

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND  
SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS**

*Minutes Annual General Meeting*

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 14:00*

*Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia*

**1. ATTENDANCE**

1.1. Present:

Prue Lamerton, Elizabeth Bailey, Nick Farnham, Chris McLaren, Susan Baldwin, Diane Cheong, Marcia Wood, Victoria Brooks, Lauren Moor, Theo Kitsos, Harry Mackay, Joanna Dicicco, William Marshall, Kim Jasper, Michelle Hammond, Vanessa Rischitelli, Katherine Lees, Jennifer Morris, Leanne O'Neill, Amy Johnson, Angela Osley, Lynne Bowlen, Katherine Burton, Kristos Kyriacov, Geoff Roff, David Grimmond, Carol Charman, Coleen Landel, Suzanne Heath, Heather Patterson, Angela Woodcock, Dale Searly, Sally Raymond, Marion Lewis, Kerry Vickery, Simon Cowell, Penni Russell, Sarah Stephenson, Peter Garcia, Nathan Droguett-Fuhrer, Michael Crook, Amanda Adams, Greg Walker, Stephen O'Brien, Luke Hauser, Fraser Duncan, Chrissie Roodt, George Pandos, Amy Hollow, Sue King, Carol Goodier, Bonnie Beacroft, Emma Lambert, Sylvia Leung, Trish Mead, Stephanie Van Rossum, David Thomas, Belinda Mulholland, Shallon McLean, Hayley Rousell, Kevin Picton, Tahne Watson, Scott Trethewey, Marko Trifunovic, Jeanelle Farmilo, Annette Cotter, Jane Hassall, Barbara Ovenden, Daphne James

1.2. Apologies:

Nick Lawrence, Karen Monney, Sue Leifmann

1.3. Introduction of the TSIG committee members:

Elizabeth Bailey introduced the TSIG committee to the meeting explaining that there had been several changes.

Ashlee Kimball is to replace Chris McLaren. (ACT)

Marcia Woods to replace Jason Bradley (Victoria)

Diane Cheong has replaced Rick Hampson

Susan Bradley has taken on the role of treasurer.

Liz thanked Chris McLaren and made special mention of the years of work

Chris had put into the society. Chris was instrumental in the development of

CPD. His contribution to the committee will be missed.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1. Confirmation and Acceptance

Accepted by Clayton Fraser

Seconded by Mark Trifunovic

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The TSIG held its annual workshop this year in Adelaide at the conference centre at Adelaide Zoo on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We had 65 attendees with a great range of topics covered including SPECT/CT, PET/CT, V/Q SPECT, interesting case studies and an update on national registration. And lunch with the panda's. Thank-you to the

committee members, especially Nick Farnham who helped organise another great day. Next years venue will be Hervey Bay in Queensland, including a one-day symposium and half-day whale watching trip in early September, with the date yet to be confirmed.

There has been significant progress made especially in the last 6 months in preparation for national registration. The call for submissions for the new national board closed 8<sup>th</sup> April with the society assisting several members to prepare submissions. Many documents have been prepared including overseas qualifications, English language skills, code of conduct & ethics, criminal history, CPD and recency of practice. The accreditation board have undertaken to update the scope of practice for NMT and have requested input from the TSIG. These documents will need to be approved by the national board once it is formed and be circulated to members for comment. The accreditation board will provide a more comprehensive update on the progress to date.

Access to further education from higher education facilities such as the universities for both Australian and New Zealand technologists have been cancelled in the past 12 months. The Monash University course cancellation significantly disadvantaged access to further education for rural and remote technologists, with some students now not eligible for accreditation. At present, there are no approved nuclear medicine training courses available to NZ technologists except to enrol in the undergraduate program through the University of Newcastle at great cost to the employer and employee.

The first issue of the on-line Gamma Gazette prepared by the NSW branch was very successful with plenty of education material. The Qld branch prepared the current issue which is available on-line through the ANZSNM website. A lot of positive feedback was received especially regarding the education value of the articles.

In an attempt to better co-ordinate workshops and education weekends, the ANZSNM has posted a calendar of upcoming events on the ANZSNM website. Many of the workshops planned for 2011 and 2012 have already been added to this calendar. This will hopefully prevent any further clashing of events and will be updated with new events.

The CPD database was deactivated as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011. This decision was made to allow for the web committee to proceed with updating the ANZSNM website. This will include a new CPD database with e-learning and access to on-line education tools. The use of membership cards at all future branch and ASM meetings will ensure that accurate attendance records will be available, hopefully eliminating the need for hardcopy certificates.

The membership of the committee has seen many changes over the last 12 months. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Rick Hampson for his hard work over the last several years as both the WA rep and the treasurer for the committee. Welcome to Diane Cheong as the new WA rep and Marcia Woods as the new Victoria rep. The current executive and membership for the TSIG is as follows:

Chair & NSW rep	- Liz Bailey
Vice Chair & ACT rep	- Chris McLaren
Secretary & NZ rep	- Prue Lamerton
Treasurer & Qld rep	- Susan Baldwin
Victorian rep	- Marcia Woods

Adelaide rep	- Nick Farnham
WA rep	- Diane Cheong
Tasmanian rep	- Nick Lawrence

I would like to thank all committee members for there hard work over the last 12 months and look forward to continuing with the great achievements in the upcoming year.

