

NZSSD PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008
32nd Annual General Meeting,
Tuesday 1 April, 2008 - Wellington



General

The Executive in Dunedin has had a very busy year. There have been so many items of business and ideas that we want to attend to but struggle to find the time. It is for this reason we have undertaken a strategic planning exercise this year to identify the vision for NZSSD and develop specific goals. I want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work by every member of the Executive, work that is voluntary and on top of fulltime clinical positions. We have had invaluable support from the ENCDR, allowing us to use their facilities free of charge and employ their staff on a part-time basis. Time is flying by – we have a little over a year to go before we hand over to the next Executive – and we have plenty that we want to accomplish in that time. I will discuss the strategic plan in more detail at the end of this presentation.

1. Secretariat

Victoria Farmer of the ENCDR has been employed as the membership secretary. At this point I would like to make special mention of the invaluable work that was done over many years by Ray Toomath, our previous membership secretary. We see the position of a secretariat as essential now and as the organisation increases in the future it will be a necessity rather than optional for future executives.

2. Position Statements

Position statements on IFG, HBA1c for the diagnosis of diabetes and on xenotransplantation have been posted. A submission was also made to the Health Select Committee regarding the Public Health Bill. Future position statements on Insulin Pump availability and Screening for diabetes are planned for this year.

3. PHARMAC

We still await a reply to our correspondence with PHARMAC with respect to ARB and ACEI combination treatment in diabetes. Insulin pump therapy inequity was raised and referred to MOH, no action has been taken. Further lobbying taking place.

4. Expert Advisory Group

The EAG Quality Improvement Plan has been published. An implementation group has been formed and the President of NZSSD has been asked to be part of this group.

5. Newsweet

The Executive are delighted that Nicole McGrath has taken on the task of editorship of Newsweet, the last two editions have made for interesting reading. We have changed to electronic delivery of Newsweet which I hope has not inconvenienced too many members.

6. Website

Chris Booker from the ENCDR is our website administrator. Chris has transformed the website in to a vital way in which the Executive communicates to its members. We have plenty of more ideas for website development.

7. Financial

Our financial situation is robust – perhaps too robust given our charitable status. We have submitted our application to the charities commission and await their final approval.

8. Conference Grants

The Executive has made 22 grants of \$450 each to assist non-physician members of the Society to attend the IDF meeting.

9. Awards

Novo Nordisk awards have been made for 2008:

- Associate Professor Patrick Manning, Dr Wayne Sutherland, Michelle McGrath. "The Effect of Protein Intake on Postprandial Adipokine Concentrations in Obese women".
- Linda Kent. "The use of Insulin in Type 2 Diabetes, are we doing our patients any favours? A Study looking at Long Term Outcomes of Insulin Therapy in the Wellington Region".
- Liz Allen, Dr Nicole McGrath. "Whanau Oranga Mate Huka / Healthy Families with Diabetes".
- Craig Jefferies, Jean-Ann Holt, Natasha Heather, A/Prof Paul Hofman, Prof W. Cutfield. "The evaluation of Real Time Glucose Sensing at Insulin Pump Initiation in Children with Type 1 Diabetes".

Eli Lilly Awards: Applications close June 30.

10. NZSSD Representative on DNZ

Robyn Toomath was our representative but has now resigned. Is anyone interested in this position?

11. Christchurch Meeting 2007

The combined meeting with ADS was incredibly successful both from an educational and financial respect. The ADS are also pleased with the outcome which bodes well for future similar meetings.

12. IDF-WPR Wellington 2008

NZSSD is very proud to be a co-host for this meeting. A number of members have been intimately involved in the organisation of this meeting. Special mention must be made of the contribution of Russell Scott (Chair, POC); and Robyn Toomath and Bob Smith (LOC).

13. Physicians' Meeting 2008

The Physicians' weekend will be in Hanmer on 17-19 October.

14. 2009 Meeting

Next year's meeting will be either in Dunedin or Queenstown – a decision has yet to be made.

15. Next Executive

At the present time we are not sure who will take over from us. It is important that this is determined very soon as to ensure a smooth transition period.

16. Strategic Planning Exercise

The strategic plan was commissioned at the beginning of 2008. The Plan has been through a number of iterations. This will be presented at the conclusion of the Presidents Report.

Patrick Manning
President, NZSSD 2008

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Financial year ending 31st March 2008

The accounts are yet to be prepared and audited as the AGM has followed too closely after the end of the financial year. These will be prepared and circulated to members as soon as possible.

Herewith is a summary of activities for the last year.

The society received approx \$13 300 in subscriptions - a similar amount to the previous few years.

