



THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY  
OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE (NZ) INC (ANZSOM)

Annual General Meeting

22 September 2012

The Copthorne Hotel, Queenstown

**Minutes** Meeting commenced 1.15pm

Present Drs M Anderson, P Cameron, P Dodwell, J Guthrie, J Karalus, J Kerr, M Obele, S Ryder-Lewis, N Smidt, D Waite, G Walker, C Walls, E Whiteside, and N Yarnall

1. Apologies Received from: C Preitner, J Brownless, R Griffiths, D Scott, R Blackmore, C Murphy
2. Minutes of 2011 AGM were read. Moved these be accepted J Kerr/Seconded G Walker
3. President's report – Dr Mike Anderson spoke of the learning curve of a new executive who though widely scattered across the South Island were able to communicate via electronic means. The efficiency improved with the swapping of the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Mike expressed concerns about the loss of skilled practitioners and the need to get GPs to understand the Occupational Medicine message of the importance of return to work and the concept of a fitness note rather than a sickness note, thus leading to the "Team Work" theme of the conference. He expresses our determination to continue liaison with our Australian colleagues even though our needs appear somewhat different. We would be sharing ideas with the current Australian President who was attending the conference. The Australians were developing Professional Development modules which the executive were looking at in terms of suitability and cost to NZ members. Lastly he expressed his thanks to fellow executive members including the immediate past-president Simon. Motion that report be accepted M Anderson/Seconded P Dodwell
4. Treasurer's report was presented by John Guthrie showing a substantial increase in the society's fund at the end of the last financial year. He suggested that the current conference was likely to break even. Motion that report be accepted J Guthrie/Seconded S Ryder-Lewis
5. General Business

- a. Changes to Society's Objects and Rules. J Guthrie put forward a number of amendments to the Society's rules so that financial members rather than just signatories of incorporation could be considered "First Members" and several minor changes to correct minor mistakes in the rules and update them to account for modern means of communication and banking procedures. Some discussion was had to confirm that society payments could only be made with two signatures or bank authorisations. Motion in favour of changes Proposed J Guthrie/Seconded D Beaumont Carried
- b. Membership subscription was set at the last AGM at \$125 but the notice sent out requested \$130 which has been paid without objection. J Guthrie proposed that the \$130 be accepted as the subscription fee/seconded S Ryder-Lewis Passed
- c. Election of officers. As no nominations had been received the current Executive were deemed re nominated and re-elected.
- d. Other business
  1. J Guthrie made a brief mention of CPD development in Australia and possibly including access to such modules as an increased value to the annual subscription
  2. The Society promotion of Occupational Medicine. It was decided to defer discussion on the Occupational Health Education Trust to a Breakfast discussion on Sunday morning.

Meeting closed 1.35pm

Changes as accepted by meeting.

- i. Insert a new clause 4.2 (b)

Past members of ANZSOM(NZ) before incorporation of the society who have paid their membership subscription shall be deemed as members without requiring nomination as per clause 4.3

Current clause 4.2 would become 4.2 (a).

- ii. Change Clause 11.5 to "The Financial year of the society shall be from the first day of April in one year to the thirty first day of March the next year."
- iii. Clause 7.2 (d) to "If in any year the number of members nominated for the Committee is not more than three, those persons so nominated shall be declared elected members of the Committee for the ensuing year, and
- iv. Clause 7.2 (e) to "If in any year the numbers of members nominated for the committee exceeds three, the candidates to be elected to the Committee shall be determined by a ballot held at the Annual General Meeting.

- v. Clause 9.1 (a) Add: Meetings may be via teleconference or Skype
- vi. Change Clause 11.2 Change to. “All cheques drawn upon the bankers of the Society shall be signed by a minimum of two members of the Committee, or if payment is made by internet banking the payment shall be authorised by two Committee members.”