

**AONA AGM 21.06.08**  
**VENUE: 26<sup>th</sup> AONA CONFERENCE, SOFITEL WENTWORTH HOTEL**

Meeting opened at 12.25. Closed at 13.00

Committee Members: Jenny Keller, Joanna McCulloch, Christiana Lord, Janet Long,  
Deirdre O'Connell

**Apologies:** Julie Bleasdale, Jean Roberts, Una Chapman

**Previous minutes:** Accepted – Lynn Noakes  
Seconded – Heather Cornish

**1. Presidents Report:** As per conference programme, given by Jenny Keller.

**2. Newsletter Report:** given by Janet Long.

At present national newsletter being trialled. It will advertise conferences, clinical days, publish articles and hopefully improve communication between states. Name to be announced after Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**3. National competencies update:** given by Janet Long.

This is still a work in progress. It has been decided that the UK Nursing competencies are not suitable for Australia. At present competency committee are trying to link in with ANMC competencies/framework instead.

**4. Treasure's Report:** given by Joanna McCulloch

**Income:** Membership \$8005 / Conference registration \$ 8372 / Industry \$12700 / Bank Interest \$75.74 / Long Term deposit \$35977 / Business Account balance \$26,733.92 (as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

**Costs:** Printing, etc \$1208.30 / clinical meetings \$1286.47 / bank charges \$437.51 / web updates \$1367.49 / education grants \$3403.80 / GIO insurance \$512.40 / PO box rental \$288 / conference costs 2008 \$2143.35

**Conference 2007:** Income \$29,077 / Costs \$ 19,140.51 / Net profit \$9,936.49

**Auditors** Scotts Associates Using at present – AONA happy to continue with them.

**Educational Grants 2007**

AONA has given out \$4,000 in educational grants this year. As long as applicants have been a member of AONA for 1 year they are eligible to apply for an educational grant.

**Reminder to all members** - if paying any AONA fees please write Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association instead of AONA as the bank does not accept it.

**5. Membership Report NSW** given by Christiana Lord.

Currently we have 148 full / associate / life members.

## **State Reports**

**QLD AONA update:** given by Amanda Wyle. 100 members.

Celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, gala dinner to be held during QLD conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008.

Clinical meeting held recently at Princess Alexandra Hospital on Eye Emergencies.

Ophthalmic Nursing course via distance education commenced from QLD University this year.

**Victoria update:** given by Pam Armstrong. 102 members.

Conference to be held in November which will coincide with RANZCO.

Clinical meeting held earlier this year on Eye Emergencies and Vitreo-retinal update.

Resignation from Vic committee of Tim Pyke (one of the founding members) but he remains involved in AONA Vic.

**WA update:** given by Pam Armstrong.

At AGM decided to continue with AONA WA, 2 new committee members.

## **6. New Business:**

a) Letter received from AUSCRS requesting AONA NSW to be involved in conference Proposal to members unanimously agreed.

Jenny will present session at AUSCRS conference in July 2008 – requesting AONA members to email suggested topics to be discussed.

b) AONA representative required on committee for graduate certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing at Sydney Eye Hospital – open to all committee members.

Proposal for Jenny Keller to be the representative – unanimously agreed

c) Feedback requested regarding AONA clinical days and suggested topics – please email to any committee member.

d) Discussion on what represents a life member of AONA NSW – open floor discussion suggested it represented a commitment to Ophthalmic Nursing and AONA committee.

e) Request from Janet that members email her within 1 month if would like to receive AONA newsletter via email. This will reduce printing costs for AONA.

f) Web page discussion held and agreed to show overseas opportunities.

## **7. All Committee members will continue for another year**

Jenny Keller – president

Joanna McCulloch – treasurer

Christiana Lord – membership secretary

Deirdre O'Connell – secretary

Janet Long – newsletter editor / web page

Jennie Armstrong / Carmel Ryan – Mail out committee

Committee member open to all members of AONA NSW – please contact committee member if you are interested in becoming part of the committee.

**8. Open forum –**

**clinical meeting** will be held in Canberra on 27<sup>th</sup> September to coincide with Floriad exhibition.

Request publication of Nurses graduation papers in QLD to be put on websites / newsletter. As per Amanda Wylie there currently is one paper on QLD AONA website.

Janet requests articles for Newsletter (national), please email to Janet.

Pam Armstrong suggests that all published articles to be kept and maybe published in a book by AONA

Informal dinner is being held tonight at Thai Restaurant in King Street Wharf, sponsored by Alcon – open to all.