



DRAFT MINUTES
15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 20 October 2006

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Present

PS Wilkins, A Holian, D Moore, S Papastamatis, F Parkes, W. Heddle, R Barrett, B Wright, A Gordon, M Pain, D Randell, M Seah, N Abou-sief, G Boothby, J Scott, G Shirtley, T Austin, N Westphalen, B Stacy, R Schedlich, S Kitchener, T Gill, A Pearce, B Pezzutti, G Mahoney, H Kelsall, P Leishman, L Bleathman (Minutes)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Peter Habersberger
Andy Robertson
Peter Duffy
Tracey Smart
Rob Atkinson

2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

Owing to a publishing error, the minutes of the 2005 AGM will be circulated and submitted for acceptance at the 2007 AGM.

3. Annual Report

3.1 President's Report

The President welcomed all members and thanked them for their support.

He advised that membership and finances remained healthy. The concept of a combined Defence/AMMA conference should be supported and he thanked the Organising Committee which included AMMA Council members for their contributions.

He advised that a new Editorial Board had been established to provide strategic direction for the AMMA journal. The new Board consisted of members from CMVH, the ADF, AMMA and universities and would meet at least 4 times per year.

He hoped to see the Association grow further and looked forward to the coming year.

The Presidents report was accepted.

Moved: Tony Austin
Seconded: Stan

Papastamatis

ACCEPTED

3.2 *Secretary's Report*

The Secretary advised that there had been 18 new members join in the past financial year with 12 resigning members. No advice had been received from resigning members on reasons for their resignation and this would be followed up by the Secretariat.

In accordance with the Constitution, Council had met three times during the last year.

3.2.1 *Membership for Retiring Members*

Enquiries had been received from members in relation to a fee structure for retirees. Council had been considering a new membership category and had sought information from other organisations that had implemented a retiring membership category. The Council considered that the ASAM model would be appropriate. The model is as follows:

"A new category of membership, that of Retired Members, has been created for members who have retired and receive no income from personal services and have reached the age of 65 years. Retired members will have the option of paying a single fee equivalent to 7 years subscription in the year of their retirement or paying an annual fee equivalent to 50% of the normal fee."

Comment was received with regard to age as a definite (65) and that age should not be a requirement.

It was agreed that the model would be circulated on the AMMA Website for members information and comment and that further discussions would be held within Council over the next few months taking into consideration members comments. A proposal would be put at next year's AGM to amend the constitution to introduce a retired member's subscription.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

Moved: G Shirtley
Seconded: B Wright

ACCEPTED

3.3 *Journal Editor's Report*

The Acting Journal Editor advised that one journal had been produced in the last financial year due to the

resignation of Jenny Graham. However two journals had been produced within the previous month, which included the conference abstracts and it was hoped that this would continue to be produced as a supplement over the following years.

With the establishment of the Editorial Board, a strategic plan would be implemented, including listing on med-line and long-term strategy to be one of the top military medicine journals, nationally and internationally. To gain greater impact, the Editorial Board proposed a change to the title of the journal to *Journal of Military and Veterans Health* for consideration by the Council. The Council had accepted the change.

The Editorial Board had already considered the issues regarding review and publication and were exploring a web-based system to ensure that turn-a-round time from submission through peer-review to publishing would be expedient.

The Journal Editor thanked all members for their contribution to the journal and looked forward to working with the Editorial Board and Council to ensure that the Journal maintained the high quality of papers that it had provided in the previous years.

The Journal Editor's Report was accepted.

Moved: M Pain
Seconded: B Heddle

ACCEPTED

3.4 *Treasurer's Report*

The Treasurer presented the Auditor's report. No anomalies were found to be present. He advised that membership fees would not be increased. It was noted that there was a 50% increase in auditor's fees and although he had not received an explanation for the increase, he believed that this could be due to international standards of auditing which had to be met. He would seek a formal response for this increase.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Moved: N Abou-Seif
Seconded: J Scott

ACCEPTED

3.4.1 *Acceptance of the 2006 Auditors Report*

It was agreed that the Auditors Report should be accepted and that Macquarie Accounting be appointed as Accountant for the current financial year.

Moved: G Boothby

Seconded: M Seah

AGREED

4. Announcement of newly elected Council

The following Council members were elected:

President: Russell Schedlich

Vice-President: Nader Abou-Seif

Members: Graham Boothby, Scott Kitchener, Greg Mahoney, Andrew Robertson, Geoff Robinson, Janet Scott.

Subsequent to the AGM, Council met and appointed Members to the following executive positions:

Secretary: Janet Scott

Treasurer: Graham Boothby

The President thanked outgoing member Beverley Wright for her contribution to the Council over the past 9 years. Her wisdom and advice were of great benefit to the Council

He also thanked Council Members for their hard work over the past year and looked forward to working with them over the next year.

5. General Business

No other business was raised.

6. Next AGM

The next AGM would be held in conjunction with the 2007 Conference at Melbourne at a venue and time TBA.

7. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1400hrs.