The membership secretary role has been taken on by Victoria Farmer. Thanks again to Ray Toomath who has managed the task faithfully and efficiently for many years and has now handed on the position. Thanks now go to Victoria for taking on the role since January of this year. She has got off to a good start.

During the year the society has paid out over \$14 400 in grants for attending the conference last year and will be giving grants this year of about \$9900 for conference grants. We have also made professional development grants totalling \$5500 during the last year.

There was a surplus from conference 2007 of \$52000. A portion of this will be redistributed to the Dietitian's group and the Diabetes Nurse Specialist Section of NZNO.

Main expenses for the year continue to be legal (approx \$1800), accounting (Approx \$2250) and secretarial expenses including membership (approx \$10000). Newsweet expenses have been nil since changing to electronic format. There are yearly expenses associated with having a website (approx \$520)

I am not in position to give the final total for surplus for the year but considering the last conference profit this should be respectable.

Investments currently total: \$134 376.37
Cheque Account: Approx: \$40 000

G Hendry
Hon Treasurer

March 2008

DIABETES DIETITIANS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
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In December 2007 the University of Otago and the Diabetes Dietitian SIG Committee were able to announce the approval of a Masters in Dietetics (endorsed in Diabetes) to be available in 2009. Appropriate Health Science papers will be part of the programme which dietitians may choose to commence in 2008. The degree is planned to be able to be completed on a part time basis over two years.

Following on from the SIG AGM in Christchurch Sept 2007, Auckland has undertaken the responsibility of the SIG group for the upcoming year. I (Caroline Adamson) am the new convenor. I have worked the field of diabetes both in New Zealand and in the UK for the last 5 years. I currently split my time between the Paediatric diabetes service at Starship and the Auckland Diabetes Centre. I will be assisted by my colleagues in the Auckland region. Current aims for the year are continuation of quarterly newsletters, continuing forum for discussion via the SIG email system and organisation of a planned Study Day as part of the NZDA Conference in Hamilton in September 2008.

Christchurch will continue to carry on and complete the Workforce questionnaire which was conducted in 2007.

Regards

Caroline Adamson
Diabetes SIG Convenor



The 2007/2008 has again seen a very busy year.

We are proud to confirm the introduction and acceptance from all our society's to use of the new logo and branding allowing us to go forward with 'Unity and Action', launched at parliament on World Diabetes Day 14 November 2007.

Our annual Diabetes Awareness Week came right on the heels of the launch of the new logo and branding. This year a very successful campaign around Type 1 children and young adults, with huge commitment from D.Y.N.Z and D.N.Z. The year has seen a huge input into the about to be staged, IDF Western Pacific Diabetes Congress in conjunction with yourselves.

We have seen four meetings of the Diabetes Parliamentary Group with input from your members and a group from Australia.

We have just finalised a paper 'Priorities for Action' which was officially launched at Parliament on the 11 March. This highlights our priorities in five areas, Awareness, Prevention, Detection, Management and Research.

We have just recently evaluated our strategic plan for 2007-2011 which goes to our AGM for confirmation.

We ask you to urge your members to actively support patients with Diabetes, to use the services of Diabetes Supplies Limited.

The recently released Quality Improvement plan for Diabetes and CVD had I.P.P Murray Dear as our representative.

We also had consumer representatives on the updated Type 2 management and CVD risk guidelines.

Sadly, due to a large workload we saw your representative on our board, Dr Robyn Toomath step down. We valued her expertise and wisdom and respected her decision.

I ask for you to nominate a replacement and also look forward to an opportunity to have some dialogue in the very near future.

Mike Smith
President
Diabetes New Zealand

DIABETES NURSE SPECIALIST SECTION, NZNO.
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Introduction of the Executive Committee:

Mereana Waaka-Murch	Chairperson	South Waikato
Mary Yiannoutsos	Vice-Chair	Palmerston North
Arlene Baldwin	Secretary	Whangarei
Melesini Kaufusi	Treasurer	Auckland
Julie Symon	Newsletter	Invercargill
Jenny Britland	Membership	Queenstown
Ann Faherty	Committee	Auckland

Committee activity:

There has been some robust movement within the committee members and changes of office holders. During the 2007 year we had 2 resignations and at AGM in September 3 members having served their time moved off the committee.

The DNS Executive Committee of seven had 4 new members join the Committee, these members are not only first time servers on the Committee but also hold significant offices of Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter and Secretary by Proxy.

They have so far taken up the challenge of the work demands of the DNS section with professionalism and integrity.

Membership:

Currently the DNSS has 350 members.

