



MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE

14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 OCTOBER 2005

HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, LAUNCESTON

1. *Present*

John Stuart, Peter Habersberger, David Rossi, Norton Duckmanton, Bruce Waxman, Rob Adams, Christine Frost, Maggie Parker, Warren Kemp, Kevin Donovan, Leonard Brennan, Tony Gill, Andy Robertson, Neil Westphalen, Richard Wiltshire, Amanda Dines, John Wardell, Patrick Liston, Michael Wilson, Michael Garvan, Carole Castles, Mark Parrish, Peter Sharwood, Karen Leshinskas, Heidi Yeats, Jenny Lumbsden, Craig Schramm, Greg Hampson, Tony Austin, Graeme Shirtley, Bill Griggs, Helen Kelsall, Chris Griffiths, Rosemary Landy, Andrew Gordon, Kevin Farrell, Greg Mahoney, Tim Maddern, Nicole Curtis, Isaac Seidl, Gerald Gill, George Merridew, Brian Pezzutti, Stephanie Hodson, Margaret Hine, Wilfred Brook, Carmel Moore, Stephen Rudzki

2. *Apologies*

John Pearn, Robert Atkinson, Michael Flynn, Jenny Graham, Derek Moore, Surg Capt Ferguson, John Turner, Janet Scott,

3. *Previous Minutes*

The 2004 AGM Minutes were available at the meeting and have been posted on the AMMA website for six months.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted.

Moved: Nader Abou-seif

Seconded: Peter Habersberger

Motion carried

4. *Annual Report*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Refer to written report from Russ. Points discussed were:

Consider carefully where we go as an association

AMMA has a pivotal role

Call for input from the members of the association

We need to consider the ethical challenges

We've had some challenges in relation to content for the Journal

We have had some changes regarding sponsorship for this year, and we are now actively pursuing corporate sponsorship in other areas. We will continue to do this.

Would like to record my thanks to Jenny Graham for her contribution to the Association in her role as Journal Editor.

I would also like to my thanks to the other members of the Council, in particular, Nader Abou-seif, for his continued involvement in the organisation of the Annual Conferences; and Graham Boothby for his efforts as AMMA Treasurer, to Leishman Associates for their continued good work as Secretariat

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total Membership stands at 347

New members in the last 12 months = 13

Resignations = 17

The level of membership fell as a result of following up of those members that are unfinancial.

We will continue to pursue new areas to increase membership and increase the base for AMMA.

JOURNAL EDITORS REPORT

The Journal editors report appears in the Annual Report.

The 2004/05 journals prepared were:

July 04

October 04

April 05

TREASURER'S REPORT

Graham Boothby reported that AMMA continued in a sound financial manner and presented the audited figures for consideration by the members.

Motion: That the 2005 figures be accepted.

Moved: Graham Boothby

Seconded: D. Rossi

Motion: Carried

Motion

Graham proposed that commencing for the 2006 Financial Year, that AMMA Fees increase by \$10. This was based on potential threats to the association to its sound financial position, being a conference that under-performed due to outside considerations, such as deployment of a large number of members, reminiscent to South Australia.

Seconded: D. Rossi

Discussion surrounding this motion from the floor from:

Peter Habersberger – who spoke against the motion

Chris Griffiths – who spoke against the motion

Neil Westphalen – who proposed a \$5.00 increase be more suitable

Issac Seidel – spoke against the motion, saying that it was not good governance to consider that a conference could be a “dud”, and it was up to all AMMA members to promote the conference within their own ranks.

Russ Schedlich, spoke for the motion, and spoke that Council had been considering for some time offering a retirement package fee. He felt that regardless the association remained a very economical society. He took on board the comments from Graeme Shirtley regarding the enhanced activities between conferences.

The motion was carried for a \$10 fee increase commencing 30 June / 2006 1 July 2006 was carried.

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted. Motion carried.

5. Council Nominations

Council .

The office bearers were subsequently appointed:-

President:	Russ Schedlich
Vice President/Conference Convener	Nader Abou-seif
Treasurer:	Graham Boothby
Secretary:	Janet Scott
Journal Editor:	Jennifer Graham
Awards Coordinator:	Beverley Wright
Grants Coordinator	Scott Kitchener
Member:	Andy Robertson

Non-Council Office Bearer (Public Officer) James Ross

6. General Business

There was one item of general business, the motion:

That the Australian Military Medicine Association undergo a name change to the Australasian Military Health Association.

The motion was proposed: Russ Schedlich

Seconded: David Emonson

The following members spoke for the motion:

Dr Russ Schedlich

The following members spoke against the motion

Dr Nader Abou-seif

Scott Kitchener

Peter Habersberger

Peter Sharwood

The following members added comments to the discussion

Bob Stacy

Craig Schramm

Mike Flynn

Graham Shirtley

In general the discussion and debate took upon the following themes: Inclusiveness and exclusiveness of "health"; the lack of opposition from stakeholder groups to the term "Medicine"; the linkage of two

changes into one vote; and the general direction of other colleges and associations away from "Australasia"

2 x scrutineers were appointed; Russ Schedlich & Nader Abou-seif

Leishman Associates staff conducted the count

Following vigorous discussion about the motion and possible alternative titles, the motion was voted on by secret ballot, including proxies, and a total of 49 votes received. The vote outcome: 35 against the motion; 13 for the motion; 1 informal vote recorded.

Following the vote, the Association will retain its current title

General Business

A discussion on wearing uniform to AMMA was raised by Brian Pezzuti, following comments from Russ Schedlich about the ethos of AMMA. In accordance with Defence Guidelines Brian Pezzuti tabled that Department of Defence personnel who are funded to attend the conference should wear the appropriate uniform.

Warren Kemp raised the question as to AMMA's attendance at the recent DVA Rehabilitation Conference, and that this may be a worthwhile investment for marketing in the future.

Motion: Proposed by: Peter Sharwood

Seconded by: Mike Garvan

That AMMA actively recruit within the consultative groups and encourage them to time their meetings around the AMMA conference as another marketing activity.

Graham Boothby responded by stating that the responsibility of marketing the association was with all AMMA members, and not just council.

Tony Austin responded by stating that it was out of AMMA's control to arrange the timing of consultative group meetings, as this falls under his control.

Outcome: Where possible, that AMMA would attempt to have representation at other group meetings.

7. Meeting concluded, with no further business at 6.05pm.

Next AGM will be held With two prospective dates: Saturday 15 October, 2005 or Saturday 22nd October 2005. This will be advised to members at the earliest time.
