

# THE AUSTRALASIAN DERMATOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY

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## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALASIAN DERMATOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY**

Held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Adelaide

- 1. Apologies;** Richard Williamson, Patrick Emmanuel  
**In attendance:** Cathy Reid(Chair), Kerry Crotty, Craig James, Tim O'Brien, Anna Simpson, Alex Nirenberg, Marcia Llewellyn, Peter McQuillan, Benjamin Wood, Steven Kossard, John Snow, Nima Ardakani, Rod O'Keefe, Jan Ibbetson, G Harloe, Nicole Sladden, Daniel James, Robert Rawson, T Beer, C Lim, Duncan Lamont, Nick Turnbull, Werner Sinclair, Ben Tallon, Geoff Strutton, Louise Jackett, Oana Crainic, Dominic Wood, Andrew Ryan, Marshall Hanna, Bryan Elston, Mavis Mayers, Chris Henderson, Ivan Robertson, Lachlan Warren, Tessa Phillips, Helen Mahoney, Mani Makhija, Guan Tan plus two illegible signatures.
- 2. Confirmation of minutes** prepared by Dr Kerry Crotty from the 2017 AGM held at 8.15am Sunday 27 August 2017 at the Sofitel Hotel Melbourne.  
Proposed: Alex Nirenberg Seconded: Craig James.
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes-** covered in rest of minutes.
- 4. Office Bearers for 2018-2019**  
Alex Nirenberg and Ben Wood re-nominated for positions as Directors.  
John Snow- stepped down as a Director. He was warmly thanked for his contribution over the years.  
A nomination was received from Robert Rawson, pathologist at RPAH working with Richard Scolyer. He is active in dermatopathology particularly melanoma pathology. He was a speaker at the ADS ASM on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. At the time of nomination to the committee he was not a member of the ADS but had applied for membership. On confirmation of his membership he will fill a casual vacancy but would need to renominate in 2019. He is interested in helping to organise the 2020 meeting in Sydney. Kerry Crotty stated that she had already organised 4 Sydney meetings and new committee members were needed to take on the role of organising meetings.

As there was no dissent from the floor at the AGM,

The Executive for 2018-2019 is:

President	Dr Cathy Reid
Pathology Vice President	Dr Trevor Beer
Dermatology Vice President	Dr Ben Tallon
Secretary	Dr Kerry Crotty
Treasurer	Dr Richard Williamson
Education Officer	Dr Patrick Emmanuel
Director	Dr Louise Jackett
Director	Dr Craig James
Director	Dr Alex Nirenberg
Director	Dr Robert Rawson
Director	Dr Andrew Ryan
Director	Dr Ben Wood

**5. Treasurers Report.**

Unfortunately the Treasurer could not attend. The Financial Report was made available. The President and Treasurer were waiting to confirm a few details in the Financial Report before finalising. A summary of the Financial Position of the ADS was subsequently supplied by the Treasurer. This is appended at the end of the Minutes.

**6. 2017 Meeting Melbourne**

Alex Nirenberg and Andrew Ryan were thanked for organising this very successful profitable meeting. A profit of around \$30,000 was made.

**7. 2018 Meeting Adelaide.**

Craig James and Cathy Reid, Convenors; 195 registrants with 41 dermatologists and 94 pathologists, 43 students and trainees and 13 other practitioners. It was noted from the floor that it was a very successful meeting and Cathy and Craig were congratulated. It was hoped to be able to show a profit.

**8. 2019 Meeting Brisbane**

This will be held in Brisbane from September 6-8. Richard Williamson will convene. Dr Thomas Brenn from Canada and Dr Jennifer McNiff from Yale will be the guest speakers. It is hoped to honour David Weedon at the meeting.

**9. 2020 Meeting Sydney**

## **10. 2021 Meeting Perth**

### **11. New members and membership report.**

We currently have 139 financial members and 409 lapsed/previous/non-financial members. There have been changes in the last year with a general move away from a paper based membership application form. At registration, there is a question relating to whether the applicant is a member or not. If they are not a member, they are directed to the membership form which if they complete, they are then eligible for the reduced rate. This has led to an increase in people joining particularly for this meeting but we have had some problems collecting all the required data. Our usual paper-based membership form requires identification details including whether the applicants are dermatologists or pathologists. We usually require 2 members of the ADS to nominate the person for membership. In 2018 we have not received all the required information.

The following have applied for Membership/Associate membership of the Society. The Board will need to finalise the membership for those who have not supplied all the required information.

Elaheh Bateni, Ilsphi Browne, Janez Cernelc, Frank Po-chao Chiu, Jin-Yu Chuang, Bryan Elston, Georgina England, Jason Gluch, Michelle Goh, Rebecca Greenup, Michael Hitchcock, Jennifer Kim, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Stephen Lee, Chanh Ly, Vatisara Mangkorntongsakul, Mavis Mayers, John Milross, Adrian Ormsby, John Pyne, Robert Rawson, Anna Schauer, Manisha Singh, Kate Stewart, Valli Shanathi Thanni, Corinne Wallace, Lachlan Warren, Christina Wlodek, Yvonne Nguyen, Anthony Yung.

The meeting was notified of the recent accidental death of the New Zealand dermatologist membership applicant Dr Anthony Yung. This was noted with sadness and sympathy.

