



**MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION  
14<sup>th</sup> 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*

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**2. Apologies**

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

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**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

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**4. Annual Report**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Refer to written report from Russ.

**Membership.** The Association's membership remains solid at around 350. Unfortunately, over 100 of these members are unfinancial, and while some of these members will have renewed early in the new financial year, I would urge all to renew their membership. Our base fees contribute the majority of the income that supports the activities of the Association and will fundamentally determine what we can achieve in promoting the study of military health.

**Financial Issues.** The Association remains in sound financial health, and we achieved a small operating surplus of \$7,500 this financial year. Again, I must acknowledge the continuing hard work of our Treasurer, Graham Boothby.

**Journal.** Under the guidance of our new Journal Editor, Jenny Graham, Australian Military Medicine has gone from strength to strength, with continuation of peer reviewing of all scientific articles. This continues to have an impact on the quality of papers, and this has been complemented by the quality of the presentation.

**Conference.** The Association's Annual Scientific Conference was held in Canberra. As always, the conference was well attended and offered a range of papers of very high quality.

**Council and Secretariat.** At the 2004 Conference, the Association Council remain unchanged.

Jenny Graham took up the role of Journal Editor to replace Andy Robertson, who remained on Council. I wish to acknowledge and thank Andy for the work that he did in moving the quality of the journal significantly forward.

Our Secretariat, Leishman Associates, continues to provide us with high quality support and assistance in the day-to-day running of the Association.

To members of Council and our Secretariat, I must record my appreciation for their hard work and support. It is a privilege and pleasure to work with the team to further the interests of the Association.

In closing, I must also record the appreciation of the Council and the Association to our major corporate sponsor, GlaxoSmithKline.

The Association continues to grow and develop. We remain the peak organisation committed to the scientific progress of military medicine, and as such are looked to by those who have an interest in military medicine for support and information. We continue to proactively provide this in our many activities.

Any Association is only as good as its Members, and I believe we have the best. This augurs well for our future. Once again, I thank you for your support of the Association.

#### **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.

Moved: Graham Boothby

Seconded: D. Rossi

Discussion surrounding this motion from the floor from:  
Peter Habersberger, Chris Griffiths, Issac Seidel, spoke against the motion.

Neil Westphalen suggested a \$5.00 increase be more suitable

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.

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Motion carried.

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## **5. Council Nominations**

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

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## **6. General Business**

Tony Austin commended the Council for frugality in expenditure.

### **Membership**

Tony Austin suggested that a new line of membership be introduced - Student Membership.

It was also suggest that there be a reduction in membership fees for retired members.

### **Conference 07**

It was suggested that the 2007 conference be held in Queensland.

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## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005. This will be advised to members at the earliest time.

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