



Australasian Wound & Tissue Repair Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held Monday 20th June 2011,

At IHBI, Queensland University of Technology

Meeting opened at 12:00 pm

1. WELCOME

AWTRS President Prof Allison Cowin welcomed all members attending the meeting.

2. PRESENT and APOLOGIES

25 members were in attendance. Apologies were received from A/Prof Ian Darby, Prof Laura Poole-Warren, Prof Chris Jackson, A/Prof Geoff Sussman and Ms Nadira Ruzehaji.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tabled by Prof Allison Cowin

Points of interest:

- The AWTRS was established in 2007.
- The aim of the society is to promote knowledge and interchange between scientists, healthcare professionals, industry and other individuals that have an interest in wound healing and tissue repair.
- AWTRS committee members
- Damian Adams was thanked for managing the AWTRS web site.
- The 2nd AWTRS was held in Perth and has attended by approximately 120 delegates and the abstracts were published in WRR. The next AWTRS conference will be held in conjunction with the ASDR in Sydney in May 2012.
- The AWTRS quarterly newsletter is now in its fifth year. The editor Ian Darby was thanked and members were encouraged to consider contributing articles/information for the newsletter.
- New initiatives over the past year have been the election of an Early Career Representative Mr Nadira Ruzehaji and the introduction of AWTRS travel awards to assist members to travel to either national (\$500) or international (\$1000) wound related meetings.

Moved to accept: Dr Rachael Murray

Seconded: Prof Zee Upton

Report accepted by membership.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled by Dr Rachael Murray

- The AWTRS is financially sound. Currently the society funds are held in three accounts (a working account, an investment account and a conference account) at the National Australia Bank Carnegie Branch in Victoria. The recent membership fees are also held by Magic Touch Consultancies who manage the membership web site

and periodically transferred to the AWTRS accounts.

Moved to accept: Prof Zee Upton

Seconded: Prof Allison Cowin

Report accepted by membership.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Tabled by Dr Rachael Murray

- The AWTRS has 76 members.
- Members are spread mainly over Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia and include students, scientists, clinicians and corporate members.

Moved to accept: Prof Allison Cowin

Seconded: Prof Zee Upton

Report accepted by membership.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Two motions were tabled and discussed. These motions had previously been circulated to all members 6 weeks prior to the AGM.

Motion 1:

The philosophy has altered to say:

The AWTRS is a not-for-profit society that believes that promoting the knowledge and interchange between scientists, healthcare professionals, industry and other individuals that have an interest in wound healing and tissue repair will lead to improved wound outcomes.

Moved to accept: Dr Rachael Murray

Seconded : Prof Zee Upton

Motion accepted by membership.

Motion 2:

The signatories for society check have altered to:

All cheque payments shall require two signatures. The Signatories shall be the Treasurer in conjunction with a Committee Member as nominated by the committee.

Moved to accept: Dr Rachael Murray

Seconded : Prof Zee Upton

Motion accepted by membership.

8. QUESTION TIME:

The 2012 AGM will be held on the 22nd May 2011 in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Meeting closed 12:35 pm