



Australian Military Medicine Association

20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 22 October 2011 – 1630

Crown Conference Centre, Southbank, Melbourne

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Apologies

John Pearn, Mike Dowsett, Paul Alexander, Jeff Rosenfeld, Andrew Robertson, Anne Campbell, David Rossi

2. Minutes of 2010 AGM

There being no amendments, the minutes of the 2010 AGM were deemed to be correct..

MOVED: P Haberberger

SECONDED: G Robinson

ACCEPTED

3. Annual Report

3.1 President's Report

The President, Greg Mahoney, spoke to the report as contained in the Annual Report. He advised that as in past years, the Association continued to meet significant challenges with regard to membership, finances and the publication of JMVH. However, it was pleasing to note that these challenges had been met head on and he commended his fellow committee members and the Secretariat in achieving a financially sound Association together with a conference of international standings.

He noted that membership of AMMA was mainly reservists and believes that this could also be the potential for new members and urged all members to encourage others to join.

He acknowledged the hard work of Dr Nader Abou-Seif in ensuring that the conference continued to attract a wide range of presentations of outstanding calibre and assisting in attracting increased sponsorship, however, this meant that AMMA had outgrown the capacity to hold its conference in regional and more remote centres.

He thanked the Patron of AMMA, Major General Paul Alexander who was stepping down at the end of 2011 for his support and also that of Major General Geoffrey Rosenfeld who would also leave his post at the end of the year.

He also thanked Kerry Clifford and Scott Kitchener for their support over the past five years as council members. Due to work commitments Kerry and Scott had decided not to renominate for Council.

MOVED: R Story **SECONDED:** N Abou-Seif

ACCEPTED

3.2 Secretary's Report

The Secretary, Janet Scott, spoke to the Secretary's Report as contained in the Annual Report. She advised that there had been an increase in the amount of members who had paid by 30 June but not all members had paid their dues. As per last year those members who had not paid their dues by 31 December 2011 would be deemed not a member.

MOVED: G Robinson SECONDED: G Shirtley

ACCEPTED

3.3 Journal Editor's Report

In the absence of the Journal Editor, Dr Andrew Robertson, the President spoke to the Journal Editor's report as contained in the Annual Report. He noted that the Journal had published four editions in the past year. In 2011 JMVH also had themed editions, April 2011 (Korean War) and July 2011 Occupational Health and Safety. It was noted that this would continue in 2012. He advised that a new online submission had been introduced and hoped that this would encourage members to submit papers and register if they wish to become a reviewer.

MOVED: G Mahoney SECONDED: P Hurly

ACCEPTED

3.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer spoke to the Treasurer's report as contained in the Annual Report. He advised that the Auditor had advised that AMMA's accounting system should move to an accrual system. At present AMMA's accounting system was based on a cash system and financial reports from this system did not provide a true representation of income and expenditure for the financial year as revenue and expenditure was also applicable to the previous financial year and the next financial year.

By moving to the accrual system this would mean that next year's financial report could possibly show a deficit.

The Journal continued to operate at a loss but constitutionally the production of the journal is required. However, it may be that an online journal would need to be considered for the future.

However, he advised that despite a global financial downturn the Association continued to perform satisfactorily, due mainly to the annual conference.

Peter Habersberger questioned the high fees associated with bank fees compared to previous years. PL explained that this was due to merchant fees which is calculated on revenue which was larger than previous years.

MOVED: P Habersberger SECONDED: K Clifford

ACCEPTED

3.4.1 Acceptance of the 2011 Auditor's Report

The Treasurer advised that the Associations accounts had been audited and the Auditor formed the opinion that the financial report fairly represents the financial positions as at June 2011.

MOVED: N Abou-Seif **SECONDED:** K Clifford

ACCEPTED

4. Announcement of newly elected Council

The Secretariat advised that she had received notice of resignation from Council Members Kerry Clifford and Scott Kitchener. In accordance with the AMMA Constitution, one nomination for President had been received from Greg Mahoney. One nomination for Vice President from Nader Abou-seif. Five nominations for Council had been received from Janet Scott, Andy Robertson, Geoff Robinson, Peter Hurly and Ross Mills.

As not all positions for Council were filled, in accordance with Statement and Purpose of Rules 2.9.2 (h) Kerry Clifford nominated WO Stewart Robertson from the floor of the AGM. Mr Robertson accepted the nomination and was duly elected to Council.

The Council for 2012 stands as:

President:	Greg Mahoney
Vice-President:	Nader Abou- Seif
Council Members:	Janet Scott
	Peter Hurly
	Ross Mills
	Andrew Robertson
	Stewart Robertson
	Geoff Robinson

5. Any Business of which notice has been given

5.1 Emeritus Member Nomination – P Habersberger

Members were advised of the nomination in accordance with the Statement of Purpose of Rules 2.4.2. N Abou-Seif spoke to the nomination. A vote was taken and unanimously approved and Peter was duly elected Emeritus Member.

MOVED: N Abou-Seif **SECONDED:** G Mahoney

ACCEPTED

6. General Business

CMDR Ian Young advised members that an Orthopaedic Surgeon Congress would be held the second week of October 2012. He had hoped that this would complement AMMA. GM suggested that he speak with the AMMA Conference Convenor.

Nader Abou-Seif also wished to express a vote of thanks to Peter Habersberger, Jenny Lumsden, Bruce Waxman and Leanne Bleathman for their help with the conference program.

7. Next AGM

The next Annual General Meeting will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Date and time tba.