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FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS

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Minutes recording the proceedings of the
Annual General Meeting
of the Faculty of Pain Medicine
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
held in the Cockle Bay Room 1, Level 3,
International Convention Centre
14 Darling Drive, Sydney 2000
on Wednesday May 9, 2018 commencing at 12.30pm AEST

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present:

C Hayes (Dean and Chair), M Craigie (Vice-Dean), L Arthur, L Atkinson, P Briscoe, G Buchanan, A Carrie, S Cartwright, G D Champion, H Eeman, R Goucke, P Gray, K Hattingh, W V Howard, P Kang, K E Khor, S Kostov, S Lord, P MacIntyre, L Roberts, S Schug, D A Scott, E Shipton, A Somogyi, M Vagg, M Viney, E Visser, B Williams, N Winter, C Woodgate, P Wrigley, A Zacest.

In attendance:

J Ilott (ANZCA CEO), H Morris (FPM General Manager), D Sequeira (AO)

Apologies: C Arnold, B Gertoberens, K Davis, N Harris, B Rounsefell, G Speldewinde

The Dean welcomed Fellows to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Fellows held on May 14, 2017.

There being no amendment, the Dean moved that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

Resolution: From the Chair

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 14, 2017 be accepted.

Carried.

3. To receive and consider the report of the FPM Board presented by the Dean

The Dean highlighted the following items from the Faculty's 2017 Annual Report which is accessible at <http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/communications/annual-report>.

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- Advocacy was a key area of focus for FPM in 2017 as the faculty engaged in high-profile debates about the up-scheduling of codeine and the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). These conversations have helped the faculty develop a strong relationship with the TGA.
- The FPM position statement on cannabis is in the process of being revised. The latest version will soon be available for comment for internal and external stakeholders during a consultation phase.
- In October 2017, FPM hosted two well-attended consultative forums for internal and external stakeholders on medicinal cannabis and procedures.
- With the success of the two consultative forums held in October 2017, a third forum *“Opioids and chronic pain – continuing the conversation”* will be convened by Dr Meredith Craigie on June 16, 2018 at ANZCA House. This aims to bring together key stakeholders from the fellowship, other key medical disciplines, the consumer voice, policy makers, and regulators to help guide FPM activity in this topical space.
- Workforce and the need to build pain services in New Zealand is a key issue, so the faculty has engaged with a consultancy group, Sapere Research Group, to undertake an economic evaluation of workforce there.
- The faculty has had a growing relationship with PainAustralia in these last 12 months and with the new CEO, Ms Carol Bennett, a positive advocacy strategy has resulted.
- The roll-out of the electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC) continued at adult and paediatric specialist pain services throughout Australia and New Zealand, with more than 80 services participating. The system has matured to a point where the FPM are seeing interesting outcomes in terms of the capacity for pain services to wind down patient doses of opioid while at the same time seeing improvements in psychological and physical function. These results are helpful as the faculty continues to advocate politically for more pain services.
- Good progress is being made in the development of FPM educational opportunities in the procedural space. The faculty has established a Procedures Working Group who are developing a position statement as well as a standard of care in that area. Planning for training in procedural pain medicine will follow. The faculty is keen to continue to move forward at an appropriate speed in this area.
- The FPM started exploring options for the development of a six-month course (certificate or diploma) for medical practitioners in multidisciplinary pain management. Both this and training in procedures have been important discussions at Board and various committees are now working in those areas.
- With the alignment of the new committee structure, it has been helpful to consolidate the Professional Affairs Executive Committee (PAEC) and the Training and Assessment Executive Committee (TAEC). The addition of a new fellow representative to Board has been a welcome step. Dr Harry Eeman has been elected to that position.
- The vision of the FPM Board is to engage with younger fellows. One of the most concerning findings from the recent fellowship survey was that nearly half (46%) of all fellows expect to retire within the next ten years. This highlights the importance of engaging with the younger fellowship via various strategies, i.e. to have greater engagement with the regional and national committees. The chairs of those committees are now part of the Professional Standards Committee which reports through to PAEC. Into the future, this linkage will be expanded and plans are

underway for the Dean or Vice-Dean to routinely visit the regional and national committees.

In regard to a comment that there are unnecessary procedures being done and without evidence, the Dean clarified that in the procedural context, the faculty is considering these issues through the Procedural Working Group.

Resolution: From the Chair

That the FPM Dean's report as presented be accepted.

Carried.

4. To receive the annual financial report

The Governance Report to December 2017 was circulated at the meeting.

The GM, FPM highlighted that overall the faculty's income and expenditure was similar to 2016.

