



MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE

13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23 OCTOBER 2004

RYDGES HOTEL, CANBERRA

1. *Present*

Nader Abou-seif; Graham Boothby; Roger Capps; Dave Emonson; John Flynn; Mike Garvan; Andrew Gordon; Jenny Graham; Peter Habersberger; William Heddle; Derek Moore; Stan Papastamatis; Brian Pezzuti; Fabian Purcell; Russ Schedlich; Craig Schramm; Tony Austin; Carole Castles; Norton Duckmanton; Tony Gill; Andrew Gordon; Sarah Hanslow; Tim Humphrey; Warren Kemp; Scott Kitchener; Greg Mahoney; Carmel Moore; David Newman; Michael O'Donoghue; John Parkes; Janet Scott; Mike Seah; Peter Sharwood; Graham Shirtley; Tracy Smart; Bob Stacy; Dale Thomas; Jules Whitty

2. *Apologies*

John Turner; Geoff Quail; Michael Pain; Neil Westphalen; Geoffrey Day; Peta Durant-Law; Barbara Bonecki; Andy Robertson; Dagmara Poprawski; Andrew Pearce; Rodney Fawcett; Annette Summers; David Webb; John Pearn; Eric Stephenson; Rob Atkinson; Sandy Ferguson; Alex Verco; Alex Doyle

3. *Previous Minutes*

The 2003 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: Fabian Purcell

Seconded: Peter Habersberger

Motion carried

4. *Annual Report*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the 2003/04 Annual Report of the Australian Military Medicine Association.

In doing so, I refer you to the printed Annual Report that was in the Conference satchel, and in this address wish to merely point to some of the highlights of the year.

The 2003 Annual Conference in Adelaide – another very successful conference.

The journal is now peer reviewed. Andy Robertson will be stepping down as Journal Editor, however his contribution to date has been very much appreciated.

This year we have two council members who will not be standing again. I would like to formally express a vote of thanks to Fabian Purcell and David Emonson.

I would also like to express 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.

Motion Proposed: Russ Schedlich

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total Membership stands at 375

New members in the last 12 months = 20

Resignations = 14

Fabian Purcell, Secretary, stated that membership had remained static from the previous year. He asked each member recruits one person, the membership would double.

Fabian expressed his thanks to the committee and to the Secretariat, Leishman Associates for their continued support:

Comment from the Floor in relation to increasing membership:

- Peter Habersberger expressed that AMMA should be targeting Health contractors
- Mike Seah, suggested there is a lack of enlisted personnel within the organization;
- The Defence Mental Health organization was a suggested option for approach

The meeting unanimously accepted all office bearers reports

JOURNAL EDITORS REPORT

The Journal editors report appears in the Annual Report.

The 2005 Journal series will be distributed:

April 05

July 05

Nov 05

TREASURER'S REPORT

Graham Boothby reported that AMMA continued in a sound financial manner.

- He indicated that there would be no reason for a fee increase this year, however, one should be flagged for 2005/06
- That the Association now has audited figures for 2003 and 2004. The 2004 figures were signed off by the auditor on 29th July 2004.

Audited Figures for 2003

Are available, and as stated in the Annual Report.

Motion: That the 2003 figures be accepted.

Moved: Graham Boothby

Seconded: G. Shirtley

Motion: Carried

Audited Figures for 2004

Are available, and as stated in the Annual Report.

Motion: That the 2004 figures be accepted.

Moved: Graham Boothby

Seconded: T. Smart

Motion: Carried

5. Council Nominations

With two members standing down there are two vacant. Two nominations were received by the closing date, and six nominations were received after the closing date. The Secretary asked that the nominations be ratified. This was agreed by the membership.

Nominations were received from: Jennifer Graham and Scott Kitchener.

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