The challenges of having a large lapsed membership were discussed. Some people only join for the discount to the meeting. It was generally considered that it is useful to have lapsed/previous members on our data base because, apart from the ongoing members, this is the group that is most likely to attend the meeting. It was suggested that there should be more activities for members between meetings. There are cases on the website. More focused meetings could be held. One member asked for more reminders about paying membership fees. One suggestion was that the members discount only be given to those who have been members for 12 months. On the other hand, it was noted that the Adelaide meeting had a record registration number with 195 registrants. This compares with 209 in Melbourne the previous year. Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane meetings usually have a substantially higher attendance rate than Adelaide and Perth. This is a matter for ongoing discussion

### **12. Scholarships and sponsorships.**

The Society is keen for these to be given. The application closing date has been extended from the end of March until the end of October.

Members and trainees are encouraged to apply for the scholarship and to disseminate information about the scholarship. Members are also encouraged to reach out to potential sponsorship applicants from less developed countries.

### **13. RCPA Dermatopathology Diploma.**

The Diploma was first proposed to the RCPA by David Weedon many years ago but it had progressed slowly. In late 2015 Kerry Crotty was approached by the RCPA to progress the Diploma. She reported that she took on the task knowing it would be controversial but considered it would be a substantial step forward for dermatopathology and would progress the aims of the ADS. She had formed a committee composed of Rod O'Keefe, Geoff Strutton, Richard Scolyer, Craig James, Ben Wood and Patrick Emmanuel. She had aimed for widespread representation with a mixture of dermatopathologists from private and public practice. Two members (Kerry Crotty and Rod O'Keefe) are Fellows of the RCPA and the ACD. Over 18 months a handbook was developed. This was approved by the RCPA and was announced by the RCPA in late 2017. Several laboratories have applied for accreditation. It is anticipated that the assessment procedure may need to be offered in 2019.

John Snow congratulated Kerry and the rest of her committee on progressing the Diploma. He further stated that he considers that the ADS should recommend to the RCPA that there should be a pathway for dermatologists to sit for this Diploma.

Steven Kossard concurred.

It was stated from the floor that the requirements of the Diploma seemed onerous.

Ian McColl said that when he looked at the documentation he thought it was set up to teach people how to run a dermatopathology laboratory and was surprised that there was such an emphasis on governance.

Kerry reported that it built on the broad ranging training of Pathology Fellows who want to further develop their expertise in dermatopathology. She said the RCPA welcomed suggestions about how it could be improved and how it could be run. As it is implemented, it will need to evolve as it is determined how practical it is. An initial framework was required to allow implementation. She said there was a strong requirement for governance to be an integral part of the Diploma as these skills were required by all pathologists, not just those who were Heads of Departments. The main focus of the Assessment will be on dermatopathology skills.

Ben Wood said that the RCPA had many requirements for documentation including governance but the emphasis was on dermatopathology skills. Recognition of prior learning was open to further discussion. He also considered that it was reasonable that a motion could be put to the membership of the ADS about the possibility of dermatologists having access to the Diploma.

John Snow looked for a commitment that a resolution be put to the membership that dermatologists have access to the RCPA Diploma.

A suggestion was made that the ADS could have their own dermatopathology diploma which could be open to dermatologists or pathologists. Kerry Crotty said she considered that the ADS would not be able to offer a Diploma under current legislation and regulations. The ADS is not a credentialing organisation. This was not thought to be a practical step to take.

As the suggestion for this motion had been put before the Executive of the ADS a majority recommendation from the Executive was that the membership be asked for their opinion on whether the ADS should have a position statement that recommended that dermatologists have access to the RCPA diploma. This will occur at the next AGM.

Kerry Crotty reminded the meeting that the ADS has no affiliation with either the ACD or the RCPA or the New Zealand Dermatological Society and that the ADS has no legal relationship with either College or Society. Our membership consists of dermatologists and pathologists, most of whom are Fellows of the ACD or the RCPA or the New Zealand Dermatology Society. The ADS is a very diverse group and she said that it should be recognised that there will be a

diversity of opinions amongst the membership about whether or not the RCPA should allow dermatologists to sit this Diploma.

A variety of opinions on this matter was expressed from the floor.

#### 14. Education Officers Report

No report. Louise Jackett would be happy to assist in this role.

#### 15. International Committee of Dermatopathology.

John Snow reported that the pass rate for the European Diploma is currently 40 %.

Meeting Closed at 9 am.

### ADS FINANCIALS 2017-2018 SUMMARY (supplied by Richard Williamson):

Income:	2017-2018	2016-2017
1. Interest:	\$ 11754	\$ 8522
2. Conference profit	\$ 32483	\$ 5
3. Returned seed funding from prev year	\$ 6300	\$ NIL
4. Membership	\$ 9620	\$ 11635

  

Expenses:	2017-2018	2016-2017
1. Sponsored pathologist visit	\$ 3573	\$ NIL
2. Website	\$ 1629	\$ 3031
3. Prizes (Brenan)	\$ 1000	\$ 1000
4. Directors insurance	\$ 1244	\$ 2488 (2 payments)
5. Accounting	\$ 1986	\$ 1986
6. Management fees	\$ 4730	\$ 4510
7. Bank and other fees	\$ 13	\$ 93
8. General expenses	\$ 463	\$ 495

#### Funds at hand

	30.6.2017	30.6.2018
1. Premium cheque account	\$ 83856	\$ 55541
2. Term Deposit (2.2% for 13 months maturing 08/2019)	\$ 468391	\$ 456695