



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

REPORT FROM THE CICM BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2012

The recent College Board meeting was held on Thursday 23rd February, with a workshop held the next morning to discuss the progress of the curriculum review. The day before the Board meeting a governance seminar conducted by the AICD was held, in conjunction with the ANZICS Board. This was a very informative session on the rights and responsibilities of Board Members.

Guests at the Board meeting were Kate Leslie (ANZCA President), John Kolbe (RACP President) Mary White (ANZICS President). Richard Lee (Curriculum Review Committee) presented a CRC update to the Board during the workshop on Friday morning followed by George Skowronski (NSW Fellow and Fellowship Affairs Committee Member) who presented a paper on the Aging Intensivist.

The President began the meeting by congratulating Arthas Flabouris on receiving the RACS Certificate of Outstanding Service and Neil Matthews on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia. He also announced the death of UK Intensivist Dr David Bennett.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Office Bearers for 2012/2013

The term of office of the current President ends in June this year, elections for the three office bearers were held amongst the current members of the Board.

The following nominations were received:

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Dr Ross Freebairn was the sole nomination for the position of President-elect of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Professor Bala Venkatesh was the sole nomination for the position of Vice President of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

NOMINATION FOR TREASURER

Dr Charlie Corke was the sole nomination for the position of Treasurer of the College of Intensive Care Medicine.

Elected, unopposed

College Staff

The College has recently hired two new staff members, Freida Keo as Administrative Assistant for Examinations and Heather Dick Pere as Administrative Assistant, Education and HAC.

Intensive Care Foundation

As a significant donor to the ICF, the Board resolved to seek formal reports from the Foundation regarding their activities and progress. The Foundation will be asked to provide a written report to each Board. Information from these reports will be distributed to the Fellowship via the e-news. Currently 10% of all Fellowship subscriptions are donated to the Foundation to further research activities in intensive care medicine.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Tasmania

Tasmanian Regional Chair Mike Anderson announced to the Board that he is re-locating to South Australia. A new Chair will need to be elected and a Tasmanian Representative will need to be co-opted to the Board.

EXAMINATIONS

Primary Examination

Four new examiners were admitted to the Primary Examiner Panel; Dr Krishnaswamy Sundararajan, Dr Brett Sampson, Dr Peter Scott and Dr Andrew Stuart Lane. Mark Finnis has retired from the Primary Examination Committee and David Austin has been appointed to the committee. The Primary Written Exam will be sat at the beginning of March.

General Fellowship Examination

Three new examiners were admitted to the Panel of Examiners for the Fellowship Exam; Dr Anthony Holley, Dr Frank van Haren, Dr Dhaval Ghelani. The Board ratified the Don Harrison Medal winners for 2011, Dr Russell Laver (SA) and Dr John Moore (QLD). The Board were reminded that all C24 units should have a Fellowship Examiner.

Exam Attempts

Capping attempts across all the examinations was discussed at length during the recent meeting and there is an agreement that there should be a limit on the number of times a candidate can present for an exam. All examination committees will be discussing this over the next few months and a formal proposal will be taken to the June Board.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education Committee

A number of SOT's were approved at the recent Board meeting. Changes to the Training Document, T-10 The Role of Supervisors of Training in Intensive Care Medicine were approved. The updated document can now be found on the website.

Paediatric Committee

The Board have formally approved the formation of a Paediatric Committee to provide advice to the Board on matters related to education and training of paediatric intensive care trainees, and co-ordination of educational activities. The terms of reference of this committee will be discussed at a workshop to be held at the College in April.

Trainee Committee

The Board resolved that the Trainee Representative to the Board will be elected from the members of the Trainee Committee. There was also discussion about future development of regional trainee committees.

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

Hospital Accreditation Committee

The following hospitals have undergone recent HAC inspections and continue to be accredited for training:

Queen Mary Hospital (HK)	C6
Tuen Mun Hospital (HK)	C12
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (HK)	Basic Training

Princess Margaret Hospital (HK)	C24
Yan Chai Hospital (HK)	C6
Lyell McEwin Hospital	C12

RURAL & REMOTE

Rural Update Course – Byron Bay

The inaugural Bush Track to Boulevard Rural Update Conference is due to be held on the 1st and 2nd March in Byron Bay. The program, speakers and simulations are all confirmed and of a very high quality. A high proportion of delegates are Fellows from other disciplines who are doing some work in intensive care.

Indigenous Communication DVD

Following another grant from the RHCE, the College have begun work on a communication DVD for doctors dealing with indigenous patients. Planning is underway and filming will take place in Alice Springs in the middle of the year with the final product due towards the end of the year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2012 ASM: 25th – 27th May, Melbourne

Organisation is progressing well for the 2012 ASM with a major sponsor secured and most of the exhibition space sold.

ICU Update: 24th May 2012, Melbourne

The ICU Update program has been finalised with a mix of refresher talks and three workshops including simulation activities. Registrations are filling up which is very positive so far out from the event.

2013 ASM: 31st – 2nd June, Wellington

Planning for the 2013 ASM is well underway with a scientific program, speakers and venues all being confirmed.

Conflict of Interest Disclaimer for ASM Speakers

It will be a requirement from now that all speakers at ASM declare any conflicts of interest on the second slide of their presentation.

FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS

Continuing Professional Development

The new CPD program went live in January and has already attracted a good number of users. There have been a few minor bugs in the system, which is to be expected from a new platform, but the College is endeavouring to fix any issues as soon as possible. The Board also discussed what action could be taken to encourage all Fellows to participate in CPD.

Admission to Fellowship by Examination and by the OTS Pathway

The following were formally admitted to Fellowship:

Emma-Jane Broadfield	VIC
Alexander Li	HK
Jonathan Gatward	NSW
Kam Fai Hong	HK
Robert John O'Connor	NSW
Cornelia Sabine Mueller	QLD
Cameron Ian Knott	VIC
Cartan Costello	NSW
Umesh Ratnakant Kadam	TAS
Dimity Charlotte Ann McCracken	NSW
Miles Charles Beeny	VIC
Michael Joseph O'Dwyer	NSW
Catherine Louise Tacon	NSW
Kevin Daniel Swil	VIC
Christopher Robert Lewis	VIC
David Brewster	VIC
John Prakesh Raj	SA
Atul Gaur	NSW

FINANCE

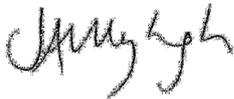
The Board reviewed the Profit and Loss statement for 2011 and the CEO reports that the College is in a satisfactory financial position at the end of our first 'normal' year of operations. Expenditure is very close to budget in almost all areas, with IT project costs and the cost of the AMC review slightly more than anticipated. With income for the year slightly ahead of budget our expected surplus was achieved. The auditor's report for 2011 is currently being prepared.

There are still a number of Fellows who have outstanding subscriptions owing from 2011. The Board resolved to take a more active approach to pursuing these funds and if necessary suspending Fellowship in these cases.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) presented a series of draft recommendations to the Board and there were lengthy discussions surrounding the issues. It is now at the stage of being circulated broadly to give all Fellows and Trainees the opportunity to comment on the proposals and make suggestions to further develop the recommended changes, before any firm decisions are taken. An email with links to the main documents and also to an online survey tool will be sent out by the end of March.

It is essential to communicate to all currently registered Trainees that any changes to the curriculum will not be retrospective; therefore their training will not be impacted. Trainees are governed by the Regulations that were current when they registered with the College.



Prof. John Myburgh

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