

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WELLINGTON, 2008

MINUTES OF THE NZSSD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008 AT 15:15 hr

1. **Apologies:**

Don Bevan, Raymond Bruce, Matt Doogue, Jenny Rayns, Kate Smallman, Bob Smith, Susan Van Maanen, Jinny Willis, Pat Allen, Mereana Waaka-Murch

Present:

50+ members present at open.

2. **Minutes of AGM – Christchurch 2007**

Tabled and accepted as correct

Proposed: Jim Mann. Seconded: Gavin Hendry and passed by general acclamation.

3. **Business arising from the meeting:**

a. Novo Nordisk Research Award

Announced by Kevin Anderson Commented that the entrants were of high standard.

Winners: Linda Kent, Liz Allen, Craig Jefferies, Patrick Manning.

b. Eli Lilly Research award

Announced by Barbara Critchlow.

2007 Eli Lilly Diabetes Specialist Research Grant awarded to Dr Jinny Willis - 'HDL-Cholesterol Function and Cardiovascular Disease in Diabetes'.

2007 Eli Lilly Diabetes Nurse Specialist Research Grant awarded to Mr Lindsay McTavish – 'Effective Treatment of Hypoglycaemia in Children'.

A reminder that the close for the 2008 awards is 30 June 2008.

NZSSD extend their congratulations to the successful applicants.

c. Professional development awards.

These continue to be awarded, and are available twice a year. Most recently awarded to Kathy Hegarty and Sue Rattray.

d. Conference grants.

24 have been awarded for this meeting.

e. Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Quality Improvement Plan.

Jim Mann pointed out that this is now available on the Ministry of Health website and there is a "link" via the NZSSD website. He comments that the Ministry now has appointed a high level group to look at the implementation of the plan. We hope to be able to report on this at the next AGM. The ministry have done a good job.

A vote of thanks was proposed from the Members to Jim Mann for his hard work on this report.

Paul Drury Commented that he has ensured that all the Auckland managers have received a copy. He suggests that we all do the same for our own DHBs. Jim Mann emphasised that the DHB NZ have "bought into" the QIP and so we must use it. Jim invited anyone who had a specific questions regarding the plan to speak to him as they wish.

An Aside: The chairman proposed congratulations on behalf of the NZSSD to the IDF-WPR Congress organising committee and Russell Scott. Met with general acclamation. Russell would like formal thanks to be sent to Christine Murray.

4. **Reports:** all reports were circulated at this AGM to all present, and have been available on the website prior to the meeting.
 - a. **Diabetes New Zealand:** *This was briefly talked to by Murray Dear. It was accepted*
 - b. **Diabetes Nurse Educators' Group:** *Presented by the Vice Chair: Mary Yiannoutsos. The report was accepted.*
 - c. **Dietitians' Special Interest Group:** *This was accepted*

Once all reports had been presented and discussed they all were accepted. Moved by Jim Mann. Seconded by Stephanie Farrand and passed by general acclamation.

5. **Financial Report:**

As the financial year is not yet complete the report has not been audited.

Gavin Hendry presented a summary of activities: 24 conference grants this year.

Total assets have increased by \$32,000 despite increased costs.

A question from the floor: will the Charities Act affect our finances. Gavin Hendry reports that the accountant has advised him not. Jim Mann felt that if the NZSSD had significant investments then this might prove to be the case.

It was moved by Gavin Hendry that the report be accepted, seconded by Simon Young, passed by general acclamation.

6. **Pharmac:**

Peter Moore comments that there has been one further meeting since the last AGM. There is not much "movement". Ongoing issues are: availability of long acting insulins, and A2blockers.

Tim Cundy: feels that the ARB/ACE proposed criteria look promising. He has been in touch with Steven Woodruffe.

Jim Mann requests from the membership if there are any issues that members would like to be taken to Pharmac that they contact NZSSD.

Helen Lunt comments that the NZSSD needs a "direct ear" to Pharmac. Also she proposed that individual members of the NZSSD should continue to lobby directly to Pharmac but should let the NZSSD know of these activities. Jim Mann agreed.

Nicole McGrath suggested that activity/issues being raised with Pharmac could be part of the information on Newsweet.

Murray Dear added that Pharmac activity from the NZSSD could be and would be supported by the DNZ. Jim Mann Agreed that the NZSSD and DNZ should be making a concerted approach, all parties making Pharmac submissions/requests should let the NZSSD know.

Brendon Orr-Walker expressed concern that Pharmac are not consulting the NZSSD or alternative appropriate body when they should be. Example being the broadening of the

criteria for the Glitazones (Peter Moore said there had been some email correspondence with this but only minimal).

Doug Rawlings commented that Pharmac may be restricting lancets still further.

7. President's report:

Patrick Manning spoke to his report.

