



**AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY
15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3rd November 2011**

12.15 PM, RBWH Education Centre, Butterfield Street, Herston, Brisbane

1.0 Present

Chair: Andrea Delprado,
Ian Civil, Patricia McDougall, Catherin Hurren, Bronte Douglas, Michael Hamdy, Debra Wood, Anthony Joseph, Rangi Dansey, Martin Wullschleger, Kate Martin, Cliff Pollard, Catherine Hurn, David Cooksley, Mark Elcock
Minutes - Simone Betar

2.0 Apologies:

Scott K D'Amours, Andrew Elis, Kate Curtis, Christine Allsopp, Mike Hollands, Fiona Fahy, Professor Stephen Deane, Melissa Webb, James Smyth, Claire Forsdyke, Jeffrey Hamdorf, Fabrice Pierre. Andrew Pearce, Alicia Jackson, Sharon Johnson, Rhonda Pace

3.0 Minutes from previous Meeting – accepted Ian Civil moves motion Deb Wood/seconded

4.0 Business arising from previous minutes – Andrea Delprado

1. The society has now provided Westpac with the ABN and is awaiting payments previously withheld; these will fall into the next financial year.
2. Clarification of the GST owed for 2010 is \$3161.00 and is now paid on an annual basis.
3. The overall financial position according to the auditor has now improved on last year's outlook with no limit no imposed on the future operating of the society.

5.0 Executive report –

5.1 Presidents report - Andrea Delprado

The last 12 months has seen the ATS continue to operate as the only multidisciplinary trauma group in Australia and New Zealand. As a group we need to strive to build the membership base and increase the profile of the organisation across the country. The ATS has representation on the following RACS Committees – The Verification Committee – Trish McDougall is now the Chair, the National Trauma Registry Group and the RACS Trauma Committee Disaster Sub Committee – myself. As well, we are privileged to have our vice president, Mr Ian Civil as the current President of the Australasian College of Surgeons.

Personally I feel that over the last 12 months I have not been able to dedicate as much time as I would have liked to lead the organisation. This has been primarily due to onerous work commitments within my current role. The ATS continues to gain international presence demonstrated by our involvement with the Injury Journal as well as our invitation to endorse the World Trauma Congress in Rio De Janiero in August 2012 and the invitation we have received for the President or nominee to speak at this international meeting. (Representative to be determined by incoming committee) Trauma Talk continues to be popular and I have received positive feedback from members over that year regarding its content and some of the editorial in my president's reports- Thankyou.

As mentioned in the Treasurer's report the ATS need to continue to grow the membership base in order to improve the financial viability of the organisation. The recent increase in membership fees has seen a more stable financial position attain however this needs to be consolidated. I encourage all the membership to plan to attend the Perth meeting next year and to invite our trade colleagues to be involved as well. This will be a great opportunity to generate income to provide a buffer for our membership subscriptions.

After 2 years in the role of President it is time for me to step down and hand over to the new President. I encourage you, the membership, to continue to support the growth of the organisation by becoming involved and most importantly supporting the National Executive in their efforts to provide you with a service that supports your ability to represent trauma care and to deliver trauma care to your community.

5.2 Treasurers report - Andrea Delprado/ Trish McDougall

This year has again seen this role shared between Trish McDougall and Andrea Delprado.

Overall the finances of the ATS are in a better condition than last financial year. While we continue to operate at a slight loss our position has improved primarily due to the increase in membership subscriptions introduced this financial year. Coupled with this we did not have a large expenditure related to conference activities as the risk related to the Melbourne meeting with the NTRI was born by the NTRI. Also the subscriptions to the Injury Journal did not increase and I am pleased to report that Elsevier have notified us that our subscription rates will remain the same for this financial year.

The loss for this FY was & \$13,126.00 compared to \$23,090.00 from the previous FY. There is a change in accounting practice to allocate revenue received from membership subscriptions in one financial year, that is applicable to the following financial year, as a liability in the year it was received.

