Minutes of Meeting 2014.5 of the Council of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology held on Monday, 25th August 2014 in Room 104 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre commencing at 1.15pm

Council Members Present

Professor Alan Cass
A/Professor Jeffrey Barbara
Dr Katherine Barraclough
Professor Paolo Ferrari

Dr Murray Leikis
A/Professor David Mudge
A/Professor Nigel Toussaint
Dr Germaine Wong

ANZSN Secretarial Staff Present

Mrs Aviva Rosenfeld Executive Officer & Ms Anna Golebiowski – Administrative Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor Cass welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Council. An apology was recorded from Jonathan Craig.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Professor Cass explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to elect the office bearers for the next two years.

The positions to be filled were President Elect, Honorary Executive Officer (HEO) and Treasurer. The President Elect served on Council for two years before becoming President and the HEO was responsible for the day-to-day running of the Society. The Treasurer was responsible for overseeing all the financial aspects associated with running the Society.

Traditionally the person who was elected President Elect and/or HEO had already served on Council for two years although this was not a mandatory requirement. The President Elect could hold another position if they so wished.

2.1 President Elect
The position of President Elect was dealt with first and Professor Paolo Ferrari indicated that he was willing to take on the role of President Elect.

There being no other nominations Professor Ferrari was elected unopposed.

**2.2 Honorary Executive Officer**

The position of HEO was dealt with next. A/Professor Nigel Toussaint indicated that he was willing to be nominated for the position.

There being no other nominations A/Professor Toussaint was elected Honorary Executive Officer unopposed.

**2.3 Treasurer**

The position of Treasurer was then dealt with and A/Professor David Mudge indicated that he was willing to be nominated for the position.

There being no other nominations A/Professor Mudge was elected Honorary Treasurer unopposed.

3. **MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Professor Cass indicated that it was important that Council be adequately represented on subcommittees and that it was imperative to maintain and improve relationships with affiliate groups such as CARI and AKTN.

At present A/Professor Barbara was on DNT representing Council. A/Professor Gock was due to stand down early next year and Professor Cass indicated that he would be willing to replace him. Professor Robert Walker was now on DNT representing New Zealand interests and Dr Steve McTaggart also remained on DNT until the end of next year.

Dr Wong indicated that she would be willing to be the ANZSN representative on the Adult Medicine Division Council of the RACP.

Council members needed to consider what areas they would be happy to oversee as someone needed to be responsible for areas such as ‘awards’ and the website.

Council also needed to look at the Society’s presence in the region and work out ways to improve advocacy and engagement with groups in the region.
Action: Aviva Rosenfeld to advise the RACP that Alan Cass now President of ANZSN and that Council nominated Dr Germaine Wong to represent the Society on the AMDC in place of Professor Cass.

4. DATE FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting would be a face-to-face one and Council agreed that Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays would be the most suitable for everyone to attend. A Doodle poll would be sent out canvassing everyone’s availability in late October or early November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Professor Alan Cass
Incoming President

A/Professor Nigel Toussaint
Incoming Honorary Executive Officer