

**Australasian Trauma Society Inc. (ABN 35 665 490 453)**  
**22nd Annual General Meeting**  
*Friday 5 October 2018 at 12.30pm – 1.30pm*  
Argyle Ballroom at the Paremelia Hilton Perth

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Meeting Opened**

The meeting opened at 12:46pm

### **2. Attendees**

Sarah Adams, Ben Gardiner, Savitha Bhagvan, Annette Holian, Mark Friedericksen, Steve Wright, Kate Martin, Ian Civil, Michael Reade, Melissa Webb, Liz Swinburn, Belinda Gabbe, Andrew Holland, John Crozier, Andrew Hooper, Dan Ellis, Deb Wood, Andrea Herring, Ben Beck, Helen Jowett, Tony Joseph, Alicia Jackson, Michael Parr, T. Hardman, Sheryl Jonescu, Maxine Burrell, Sudhakar Rao, Jennifer Dorrian, Lynn Tucker.

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Scott D'Amours, Cino Bendinelli, Zsolt Balogh, Soundappan, Kate Curtis, Warwick Teague, Andrew Pearce, Trish McDougall

### **4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting held on 23 November 2017 were confirmed (Ian Civil and Tony Joseph)

### **5. Association Executive Reports for the 2017/18 Financial Year**

#### **a) President (*Michael Parr*)**

Michael Parr reported that the ATS is doing well and congratulated Ian Civil, Tony Joseph, the rest of the organising and scientific committees and all those who contributed to the organisation of this year's conference.

#### **b) Treasurer (*Sarah Adams*)**

The ATS is still in a sound position and there has been no change in the nature of activities. The overall result for this financial year is a net loss of \$3,778 in revenue from subscriptions but the overall bank balance is \$ 194,967.

Income from member subscriptions has declined since last year from \$44,694 to \$30,920 this year. There is to be a discussion about how this can be improved.

Potential ideas:

- Send renewals earlier eg. May.
- Increase membership fees

- Move to monthly payments
- Automate renewals with opt out option only

It was noted this year's conference will make a profit.

The Financial Report – was accepted unanimously.

**ACTION:** *The Executive Committee will discuss membership at the next meeting.*

**c) Secretary (Kate Martin)**

- Membership renewals were sent out late in the financial year. It is thought that this may have contributed to the decrease in membership revenue as more members have renewed after the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Kate will review the breakdown of renewals and report back at the next executive meeting.

**6. Association Executive Reports for the 2017/18 Financial Year**

**a) Programme/Scientific committee (Tony Joseph)**

Next meetings ASM of ATS:

- **2019:** 4-6 October Sofitel Hotel Sydney - Invited keynote speakers: Professor Karim Brohi UK and Dr Krista Kaups USA
- **2020:** World Trauma Congress: 26-30 October, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane
- **2021:** Joint meeting ATS / Trauma Association Canada - March / April Vancouver Canada (date to be confirmed).
- **2021:** AGM October 2021 (date to be confirmed) Melbourne

**b) Publication Committee (I Civil)**

***Injury Journal***

The ATS have been affiliated with Injury Journal since 2006. A new contract has recently been signed. ATS members have access to the electronic version of the journal. ATS appears on the cover and ATS conferences are advertised twice a year.

***Trauma Talk***

Trauma Talk comes out to members four times per year. Content includes an update from the President, conference advertising and articles. Contributions are always sought - anyone who would like to include content between 300 and 500 words is more than welcome.

*Noted late apology: Warwick Teague*

**c) Research Committee (K Martin)**

A repeat of the Scope study (Scope 2) is being undertaken, looking at disaster preparedness across Australia in collaboration with the UK and NZ. The study is using the WHO checklist and data from eleven years ago as a comparison as well as data from a Canadian study four years ago and SCOPE 1 in 2007.

Ethics have been approved and the questionnaire is almost final.

A special thank you to Belinda Gabbe for making this happen.

From Kate Curtis, there is a study from the Royal College of Surgeons surveying the broader population regarding research priorities and how to use data from trauma registries. ATS members will be asked to participate to see where the focus of research and quality improvements should go

Tony Joseph spoke about National Road Safety Strategy and recommended ATS formally support the Royal College of Surgeons, noting that ATS should also be in this space.

Executive will consider a formal response at next meeting

## **7. Audited Financial Reports for Year Ending 30 June 2018**

Michael Parr moved to accept the audited financial report for the year ending 30 June 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Reappointment of auditors**

Michael Parr moved to reappoint Tinworth & Co as auditors for the financial year 2018/2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **9. Committee Election**

There are no committee elections this year.

## **10. Other business**

a. Ben Gardiner spoke about establishing a Trauma Registry Special interest group.

The Canadian Trauma Society has a special interest group in Trauma Registries. Discussion with colleagues in Melbourne and New Zealand supports the idea to develop something locally to support people who use registries on a day to day basis.

The Canadian Terms of Reference for a special interest group could be used to set this up. A quick survey in yesterday's data quality workshop showed great interest.

***ACTION:*** Ben Gardiner's report will be circulated to the Committee for further consideration

b. Mike Parr spoke about membership noting there are many expired memberships. He asked existing members to encourage colleagues to join.

The ATS Secretariat could send out reminder notices to all recently unfinancial members

c. John Crozier spoke about the Report/Inquiry into the progress of the National Road Safety Strategy noting the reduction in the death toll on 3-star roads in China and that Australia has an only a small fraction of such roads. The report from the inquiry has 12 recommendations. Access the inquiry fact sheet.

The Report was delivered two weeks ago in Canberra and received favourable bipartisan reception. It is recommended ATS work with the Federal Health Minister on the benefits of getting road safety right.

***ACTION:*** The Committee will discuss how ATS can increase advocacy.

## **11. Confirmation of the date of the next AGM of the Society**

Expected to be 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Meeting closed 1.28pm