The main variance to budget related to travel associated with the Faculty's Medicinal Cannabis and Procedures in Pain Medicine consultative forums which were unbudgeted strategic initiatives. Travel expenses for examinations were also higher than anticipated reflecting the need to fly examiners to regions for the long cases.

The expanded Better Pain Management program and e-commerce platform went live in May and has started to generate income to support review and further development. The faculty now has a dedicated staff member to market the product.

Negative variances were offset by strong attendance at the Refresher Course Day and Spring Meeting.

Depreciation expenses reflected the development of the 2015 curriculum that will be depreciated over 10 years.

Fellows were reminded that they could contact the Faculty Dean or General Manager with any enquiries with regard to this report.

Resolution: From the Chair

That the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended December 31, 2017 be received and adopted.

Carried.

5. To receive the declaration of the poll for election of members to the Board

The Dean reported that there were four vacancies on the FPM Board and five nominations were received. A record number of fellows cast their vote in the Board election on April 11, 2018 using the introduced online voting tool. Within the first 24 hours, 86 fellows had cast

their vote. The change of process ensures that no votes are invalid. In all 165 of 429 eligible fellows voted (8% higher than any previous election).

The New Board took office following the AGM on May 9, 2018 comprising:

Dr Meredith Craigie (SA), Dr Kieran Davis (NZ), Dr Harold Eeman (Vic), Associate Professor Paul Gray (Qld), Dr Newman Harris (NSW), Dr Chris Hayes (NSW), Dr Susan Lord (NSW), Professor Stephan Schug (WA), Dr Michael Vagg (Vic), Dr Melissa Viney (Vic), and Associate Professor Andrew Zacest (SA).

6. Future structure of the Board

A document for discussion was circulated at this meeting to start the conversation with fellows ahead of broader stakeholder engagement.

The Dean outlined that in this 20th year of the Faculty, the Board has been considering its structure. The faculty has maintained a close relationship with ANZCA and to some extent with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). However there has been less contact with the other participating bodies.

The main consideration is whether to maintain the current structure of primary specialty representation, or adopt a different Board composition.

Dr Meredith Craigie reported that the current Board structure is defined in by-law 1.1. The Memorandum of Understanding with the original participating colleges has long expired.

Following the launch of the 2015 curriculum and training program, the Faculty commenced a review of its operations and committee structures to enable the faculty to be a more responsive and professional organisation. In addition, the Faculty recognised the increasingly diverse primary disciplines of faculty fellows through the revision of bylaw 3.1.3. It is appropriate therefore that the FPM Board's structure and membership, unchanged since the faculty was established twenty years ago, should be reviewed.

As the faculty moves forward, the Board is planning to put together a more detailed discussion paper with some options to consider. The Board recognises that any restructure may have serious implications. There are a range of options, including no change. It would be challenging to look at Board diversity and at the skillset that the faculty might need as well as future succession planning.

The Dean opened up this discussion to fellows in attendance.

It was suggested to look at the board structure of other medical colleges. It was noted that Boards that get too large risk becoming ineffective.

On the basis of feedback, the Board agreed to develop a discussion paper which will be available on the website for a period of consultation with fellows, trainees and other stakeholder groups.

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7. Dean's Prize Presentation

The FPM Dean's Prize was developed to promote and encourage research, and was open to Trainees of the Faculty and of the five participating professional bodies of the FPM or FPM Fellows within eight years of admission to their original Fellowship.

The Dean announced the prize winner of the FPM Dean's prize:

Dean's Prize: Dr Luke Arthur (SA)

"Erythromelalgia in children: Presentation, genotype, and treatment response".

8. Best Free Paper Award

The Best Free Paper Award was open to presenters in the FPM Best Free paper session not eligible for the Dean's Prize.

The Dean announced the prize winner of the FPM Best Free paper session:

Best Free Paper Award: Dr Daniel Chang (NZ)

"The prevalence and risk factors associated with persistent pain after breast cancer treatment".

9. Other business of which due notice has been given to the General Manager in accordance with the by-laws of the Faculty

There was comment that there were concerns with regard to the Position Statement on Slow Release Opioids.

The Dean clarified that the faculty is in the process of developing a policy on the development of a position statements and standards that will embed a consultation phase both internally and externally. The faculty did receive comments internally as well from our regional committees. The faculty is currently working to revise the medicinal cannabis document.

There being no further questions, Dr Chris Hayes thanked the college and faculty for their support during his term as Dean and introduced the new Dean, Dr Meredith Craigie. Dr Craigie was congratulated on her election as Dean and was thanked for all her support to the Faculty during her term as Vice-Dean. Dr Hayes wished the Faculty well under the new Dean.

There being no further business, Dr Chris Hayes thanked Fellows for their participation and closed the meeting at 1.15pm.