

**Balint Society of Australia and New Zealand**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**at 11.15am on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**  
**Suite 16, 121 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, 4000**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Chel Quinn, President, Kerrie Collings-Silvey, Secretary, Penny Love, Rebecca Wild, Venkatesh Govindiah.

**Apologies:** Meredith Waugh, Henry Luiker, Hamish Wilson, Prue Bonifant, Frank Meumann, Past President, Ruth Dunn Vice-President, Di Nash

**Minutes of the 2016 AGM:**

Minutes of last AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved PL, seconded RW. Carried unanimously (C/U).

No business from the minutes of the last meeting was discussed.

**President's Report:**

The report was presented by Chel Quinn– see attached.

Discussion ensued regarding the introduction of social media such as Facebook to advertise the Society and communicate.

Enquiries and discussion took place about the Medical Student Essay Prize.

Also there was discussion about the appropriateness in the use of the name 'Intensive' for the Annual Workshop.

**Secretary's Report:**

This was presented by Kerrie Collings-Silvey who spoke about the membership numbers and also the number of meetings of the Board.

A discussion ensued regarding strategies to increase membership of the Society. Also about the value of advertising the CPD Points recognition and information about PD activity advantages in attending the workshop and any other Balint Group. A more active engagement in providing information about these points was encouraged from the floor.

Suggestions also were offered regarding advertising the benefits of being in the Society and in including Balint resources in the newsletter such as a someone's recommended (favourite) paper.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This was provided by Prue Bonifant and presented at the AGM by KCS.

Proposed to be accepted by RW, seconded VG. C/U

**Election of the Board - Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and Ordinary Members:**

Nominations had been received and were available for the following positions due for re-election.

Vice President: Ruth Dunn

Past President: Frank Meumann

Secretary: Kerrie Collings-Silvey

Treasurer: Prue Bonifant

Ordinary Members: Di Nash, Hamish Wilson  
CQ called for nominations from the floor. None were offered. The above nominations were accepted. Carried/Unanimously.

**Motion to change the wording in a section of the BSANZ Constitution:**

Motion Presented:

That the wording in the Constitution be changed as follows:

REPLACE:

**20 Board**

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the board.
- (2) The board
  - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association (all BSANZ contracts must be approved by resolutions of the board and signed by the Chair of the board or the board's nominee); and
  - (b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and
  - (c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

WITH:

**20 Board**

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the board.
- (2) The board
  - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association, including

- i. Approval of policies and procedures;
- ii. Changing all policies, procedures and operational activities when necessary;
- iii. Approval of all BSANZ contracts, which are signed by the Chair of the board or the board's nominee

(b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and

(c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

CQ proposed the motion that the change to the wording to the constitution be accepted. The new wording was read out. Each person present had a copy of the Agenda with the new and old wording. A brief discussion ensued about the rationale for the change.

**Proposed CQ, seconded PL. C/U**

**Penny Love, Rebecca Wild and Venkatesh Govindiah were thanked for their contributions and attendance at the AGM.**

**The meeting closed at 12.00pm.**