Liz Bailey  
Chair ANZSNMT

Accepted by Daphne James  
Seconded by Diane Cheong

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**3:53 PM The Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine  
06/07/11 Profit & Loss SIG ANZSNMT  
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Jan - Dec 10

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

**Seminar Registration** 2,045.46

**Sponsorship** 4,322.83

**Total Income** 6,368.29

**Expense**

**Meeting Expense**

**SIG Meetings** 12,095.97

**Total Meeting Expense** 12,095.97

**Total Expense** 12,095.97

**Net Ordinary Income** -5,727.68

**Net Income** -5,727.68

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Jan - Jun 11

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

**Seminar Registration** 4,036.36

**Sponsorship** 636.36

**Total Income** 4,672.72

**Expense**

**Conferences Expense**

**Registration** 1,181.82

**Total Conferences Expense** 1,181.82

**Continuing Prof Development**

**Database** 100.00

**Total Continuing Prof Development** 100.00

Meeting Expense	
SIG Meetings	11,695.91
<b>Total Meeting Expense</b>	<b>11,695.91</b>
Secretariat Services	
Postage	25.64
Administration Service fee	505.00
Communication Expenses	4.30
<b>Total Secretariat Services</b>	<b>534.94</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,512.67</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-8,839.95</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-8,839.95</b>

**3:50 PM The Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine  
06/07/11 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual SIG ANZSNMT  
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	Jan - Jun 11	Budget \$	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Seminar Registration	4,036.36		
Sponsorship	636.36	5,000.00	-4,363.64
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,672.72</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-327.28</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Committee Expenses	0.00	17,250.00	-17,250.00
Conferences Expense	1,181.82		
Continuing Prof Development	100.00		
Meeting Expense	11,695.91	2,000.00	9,695.91
Secretariat Services	534.94		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,512.67</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>	<b>-5,737.33</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-8,839.95</b>	<b>-14,250.00</b>	<b>5,410.05</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-8,839.95</b>	<b>-14,250.00</b>	<b>5,410.05</b>

Susan Baldwin  
Treasurer ANZSNMT

Accepted by Chris McLaren  
Seconded by David Thomas

## **5. ACCREDITATION BOARD REPORT**

Julie Crouch spoke to the meeting advising members that with regard to CPD at the moment many States have different registration boards with CPD requirements being in hours rather than points as in the ANZSNM. Julie suggested checking with your registration Board to see what is required in case you may be audited by the board.

The CPD package has been discontinued, replaced by articles and case studies published in the gamma gazette.

The AB is undergoing course approval of four Universities, due for completion by the end of the year:

South Australia

Charles Sturt University  
RMIT, Victoria  
University of Newcastle

National Registration is the biggest event this year. The key members involved are David Lyall, Bridget Chappell, Adam Freeborn and Liz Bailey. Applications to the National Board closed in April, with the announcement of the National Board membership delayed until 26<sup>th</sup> July. The ANZSNM has put in a submission for the composition of the board but has had no feedback. This decision will be made by the ministers and COAG.

The AB is the assessing authority for NMT's wishing to migrate. 3 people will be sitting the exam in September. The board hopes to continue in that role after National Registration.

The Hursog course ran this year with 4 attendees and will run in Melbourne next year. Contact Doug Mackey for details.

The AB has been approached by NMT's to do MRI. Currently AIR will not allow an NMT to enrol in the course however cannot sit the exam. Preliminary discussions are underway.

Thank you to the mentors with 68 PDY's currently enrolled in the program. It is usual for the mentors to be shouted drinks as a thank-you at this meeting but due to the time constraints this will not be possible.

Jim Norman who has been a member of the AB for many years is stepping down. Applications for this position have been distributed to the TSIG.

Thank you to the Accreditation Board and TSIG for there hard work as this has been a difficult year and there time and effort involved are greatly appreciated.

Julie Crouch  
Chair Accreditation Board

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. National Registration  
David Lyall, Bridget Chappell, Liz Bailey and Julie Crouch addressed questions from the floor  
Marko Trifunovic raised issue of concern regarding cost of registration; Suspected it would be between \$300 and \$400.00  
Professional Indemnity Insurance will be mandatory by COAG. It will be up to the individual whether you are covered by the union, public or private insurance. Technologists reminded to that insurance includes cover for if you leave a place of employment, preferably unlimited. The ANZSNM are trying to scope out a specific NMT/S policy. Tracey Smith has collated a report on indemnity insurance and the results are to be published in the next Gamma Gazette.  
New South Wales and South Australia Techs will need to apply for registration with States with existing registration will be grandfathered.
2. Report on the "Adventure in Adelaide" seminar.

The Adelaide seminar was very successful with 65 attendees, which included lunch with the Pandas. Thank-you to the hard work put in by Nick Farnham in making this a successful event.

3. 2012 TSIG Day Symposium to be held in Hervey Bay to a full day seminar on the Saturday and a morning of whale watching. Date yet to be confirmed but will likely be mid-August.
4. RAINS update – none given
5. CPD Update  
CPD will not be updated until requires for National Registration have been made available. The CPD database was de-activated January 2011. Any technologists missing points, contact the ANZSNM secretariat who have a copy of the database. A new CPD system will be created as part of the website upgrade that will be launched at next years conference in Melbourne with a greater emphasis on e-learning and on-line learning activities. A CPD template is available on the website, TSIG section for recording CPD activities. The membership bar code reader will be trialled at the technologist's symposium, remember to scan on your way out. If you submit an article to the Gamma Gazette then you can enter your card # to log on and all the points will be recorded.
6. MRI training for NMT's  
Issue of becoming credentialed in MRI was raised. If anyone has any Information regarding available courses please contact your State representative on the TSIG committee.
7. Website Update  
Tracey Smith spoke on the current state of the website. Tender decision has been made and development of new website is due for completion and launch at the next ASM, Melbourne 2012. Please contact your branch secretary to update activities on the calendar.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

Date and Venue to be confirmed