**ANZPNA AGM Minutes**

**Tues 5th September 2023**

Meeting start: 12:00

Present: Chanel Prestidge, Simon Carter, Amanda Dickens, Siah Kim, Frank Willis, Nick Larkins, Joshua Kausman, Matthew Sypek, Hugh McCarthy, Amelia LePage, Lilian Johnstone, Stephen Alexander, Rachael Kermond, Dhanusya Sivananthan, James Xu, Cathy Quinlan, James Ward, Sean Kennedy, Anna Francis, Selma Torronen

Apologies: Christine Mincham, Fiona Mackie, Richard Kitching, Elisabeth Hodson, Anne Durkan, Deirdre Hahn, Peter Trnka, Robin Erikson, Justyna Ozimek-Kulick, Gaya Raman, Debbie Lewis, Swasti Chaturvedi, Leah Krischock, Jackie Soraru, Madeleine Didsbury, Blake Sandery, Tom Forbes, Peter Trnka, Jonathan Craig, Glenda Moonsamy, Steve McTaggart, John Knight, Sally Kellett, William Wong, Sarah Marokakis, Noa Amir

Chair’s report and ANZSNcouncil updates(ChanelP) *–* per submitted document, with key points:

* ANZPNA chair is now a voting ANZSN council member
* yANZSN are requesting a paediatric committee member – please contact ANZPNA exec if interested
* HD staffing crisis in NT – much advocacy at ANZSN council level with Top End health dept.
* Environmental Sustainability group part time project officer position is in recruitment stage to improve implementation of Environmental position statement.
* Affiliate members (e.g. all those with higher degrees) will be promoted to ordinary members - will improve equity of voting rights (wrt gender, advanced trainees and basic scientists).
* Whether ANZSN should issue a position statement on the Voice in light of the upcoming referendum in Australia prompted an emotive debate at the ANZSN AGM. There may be an extraordinary meeting to determine ANZSN position, depending on if a formal mechanism/legal support exists for the same. CQ proposed a position statement from ANZPNA and MattS/SeanK seconded. SiahK to draft a statement that can then be circulated to the wider membership to ascertain members views with respect to formal ANZPNA statement. Will also await legal advice ANZSN seeking.
* ChanelP: Should ANZPNA have a committee within ANZSN as has been suggested to her by some ANZSN council members? Benefits might include project officer support, increased support for members at council level, precedent from other committees (such as interventional nephrology association, yANZSN), possibly reduced member fees, updating constitution might be easier. Challenges: if did not maintain ANZPNA as well - loss of independent voice and finances, need to maintain contributions to TSANZ, IPNA, IPTA and ANZDATA. AmeliaL: how do equivalent international groups do this? SeanK: look at TOR from other ANZSN committees. SimonC: ANZPNA exec or a wider ANZPNA group could form such an ANZSN committee, but ANZPNA remains separate entity alongside.
* Cathy Q: perhaps ANZPNA could have additional meeting (?frequency) to update chair/exec from respective committee members. Steve A: TSANZ do this.

New membership and membership changes

* ChanelP: New applications from Enas Mohammed and Thomas Miller approved.

Treasurer’s report

* SimonC: steady increase in financial assets totalling $47,898 with a surplus of $4246 for the 2023 financial year. Income largely from membership fees; motion passed to reinvest AUD$20,000 for 3 yr term deposit at 4% interest (as quoted by Commonwealth bank 2/9/23).

Research report

* AnnaF – per submitted document, noting diverse contributions (including uptick in trial activity) from society members including at this ASM. This was an incomplete list.

