

SHARP Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 6 March 2009

Time: 12.30 – 1.15pm

Location: 41.104



Chair: Simon Reid

Minutes: Teesha Downton

Present: Chris Bentley, Angela Brady, Sarah Cremona, Theresa Crossing, Lewis Donovan, Teena Downton, Teesha Downton, Cameron Faricy, Amanda Francis, James Garrard, Jeremy Harris, Emma Harvey, Andrew Horne, Grace Hung, Stephen Jones, Hannah Jones, Kay Kent, Viktor Ko, Nikki Low, Sharon Maclure, Mary Olabisi, Bridget Plunkett, Christy Pope, Simon Reid, Tim Roach, Jason Stemp, Lydia van Ruremon, Brent Venning, Aggie Williams, Catherine Williams

Apologies: Zorica Tomovska, Ed White

A. Preliminary Business

(i) Opening and welcome

Simon, the president, welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced other 2009 SHARP committee members and explained briefly their roles – Kay Kent, administrator; Teena Downton, NRHSN (National Rural Health Students' Network) senior representative; Teesha Downton, Secretary; Amanda Francis, NRHSN RHSV (Rural High School Visits) Project Officer, and Ed White (apologies), Medicine representative.

A brief run-down of SHARP and its relationship with the NRHSN was also given and everyone was encouraged to visit the SHARP website for details on how to apply to go to the upcoming NURHC (National University Rural Health Conference) 09 in Cairns.

(ii) Apologies and attendance

SHARP members had the opportunity to record their attendance and become a member or renew their membership before and at the conclusion of the meeting. Apologies for the AGM were received from Zorica Tomovska and Ed White.

B. Elections

(i) Returning Officer

It was agreed that Kay would be the Returning Officer and charged with the conduct of the election which was held by secret ballot. The nominees were each invited to give a brief talk to everyone about their SHARP experiences and why they would like to be elected to particular position(s). Kay read Zorica's nomination on her behalf.

(ii) NRHSN Junior Representative

Three nominations were received for this position – Emma Harvey, Tim Roach and Zorica Tomovska. Emma Harvey was elected NRHSN Junior representative.

(iii) Nursing Representative

Two nominations were received for this position – Aggie Williams and Nikki Low. Aggie Williams was elected Nursing Representative.

(iv) Inter-disciplinary Allied Health Representative

Four nominations were received for this position – Stephen Jones, Tim Roach, Zorica Tomovska and Brent Venning. Brent Venning was elected Inter-disciplinary Allied Health Representative.

(v) Indigenous Health Representative

Two nominations were received for this position – Chris Bentley and Zorica Tomovska. Chris Bentley was elected Indigenous Health Representative.

Kay, the Returning officer, commented on the high standard of nominees and that each of the elections were very close. Simon congratulated the new members of the Committee on their election.

(vi) Extra SHARPIes for Working Parties

Simon encouraged SHARP members who would like to help out in working parties and be put in charge of something to let him know at the conclusion of the AGM. Sarah Cremona, Theresa Crossing, Lewis Donovan, Cameron Faricy, Jeremy Harris, Nikki Low, Sharon Maclure, Mary Olabisi, Christy Pope and Catherine Williams each put their names forward. Viktor Ko also put his name forward to help with computer matters.

C. Other business

(i) Upcoming SHARP activities

Simon and Kay highlighted the following SHARP events to members:

- Hills Hoist Seminar Series – prominent health leaders come and talk about what they do, their experiences, and what they are passionate about. The first of 3 seminars for 2009 is to be held at 6pm Mon 9 Mar at the GSM building.
- Annual SHARP bushdance – will be held in Diversity Week at 7pm Fri 27 Mar at the UniBar. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for others.
- UniCentre Cup – SHARP in 2009 will affiliate with Clubs and Societies and will be participating in the UniCentre Cup from 10am – 4pm Fri 27 Mar at URAC.
- Close the Gap Day – SHARP successfully hosted this event last year and will be involved again this year. The event will be on the Duckpond lawn on Thur 2 Apr.

Teesha encouraged everyone to regularly check the SHARP website for updates and more information.

(ii) Date of the next Committee meeting

Teesha will be in email communication with each of the committee members regarding dates for the next Committee meeting.