chairs of the Committees and the staff for their continued support.

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

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREG DEACON**

**CARRIED**

#### 8. ECONOMICS ADVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 Dr Andrew Mulcahy spoke to his report and outlined various issues from the previous year including new and amended items for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and the Relative Value Guide (RVG),



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negotiations with the Department of Health and Ageing (DHA), and the Informed Financial Consent (IFC) Campaign including the success of the first Practice Manager's Workshop (PMW) in Sydney.

8.2 Dr Mulcahy concluded by thanking all the Committee members and Mr Peter Lawrence and the secretariat for their continued support.

8.3 Dr John Lodge questioned the inadequacy of the Medicare rebates. Dr Mulcahy informed the members that the EAC were continuously working on individual issues as they arise to gradually increase the Medicare rebates.

8.4 Dr Ted MacCallum questioned the timeline for the possibility of IFC legislation. Dr Mulcahy informed the meeting that there was no timetable for IFC legislation until after the election.

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

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR JAMES BRADLEY**

**CARRIED**

## **9. PROFESSIONAL ISSUES ADVISORY OFFICER’S REPORT**

9.1 Dr Nigel Symons spoke to his report and expressed his thanks to all the Members of the Committee.

9.2 Dr Symons advised that the PIAC was responsible for reviewing all the documents published by the ASA. He requested any comments or amendments to these documents to be passed onto the PIAC.

9.3 Dr Symons outlined various activities that the PIAC were involved in including, developing two Catastrophes in Anaesthesia documents, the success of the Interpersonal Skills Training Workshops (ISTW's), the development of a Difficult Airway Advice Card, advances in the ionline modules and the introduction of the Johnson and Johnson Sedation Delivery System (SDS).

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

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR MICHAEL TUCH**

**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), the reduction in production costs and advertising revenue, History Symposium and the special edition of the Journal in January 2008. He thanked all members of the Editorial Board and the secretariat staff with a special mention for both Ms Erin McGarrigle and Ms Clarissa Fletcher.

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

**MOVED FROM THE CHAIRSECONDED BY DR GREG DEACON**

**CARRIED**

## **11. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

11.1.1 Dr Graham Sharpe spoke to his report and highlighted that the meeting was being organised around a broad theme of communication and that the social events involved the local film community. He encouraged all members to attend this meeting.

### **11.2 ASA National Scientific Congress (NSC) – Darwin: 5-8 October 2009**

11.2.1 Dr Mark Sinclair stated that the NSC would be held in Darwin at the new convention centre on the waterfront. He showed the meeting a video on Darwin.

## **12. MOTIONS**

### **12.1 Honours and Awards**

12.1.1 Dr Clarke stated that the Pugh Award was to be awarded to Professor Bill Runciman. It had been approved at the Council meeting on 16 June 2007.

12.1.2 Dr Clarke informed the meeting that Council had voted to recommend Dr Gregory J. Deacon to be awarded life membership for his service to the ASA. He gave background on Dr Deacon's achievements and the positions he had held at the ASA and other medical colleges and organisations. He asked if there were any persons present wishing to speak against this recommendation. Having received no contrary view Dr Clarke put the following motion to the AGM for consideration.



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*“That Dr Greg Deacon be awarded Life Membership of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists for long and distinguished service to the Society.”*

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

**CARRIED**

### **13. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

13.1 Dr Elizabeth Feeney announced the unopposed nomination for President of Dr Richard Clarke.

*“That Dr Richard Clarke be accepted as President of the Society”*

**MOVED BY DR ELIZABETH FEENEY SECONDED BY DR VIDA VILIUNAS**

**CARRIED**

13.2 Dr Clarke 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 Clarke 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 Clarke 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 Dr Clarke drew the lucky door prizes before concluding the Meeting.

**There being no other business the Chair closed the Meeting at 1705 hrs and thanked those in attendance.**