



**DRAFT MINUTES
16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 20 October 2007, 4.30pm**

Crown Promenade, 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank,
Victoria

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President, Russell Schedlich welcomed all members and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were accepted from John Pearn.

2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were deemed correct and approved.

3. Minutes of 2006 AGM

The minutes of the 2006 were deemed correct and approved.

4. Annual Report

4.1 President's Report

Membership

Russell Schedlich spoke to the President's report contained in the 2006-2007 Annual Report (circulated). He hoped at this year's conference which is significantly larger than previous AMMA conferences that the membership could develop from the conference database and he hoped that members present at the meeting would encourage non members at the conference to join.

JMVH

The Editorial Board had worked diligently to ensure that the new *Journal of Military and Veterans' Health* would be launched at the conference. Although the start up costs were significant, this had been appeased by a contribution from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs office of \$5,000 and over \$3,000 for advertising from medical companies, some of whom were attending this year's conference. Further information on the strategic directions was contained in the Journal Editor's report.

Council

The President advised members that the Treasurer, Graham Boothby, had not renominated for Council. He thanked Graham for his outstanding work and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

Moved: S Kitchener
Seconded: N Abou-Seif

ACCEPTED

4.2 Secretary's Report

Janet Scott advised members that there were 345 active members of whom only 273 were financial. She reiterated the need for members to notify the Secretariat when being posted. Question from the floor of when would online payment be available. The Secretary advised that this would be considered at a future meeting of the council.

Moved: R Schedlich
Seconded: L Brennan

ACCEPTED

4.3 Journal Editor's Report

Russ Schedlich spoke to the Journal Editor's Report and the strategic direction for the journal as contained in the Annual Report. A question was raised from the floor regarding Impact Factors and Scott Kitchener explained the journals needed to be cited, subsequently referenced, and listed in Pub Med four times per annum. It would also be heightened by internationals using the journal to reference their work.

Moved: S Kitchener
Seconded: J Scott

ACCEPTED

4.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that AMMA was in a strong financial position. AMMA conferences were not expected to make profits and there were no residual funds from conferences. He advised that due to an online high interest account that interest earned was significant.

He also advised there would be no fee increases in memberships this year.

Moved: R Schedlich
Seconded: T Austin

ACCEPTED

4.4.1 Acceptance of the 2007 Auditor's Report

The Treasurer presented the Auditor's Report advising that in the Auditor's opinion the financial report presented fairly in all material respects.

Moved: G Boothby
Seconded: N Abou-Seif

ACCEPTED

5. Announcement of newly elected Council

The President advised that eight people had nominated for the positions on council

Russell Schedlich – President

Nader Abou-Seif – Vice President

The following nominated as council members:

Janet Scott, Greg Mahoney, Geoff Robinson, Andrew Robertson, Scott Kitchener and Kerry Clifford.

All members were duly elected.

**Moved: R Schedlich
Seconded: G Shirtley**

ACCEPTED

The Council would meet within the next 24 hours to elect the other Executive Members.

6. Any Business of which notice has been given

6.1 Amendment to Constitution – Retired Members

A unanimous vote by members to accept the amendment to the constitution was passed.

**Moved: R Schedlich
Seconded: P Habersberger**

ACCEPTED

7. General Business

Peter Habersberger asked if the AMMA meeting could be moved from the third weekend in October so that it did not clash with Trafalgar Day.

It was noted that the AMMA Conference was attracting more delegates from overseas, particularly New Zealand. An expression of interest was put forward to change the name from Australian to Australasian Military Medicine Association. To be considered at a future meeting.

8. Next AGM

The next annual general meeting would be held in Hobart at the Wrest Point Convention Centre in 2008. Time to be advised.

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.