IPNA report

* Siah K handed over ANZPNA role on Junior IPNA committee to Rachael K in July.
* Fiona M: per submitted report-
* IPNA Capetown 2025 Feb, unlikely to be fully hybrid meeting
* IPNA: membership 1800, ANZPNA members should consider joint membership due to additional benefits and discounts
* IPNA Exec council: new strategic plan and mission statement on website
* Sister centres programs expanded from 2 to 5 programs per year
* Ped Nep impact factor dropped in 2023 – note change in types of acceptable manuscripts

IPTA report

* StephenA, per submitted report: Albert Shun Session at IPTA 2023 on surgical techniques with a plan to nominate for Senior award in Berlin 2025. Current President Lars Pape, Elect Katherin Twombley; Dee Hahn is incoming secretary/treasurer. Fiona Mackie is closely involved with outreach. Sheridan Collins works with AH committee. Nice photos from Austin TX!

ATC report:

* Australia LeahK: submitted documents included ATC Renewed Curriculum for nephrology and transition plan
* New Zealand AmandaD: ongoing site assessments. Rob McG keen for exit exam – ANZPNA might be asked about this and college project requirement. SteveA: change to 2 years core will ensure that high degrees count towards training. ChanelP: ANZSN and TSANZ update courses may no longer be mandatory for training from next year. Amanda D: Need for acute transplantation to be dropped from adult training.

ANZSN

* Council:as per Chair’s report above
* ASM Hugh McC*:* Noted problem with concurrent/poorly attended sessions 2023 esp for update course. Note relative poor Paediatric attendance which makes it difficult to argue for more paediatric sessions/talks. 1 trainee present – note both ANZSN/ANZPNA travel grants for trainees – advocate for trainees to apply, apply 3 months ahead of time. SeanK: reminder that trainees should apply for ANZSN first then ANZPNA
* ETC CathyQ: ANZPNA position now has voting rights (since last ANZSN ASM). Trainee weekend course spearheaded by yANZSN. Highly recommended for trainees.

TSANZ

* PTAC/RTAC/RAWG NickL: largely per submitted report. Ongoing examination of the downstream effects of changes to allocation system in May 2021, though noting impact of covid with reduction in activity. In general higher numbers of transplant than under old system – with a significant increase seen in the 20-39 yr age bracket. Matching has improved but remains poor in comparison to some other systems and a complete overhaul is underway (PTAC meeting scheduled September). This includes looking at paediatric donors.

ANZDATA

* HughMcC: note recent publications from ANZPNA membership from ANZDATA. Eric Au is new fellow so do approach him if interested in research project from ANZDATA. Next data entry will look different and be based on ERA EDTA code from 2012 – still old, but updated, and will include genomic questions (which may require medical input).

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* HughMcC: nothing additional to submitted report. Highlighting: availability of medicare rebated gene panels for kidney disease, increasing coverage/access across Australia but acknowledge this is patchy and access is variable (and different again in NZ). CQ led physician education around genomic literacy. NA studying patient experiences and needs from genomic services.

Trainee education

* SiahK: not a standing item on the agenda - remove from 2024 agenda
* ChanelP: many educational offerings via IPNA, ISN and ANZSN that members contribute to and are of high quality.

Improving first nations care

* SwastiC/DhansyaS: WCH Adelaide servicing NT in ad hoc fashion for inpatient, outpatient, dialysis and transplants now since June 2023. Minimal executive support from either WCH/NT, with no service agreement at this point. Swasti C established renal service, trying to develop but facing many barriers. DhanS gave overview of many barriers faced by first nations patients in NT. ChanelP: not solely our problem how do other subspec manage? DS: Quite messy, individually negotiated, might go to either WCH or PCH etc.. HMcC: suggested a letter of support for the business case for the service agreement/FTE in NT. RK/CP: consider regular presentation of data to policy bodies on numbers/annual survey/dialysis numbers. ChanelP: happy to circulate annual survey on centre numbers and throughput. Sean K: another avenue would be through the RACP Policy and Advocacy group.

Constitutional reform

* PeterT/LilianJ no new updates. PT and LJ have a plan with suggested changes and there is a plan to circulate proposed amendments. Will be extraordinary AGM to review. Lil has contact of Lawyer to help with the constitutional update, SimonC to provide funds.

Other business: executive due to change next AGM 2024, process to be clarified but will include call for EOIs and membership wide voting.

Meeting concluded 13:20