



**AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY  
17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ON 21 November 2013 AT 12:30 – 1:30pm  
College of Surgeons' Gardens, East Melbourne VIC Australia.**

**Chairpersons: Ian Civil**

1. **Present:** Ian Civil, Anthony Joseph, Kate Martin, Alicia Jackson, Mark Fitzgerald, Arthas Flabouris, Oran Rigby, Darryl Wall, Ian Young, Scott D'Amours, Trish McDougall, Andrea Herring, Deb Wood, Mike Hunter, Noel Garvin, Mary Langcake, Ailene Fitzgerald, David Cooksley, Brian Burns.
2. **Apologies:** Sharon Parkinson, Richard Laherty, Jeffrey Hamdorf, Stephen Deane, Paul De Jong.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

KM noted that Stephen Deane's name was spelt incorrectly, this will be amended.

AJ MOVED that the minutes be accepted, all were in favour, motion carried.

IC went through the action items from the last AGM and noted that the following items have been completed: Increasing the membership fee, introducing a special levy and introducing a 'pay later' online scheme. IC mentioned that the MoU with ANZAST is continuing next year. IC noted that the role of the ATS secretary is defined in the constitution.

4. **To receive the committee reports on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year**

**Media Committee:** AH noted that after the Boston bombings in May the ATS were requested to appear on ABC. AH will continue to be the ATS media liaison and advise AJ and KM of any developments.

**Research/Registry Committee:** KM and Kate Curtis are the Research/Registry committee and have been following up with research from the meeting in Canada. Discussions were held regarding the meeting in Canada. AJ mentioned that there had been previous collaboration with the George Institute and will be encouraging partnering with other research institutions.

**Program/Conference Committee:** AJ noted that the 2014 Trauma Conference will be held 3-5 October 2014 and the committee had confirmed Prof Karim Brohi (London UK) and Prof John Kortbeek (Calgary Canada) as international speakers. AJ also noted there will be master classes again at the Trauma 2014 conference.

AJ noted the other conferences are scheduled for the following dates:

2015 – 2nd – 4th October – Sheraton, Gold Coast, Australia

2016 – AGM only August (date TBC) – Trauma Meeting Auckland, New Zealand

2017 – March or April Combined ATS/ Trauma Association of Canada Meeting  
– Melbourne (probably combined with the NTRI)

**Publications Committee:** IC reported that he is continuing to work on Trauma Talk and the INJURY journal. IC noted that Elsevier have agreed to clear the backlog of papers and will be publishing the January journal with over 300 papers. IC thanked the reviewers of INJURY papers for their help over the year. IC noted that the next Trauma Talk is due to go out early December.

## 5. To receive and consider the audited financial report for the year ending 30 June 2013.

AH discussed the tabled 2012-13 audited financial reports. AH noted that approximately 91 people paid the special levy and that the 2012 Perth conference made a profit of \$23,000. AH noted that the cost of running the association was \$27,800 so the association needs to raise more membership income and not solely rely on conference income. Discussions were held regarding the journal fee and whether it would be cheaper to provide the journal online.

**Action:** IC to make enquiries with Elsevier to see if the ATS could get a cheaper rate if it offered online journal access only to its members.

AH reported that in 2012-13 the ATS made a profit of \$18,600. AH noted that the ATS needs at least 250 members to break even for 2013-14.

AH MOVED that the report be accepted, KM SECONDED, motion carried.

## 6. To vote on the resolution to alter the ATS constitution.

IC explained the resolution and noted that it is intended to cut costs of the distribution of the notice of AGM and give the committee the choice to circulate it via email if they wish.

There were 3 proxies received in favour of the resolution.

AH MOVED that the resolution be accepted, KM SECONDED, there were no votes against the motion, motion unanimously carried.

The Motion carried is

### Special Resolution:

Section 29 (1)

From: Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

To: Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by ~~by any means the committee deems suitable~~ pre-paid post to each member at the member's address ~~appearing in the register of members~~, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

## 7. To elect the members of the Committee

The following members nominated for a position on the committee and were accepted onto the committee:

Dr Tony Joseph  
Kate Martin  
Dr Ian Civil

Andrea Herring  
Alicia Jackson  
Deb Wood  
Melissa Webb  
Trish McDougall  
Ailene Fitzgerald  
Helena Jowett  
Melissa Webb  
Oran Rigby  
Cameron Palmer

The election of the Executive office bearers will happen at the next committee meeting immediately following the AGM, as per the constitution.

**8. Next meeting**

The next ATS AGM will be scheduled during the Trauma 2014 Conference, 3-5 October 2014. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1-2 pm Sheraton Wentworth, Sydney

**9. Meeting closed**

The meeting was closed at 13:35pm.