Some previous issues for the section were:

- 2 membership lists existed, 1 held by NZNO and 1 by DNSS.
- NZNO and DNSS requesting different membership information.
- NZNO and DNSS had 2 different addresses.
- Non response to requests for members contact details.
- Incomplete information sent.
- Mail returned as incorrect address
- Membership details illegible.
- E-mail contact tree ineffective due to incorrect or non-existent e address
- Hard mail out of information time consuming and costly, e-mail preferred form of communication.

In the past year with assistance from NZNO the solutions are:

- 1 list with membership details updated by NZNO
- NZNO to send updated list to DNSS – monthly (Jenifer Britland)
- Committee or designated members to notify all contact details
- New ABC contact tree
- First person on contact tree to check members email address and renew on monthly basis as per NZNO updated m/ship list.
- We acknowledge Annette Keid previous Committee member and Emma Hay from NZNO for their hard work.

Annual General Meeting:

The DNSS AGM was held on 5th September 2007 in Christchurch. The AGM preceded the Diabetes nurse's study day.

A 5% functional quorum was present and this could be due to an earlier start time at 7.30pm, with breakfast provided.

Remits were accepted at the AGM. Changes were geographical location of committee members, mentorship into their roles and accreditation title, Accredited Diabetes Nurse Specialist.

4 new committee members were voted in.

Our next AGM will be held in July within the Diabetes nurses Symposium in Wellington.

Diabetes Nurse's Study Day:

This year the DNSS held a joint study day with Australian Diabetes Educators Australia. This was because the ADEAustralia held their annual conference with New Zealand Society for the Study of diabetes following the study day.

The study day held three streams.

Deborah Christie who is a Medical Research Council Post Doctoral fellow from the United Kingdom was key note speaker for the DNSS nurses day.

Deborah presented Motivational interviewing and finding thoughtful solutions when working with young people. This was attended by 102 nurses.

The 2 Australian streams were;

Jane Overland presented Insulin adjustment. This was attended by 114 nurses.

Professor Rhonda Griffith presented Critiquing an article and one on one writing an abstract, attended by 30 nurses.

The DNSS committee has decided not to hold a study day in 2008 as it will only be 6 months when the Pacific Island Rim International Diabetes Federation Meeting will be held for a week in Wellington in March 2008. Roche and Novo nurses symposium will be held in July.

Newsletter:

DNSS newsletter titled "On Target" is sent out 4 times a year. This was a hard copy mail out process but due to updated membership lists in future the newsletter will be circulated electronically. It is also posted on the NZNO website page as well as the New Zealand Society for Diabetes website.

Strategic Plan:

This document took 3 years to complete, and has now been accepted by DNSS members. The vision statement was also translated into Maori. This complete process took a couple of years and was done in consultation with appropriate Kaumatua at that time, and before the election of Te Runanga Chair Brenda Close.

DNSS Chair has discussed with Brenda from Te Runanga the Strategic Plan and a copy forwarded to the Runanga seeking their support of the document.

Competencies:

The Midcentral Health DHB have developed diabetes nursing competencies.

These were written by Helen Snell Diabetes Nurse Practitioner and a group of senior nurses. The Document was circulated to a wide range of groups for consultation and was also work shopped at the 2006 DNSS AGM in Palmerston North.

At the AGM, level one was debated vigorously and the overall consensus was that it was too high an achievement for nurses initially entering the field of diabetes.

This was acknowledged and readdressed by Helen.

The document titled Nursing Practice Development Programme (NPDP) for Diabetes Care is now in final version and was sent to the DNS Executive committee for approval by Helen. The DNS Executive committee have approved of the document in principal and the document is to be provided to the DNSS Accreditation committee to view the feasibility of this tool in the accreditation process.

Education Framework Working party:

With the completion of the NPDP document it is understood that the educational working party will view how the document may be used to align with the framework.

Accreditation:

The accreditation review process has been finalized and portfolios being submitted under the new process. There have also been 11 nurses trained as assessors.

The accepted title will now be Accredited Diabetes Nurse Specialist following the DHB Clinical Nurse Specialist diabetes title.

The Waikato Institute of Technology (WINTER) recently cancelled the Advanced diabetes course for 2008 due to insufficient enrolled numbers. The requirement for the current DNS accreditation process is a level 8 paper which the advanced course provided. This poses an issue for those nurses wishing to undertake accreditation. The DNSS relinquished rights to the course when WINTER purchased the course from the DNSS in 2004. The DNS Chair is pursuing discussion with WINTER to see if it is feasible to run the course every second year. The DNSS and Accreditation committee are also scoping out what other courses are currently available in NZ, so far there has been discussion of some of the chronic care papers but thought not to be the equivalent in diabetes.

Mereana Waaka-Murch
Chairperson
Diabetes Nurse Specialist Section,
New Zealand Nurses Organisation.