1. A GREAT big thanks to the staff of the Edgar National Centre for Diabetes Research: Particularly Victoria Farmer and Chris Booker. He comments that without their Secretariat support the Executive would not have "coped". This indicates the need for the Secretariat to continue as part of the Society.
2. Attention was drawn to the information now available on our website. Particularly Position Statements. Requested that any members with thoughts regards further position statements that they inform the Executive.
3. Pharmac. It was reiterated to let the Executive know if there are issues that members want to be raised with Pharmac.
4. The EAG have requested a representative. This will be the President of the Society and will pass on to the next President.
5. Newsweet. A thank you to Nicole McGrath. Please submit any reports to Nicole that members would like to have included. Email: Nicole.McGrath@northlanddhd.org.nz
6. The website. Thankyou to Chris Booker. There is now a health professional's page, and a "latest research findings". The membership is encouraged to contribute ideas.
7. Finances are robust.
8. Conference Grants: available to non-physician members of the NZSSD. Plan is to continue with these.
9. Thanks to Novo-Nordisk, Eli Lilly.
10. DNZ board, Patrick thanked Robyn Toomath for her contribution to the DNZ. Unfortunately Robyn is unable to continue on the board. NZSSD should have a representative on the board, DNZ would like someone. Robyn comments that this is important, the meetings are often at weekends. DNZ comment that it can be done by teleconference. Patrick asked for interested members to contact the executive.
11. Patrick thanked Russell Scott for the excellent organisation of the conference
12. Patrick announced that the Physicians Weekend will be in Hamner this year, 17-19 October 2008.

Patrick then presented the Strategic plan: this being an attempt to gain direction for the NZSSD, and to maintain continuity as the executive moves.

Objectives of the Strategic plan were presented:

1. *The development of a permanent Secretariat.*
This was supported by the membership by a unanimous show of hands. The executive will request members to propose where the Secretariat would be permanently based.
2. *To increase the profile of NZSSD with stakeholders.*
This includes primary care, media position statements, MoH updates/communication with the Government body, continuing with the website initiative. To achieve this we need to have a primary care representative on the executive, and to align meetings with them. Brendon Orr-Walker supports GP involvement, Paul Drury comments that we must involve the whole of primary care, not just the physicians. Supported but comment made that this is time consuming. Membership all seemed to support this.
3. *To enhance the quality and value to Members.*
This includes a Primary care stream at meetings, a trainee stream, a meet with the experts, high profile awards available. Bobby Milne comments that this needs to involve

educators as well as doctors.

4. *The possibility of new research grants, and specific NZSSD awards.*

5. *A Primary Care Member on the Executive.*
As discussed above this was greeted with approval.

6. *To continue to work with the DNZ.*
Ultimately to have a Medical Director which would help with this.

7. *To maintain financial viability.*
This was discussed. The budget for this is over what we already pay.

Jim Mann thanked Patrick for his presentation of the Strategic Plan and opened for further discussion. It was felt that some of the changes should be adopted now, but some could be considered and adopted latter. Patrick pointed out the timeline proposed in the back of the document (this was made available to members after this meeting). Nothing would be "acted upon or put into action without membership approval. Robyn Toomath felt that there should be a period of consultation. But also not to get caught up in the "forever" this is a document that can evolve over time. Bobby Milne proposed therefore that it be a "living Document. Maureen Lonsdale felt it should be adopted in principle. Paul Drury supports the document and the Executive but felt there needs to be time for consultation that should be by paper. Some felt electronic consultation might be satisfactory.

Patrick Manning requested comment and submissions, then proposed a redraft to then begin, since it can still be changed over time as Robyn Toomath had mentioned. Paul Drury proposed a period of one month for feedback. Jim Mann agreed one month. This was agreed by the members by general acclamation.

8. Re-election of Officers:

All officers were re-elected for a further year. With a new member, Jenny Rayns, as the DNS representative due to the resignation of Cate Wilson. Moved by Robyn Toomath, seconded by Paul Drury and passed by general acclamation.

9. Any other business:

Mike Smith apologised for being late. He thanked Murray Dear for his representation of the DNZ report, and Robyn Toomath for her work on the DNZ board. He requested another representative from the NZSSD for the DNZ Board. He remarked that the DNZ are contacted by the media but that medical enquiries need to be answered and the DNZ need a medical person to forward onto. He values the ongoing relationship with the NZSSD. Mike Smith also raised the issue of common branding with the DNZ. This was rejected. But Jim Mann echoed that the NZSSD would like to continue working closely with the DNZ.

2009 conference Patrick Manning proposed the South Island in Queenstown or Dunedin, there was a show of hands and an equal split...therefore the Executive will decide. It will probably be in May 2009.

2009 Executive, yet to be decided. Patrick Manning mentioned the need for a roster.

The meeting closed at 16:34 hr

Stephanie Farrand
Honorary Secretary, NZSSD