



**Australasian Trauma Society Inc. (ABN 35 665 490 453)**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
*Thursday, 4 August 2016 at 1.30pm – 2.00pm (NZ)*  
Eden Park, Reimers Ave, Kingsland, Auckland 1024, New Zealand  
During the INJURY 2016 Conference

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Meeting Opened**

The meeting opened at 1.33pm (NZ)

### **2. Attendees**

Kate Martin, Ian Civil, Andrea Herring, Alicia Jackson, Rhondda Paice, Mark Friederikson, Lee Seive, Paddy Smith, Tony Joseph, Ben Beck, Belinda Gabbe

### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Steven Wright, Katherine Schaffarczyk, Mark Elcock, Deb Wood, Michael Reade, Jeff McDougall, James Smyth, Soundappan Soundappan, Helen Jowett, Mark Fitzgerald, Scott D'Amours

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

T Joseph moved that the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 3 October 2016 be accepted, I Civil seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

### **5. Association Executive Reports for the 2015/16 Financial Year**

#### **a) President (*K Martin*)**

K Martin reported to the members that the financial year concluded with 169 ATS members, with 86 of these members being new members as a result of the conference. The membership renewal for the 2016/17 year was sent later than normal, and currently there are 92 members that have renewed.

The primary activity has been related to the planning for the Trauma 2017 meeting, with much of the planning running ahead of schedule. It is anticipated that the preliminary program will be issued in September with the registration opening at this time. ATS holding a stand-alone meeting gives the organisation a purpose and it should be a target for the association that these are held every 18 months to 2 years; the key challenge will be to maintain high-quality content for these events.

Members and the Committee have played a huge role in the National Trauma Registry, and Ms Martin thanked all those involved, especially Tony Joseph for their contribution. She noted that it will be interesting to see if the recommendations from the interim report come to fruition now the election has concluded.

The next priority for the Committee is to refresh the website and introduce tools and resources relevant for the membership. Ideally the website should promote ATS members and their contributions to the scientific community; highlighting members that are undertaking research and publishing. The key aim is to develop a network and encourage collaboration.

Members are encouraged to join the Committee and sub-committees to support the organisation and introduce new ideas and projects.

To finish, Ms Martin thanked all the Committee for their efforts through the year and for supporting her in her new role.

**b) Treasurer (*A Herring*)**

The Treasurer reported that for the first time in 10 years, the ATS is in a comfortable financial position, primarily as a result of the 2015 conference, which made a \$42,000 profit after the return of \$12,000 seed funds. Tony Joseph was recognised for his contribution and dedication to ensuring a successful and profitable event.

These profits have been invested in a high interest bearing account that will still allow access to the funds if required.

In the past it has been challenging to report the conference monies and the movement of seed funds; a conference account has been introduced with a balance of \$20,000 for use for seed funds and deposits. This new reduces the need for transactions between the ATS accounts and the conference.

The INJURY journal rates have remained the same and will continue for the next membership year.

Ms Herring noted that she is training the Assistant Treasurer to provide some support and succession planning for this role.

T Joseph moved that the Treasurers report be accepted, I Civil seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**c) Secretary (*A Jackson*)**

The Secretary reiterated that primary activities have revolved around the Conference and the Scientific Committee has been heavily involved with development of the program.

The TraumaTalk newsletter has been re-vamped and is now an e-newsletter format; all members are encouraged to submit articles and information for this publication.

## **6. Committee Reports for the 2015/16 Financial Year**

### **a) Programme / Scientific committee (*A Joseph*)**

Mr Joseph reported that the program for the 2017 conference is in its final stages and is likely to be ready for release in September; this will assist the conference organisers to seek additional sponsorship and exhibitors for the event.

The AGM for 2017 will be held in conjunction with Trauma Week in Melbourne in November; this will be an election year.

ATS is in discussion with Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) to plan a disaster preparedness day; there is potential support and involvement from the Israeli organisation and the event will likely require some government support.

He summarised the event locations planned for ATS conferences:

- 2018 – Perth Convention Centre likely – the Centre has offered support funding to host the event
- 2019 – Sydney
- 2020 – Brisbane for the World Trauma Congress – the Centre has offered funding to host this event and planning will commence after Trauma 2017
- 2021 – Canada – in conjunction with Trauma Association of Canada

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

Mr Civil reported that there have been no major developments in this area, TraumaTalk and the INJURY Journal will continue to be distributed.

TraumaTalk has had a format change and will continue to be distributed quarterly; the submission and distribution dates for 2017 will be developed and circulated towards the end of the year.

### **c) Research / Registry Committee (*K Martin / K Curtis*)**

Ms Martin noted that the President's Report covered all relevant items.

## **7. Audited Financial Reports for Year Ending 30 June 2016**

Kate Martin moved to accept the audited financial report for the year ending 30 June 2016, Tony Joseph seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Appointment of Auditor**

Alicia Jactson moved to appoint Tinworth & Co. as auditors for the financial year 1/7/2016 to 31/6/2017, Rhondda Paice seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Confirmation of the date of the next AGM of the Society**

The next AGM is expected to be held in mid-November 2017 in conjunction with the RACS meeting.

**10. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 1.50pm (NZ)