

**AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY  
14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
14:30 AT MELBOURNE ROOM, SOFITEL HOTEL, COLLINS STREET, VICTORIA ON  
20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**Chairpersons: Andrea Delprado**

1. **Present:** Zsolt Balogh, Maxine Burrell, Erica Caldwell, Elaina Campbell, Grant Christey, Ian Civil, Peter Clark, Kate Curtis, Rangı Dansey, Andrea Delprado (chair), Marcelo Devaud, Jenny Dorrian, Lesley Dunstall, Daniel Ellis, Fiona Fahy, Ben Fisk, Boyd Furmston, Belinda Gabbe, Kate Gordon, Russell Gruen, Kellie Gumm, Kerry Gynn, Ricardo Hamilton, Krystle Hiller, Alicia Jackson, Sheryl Jonescu, Sharon Johnson (minutes), Tony Joseph, Helen Jowett, Nicole Kelly, Mike King, Richard Laherty, Kate Martin, Renae McCarthy, Patricia McDougall, Marc Maguire, Louise Niggemeyer, Delia Obrien, Rebecca Ogilvie, Rhondda Paice, Cameron Palmer, Mary Potter Forbes, Nikki Roddie, Owen Roodenburg, Oran Rigby, Ann Sutherland, Jason Watterson, Melissa Webb, Rebecca Weir, Debra Wood, Martin Wullschleger & Amy York
2. **Apologies:** Christine Allsopp, Scott D'Amours, Professor Stephen Dean, Bronte Douglas, John Fox, Jeffrey Hancock, Paul Middleton, Andrew Pearce, Katherine Schaffarczyk & James Smyth.
3. **Minutes from the previous meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
Accepted with changes by Ian Civil and seconded by Rangı Dansey. The changes made were that Scott D'Amours seconded the minutes in 2009.
4. **Business arising from previous minutes**  
Nil business from previous minutes.
5. **Executive reports**
  - 5.1 **President's report – Andrea Delprado**  
Andrea Delprado advised that the secretariat services have been busy tidying up the membership database and that all members need to encourage new members to sign up.

Andrea Delprado thanked Western Australia and the Northern Territory ATS members for increasing the membership in their respective states and territories.

Over the next 12 months a website subcommittee needs to be established to ensure interested members can find out about the ATS and how they can join and receive the benefits of the ATS membership. Russell Gruen has agreed to lead the website at present. Content is still being sort in regards to policy statements and other interesting content to go onto the website. Currently there is an inventory of Australia & NZ trauma coordinators and data mangers. This can be added to the website. An inventory of trauma centres and a military special interest group needs to be added to the website.

## Treasurer's report – Andrea Delprado

Trish McDougall and Andrea Delprado have been sharing the role of Treasurer, however Andrea Delprado has voluntarily undertaken the majority of the work involved.

The financial statement, cash flow statement, balance sheet ended June 2010 and notes to financial statements for the year ended June 2010 were tabled and discussed.

The ATS finances have been monitored very closely during last financial year. Last financial year saw a change in auditors to our new auditors Tinworth and Company. The rationale for changing auditors was due a suspicion of the finances not been closely monitored.

A letter from Tinworth and Company re management report dated 24 September 2010 was tabled. The major concerns raised were as follows;

1. The photocopier was sold on 16 March 2009 to Dr. Dragos Lorgulescu of New Zealand. These funds have not been received or have been recorded twice. This money needs to be collected or written off with age.
2. The society has not provided Westpac with its Australian Business Number. (ABN) The tax withheld was shown in the balance sheet as a creditor. These funds are fully refundable. ATS needs to provide its ABN to Westpac.
3. Initially there was no GST required but once the society was involved in generating money from conferences, GST is required to be paid. There is an outstanding debt of \$2,061.00 from 2004,  
**Action: Andrea Delprado needs to clarify if the GST payable is \$1,262.00 or \$2, 061.00.**
4. Tinworth and Company have advised that the net loss of \$42,346.00 that the ATS will cease to exist in 2 years. This is why the ATS members voted to increase the fees last year.

Ian Civil raised a question about qualified auditors.

**Action: Kate Gordon to follow up re qualified auditors.**

The independent audit report to the members of ATS was also tabled.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by Tony Joseph & seconded by Rhondda Paice.

## Secretaries report – Kate Gordon

The ATS membership report 2010 graphs, the financial membership list and the non-financial members list were tabled at the meeting and discussed.

Kate Gordon advised that there are currently 246 members on the ATS database with 42 of those being unpaid. Compared to 2009 there were 225 financial members and 67 unpaid members. For those unpaid members they receive a notice 6 months after it is due then 2 warnings and then the member is removed from the ATS current membership database. Membership income for 2009/2010 currently stands at \$17,136.00

A discussion was held on if you join in the last quarter of the financial year then the membership rolls over to the next financial year. Membership also includes a hard copy of the Injury Journal.

## **6. Subcommittee reports**

### **6.1 Registry/Research – Russell Gruen/Rangi Dansey/Maxine Burrell**

A research collaborative meeting was held last night with input from Ronald Maier, Andrew Kirkpatrick and Jamie Cooper. Jamie Cooper focused on how the intensive care group started in collaboration research. There is an understanding on the data challenges in order to standardise data and a platform to collect data. \$700,00.00 has been gratified from the National Critical Care & Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) in Darwin & The Alfred Research in Melbourne. Discussion was held on how the money is going to be spent. Some of it will go on salaries and travel expenses between centres but no money will go towards supporting local registries. 2 staff will be employed including 1 project manager. The steering group is still going to exist.

### **6.2 Programme – Tony Joseph/Ian Civil/Melissa Dixon/Debra Wood/Helen Jowett**

The 2011 meeting will be held in Brisbane in October/November. Conference Action will be assisting with organising the conference. The theme will be pre-hospital and military.

### **6.3 Publication – Ian Civil/Erica Caldwell**

The next newsletter will be arriving in December. All trauma submissions need to go to Ian Civil. Injury Journal subscription has increased by 22% in the last year. It is still the 4<sup>th</sup> rated emergency medicine journal and the 11<sup>th</sup> rated Critical Care journal.

### **6.4 Media – Andrew Pearce**

Andrea Delprado raised the issue that the ATS needs to support any trauma related media items. The College of Surgeons workshop on alcohol related trauma would have been a great opportunity to release a media statement..

## **7. New Business**

If anyone is interested in forming the military special interest group please see an ATS executive.

## **8. Next meeting**

The next ATS AGM will be scheduled in October/November 2010 in Brisbane.

## **9. Meeting closed**

Andrea Delprado thanked the attendees for participating and closed the meeting at 3:20pm.