The statement of cash flow for the FY indicates that actual operating loss was \$263.00 compared to \$24,616.00 in the previous FY.

It will be important for the society to continue to increase member numbers in order to drive revenue increase and improve further the financial position of the organisation.

Again revenue from Conference income should not be relied upon to ensure sustainability of the organisation.

As a note the ATS has provided \$10,000.00 seeding funds for the 2012 Conference in Perth. WE will need to transfer this amount from the term deposit on next maturity in order to keep the cash flow in the positive.

5.3 Secretary's report – Sharon Johnson

Nothing to report, records are kept and maintained on an ongoing basis.

Ian Civil and Andrea Delprado note that they are happy with the secretariat services provided by APC and found that the stability APC has provided the association has contributed to the ongoing increase in paid memberships to the society.

6.0 Subcommittee reports

6.1 Registry/Research

Research Committee: Deb Woods –The National Data Group, are continually meeting on a fortnightly basis with an objective to establish a data dictionary which has now been established. DW notes the aim now to get this signed off with a consensus, then obtaining ethics approval from all the states and establishing a data platform.

ATS are initial funders of the program, members note that if ATS are known to back this project it may make the progress easier with participants being more willing to assist knowing that they are sponsoring the project. Rangi Dansey notes the disappointment of NZ not being able to participate in the project.

Action: ATS Executives to draft a letter to the group to re-establish their connection within the group and to be a part of the vision/ decision making process.

Registry Committee: Andrea Delprado – producing research publishing under an ATS Banner. Progress has been stunted, the committee looking at how to remain relevant and how to get people to become a part nationally. Members of the committee to carry out small scale survey's on trauma, Kate Curtis from the University of Sydney to start this process.

6.2 Programme Committee - Ian Civil

The Next ATS Conference - to be held on the 26th -28th October 2012 at the Perth Convention Centre Title: *Resuscitation and Rehabilitation*.

This will be held in conjunction with the Royal Perth Hospital and Paramedics Australia

The 2012 ATS AGM – to be held during the ATS 2012 Conference 27th October 2012
Date/Time AGM TBC.

AAST Convention – Hawaii 2012- AAST have offered ATS and ANZAST a session time during the convention.

Trauma Association Canada (TAC) Convention – 2013 Whistler March/April ATS will be a co badge to this convention.

ATS AGM 2013 – To be held at the end on 2013 in Sydney, details TBC.

6.3 Publication/Newsletter Committee – Ian Civil

The newsletter is published quarterly and sent to all ATS members

The INJURY Journal – going very well. Thank you to all reviewers.

Ian Harris an orthopaedic surgeon from Sydney has just been added to the International Editorial Board and Rebecca Ivers will assume the role of Editor for Epidemiology papers in the New Year

6.4 Media Liaison

In general not much to report.

One instance over the last year where the Australian media contacted ATS requesting information regarding emergency services response times, in particular situations.

Note: Immediate past president moves in to the media liaison role.

7.0 Election of Office Bearers

- Ian Civil – President
- Anthony Joseph – Vice President
- Andrea Delprado – Treasurer
- Sharon Johnson – Association Secretary

Other Committee members:

Patricia McDougall, Sudhakar Rao, Maxine Burrell, Kate Martin, Deb Wood, Melissa Webb

Program Committee:

Ian Civil, Tony Joseph, Patricia McDougall, Melissa Webb, Sudhakar Rao, Maxine Burrell, Helen Jowett

Publication Committee:

Ian Civil, Deb Wood

Research Committee:

Kate Martin, Kate Curtis

Media Liaison:

Andrea Delprado

8.0 New Business

World Trauma Congress in Brazil – invited to speak at the convention – Tony Joseph as the new VP will be going to the congress to represent the ATS and speak as the VP.

9.0 Next Meeting

ATS 2012 Conference Perth October 27th 2012 Time TBC.

10.0 Meeting closed – 1.36PM