

NZAGS Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 2 July 2020 7.30pm

In Attendance: Julian Speight (Past-President), Rowan French (Vice-President), Andrew Moot, Peter Shapkov, Bronwen Evans (executive Director/Secretary), Vanessa Blair, Jasen Ly, Simon Bann (Chair NZBiGS), Mark Stewart, John Lengyel,

Apologies: Gowan Creamer, David Moss

2. Minutes of the previous meeting on AGM 28 May 2020

Does anyone wish to make any changes or corrections? No.
can anyone confirm the minutes are correct?

Proposed to accept the minutes Rowan French
seconded by Jasen Ly

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Discussion of the NZBiGS Name

It was noted that the College did mention looking at renaming some of the boards about 12 months ago, but recently John Biviano has said that is no longer the case. The Executive have decided to stay with the name NZBiGS, but if the College direction, or other specialties look at adopting a new name structure, NZAGS will move with everyone else. So the name remains NZBiGS for now.

3.2 ASM New Plymouth Update

In Nigel's absence Bronwen noted the programme is progressing with Nigel ensuring cultural and other diversity is recognized.

3.3 Do we have a F2F meeting in November or simply a Zoom Meeting

It was agreed that with nothing major on the agenda and the ongoing concerns with air-travel (even domestic) that probably wise to have a Zoom meeting.

3.4 Registrar Employment – Rowan French

The late selection process has hampered the timing of when registrars apply for posts as some would already know if they were getting onto the training programme, but at the moment they don't. This could cause an issue with registrars accepting jobs then once selection is completed, they then turn them down. May cause issues for the DHB's. Have to manage this as it arises.

Simon Bann's other issue is the SET 5 completion. What are the new fellows going to do in 2021 with no overseas fellowships. There are 20 odd finishing. Are their positions? For

other posts the DHB's have to have their financial plans in for 2021 July 1. A lot of people won't be moving on as they are not going abroad etc. So where will more surgeons go?

The Govt has offered more budget recovery money about \$250m to DHB's over COVID-19 could some of that be used to employ new fellows to help with elective back log.

Should we be communicating with DHB's that there will be a surplus of trained surgeons in 2021? We need an idea of numbers.

Action: Helen to Email to those finishing to ask what their plans are so we can see if there is going to be an issue. By the end of next week.

Action: Then draft a letter to DHB with details.

4. Reports

4.1 President Report – Graeme Roadley (not on the call)

4.2 Executive Director - Bronwen Evans

Organised the AGM and minutes. Only just got a quorum but Zoom decided to put a password on our meeting so that may have hindered people joining.

Conference is progressing.

Working with Meta Digital on a website backend fix. Instead of sending a reminder email to renew subs I've asked it to be changed to an actual invoice. At the moment I'm double loading in Xero.

4.3 Treasurer – Aleksandra Popadich (not on call)

Bronwen noted that Alek still has not got signing rights on the accounts as a form was submitted incomplete, but it's been chased up and Alek is on to it. Bronwen explained via email what she has to do. Thankfully Peter still has signing rights until Alek is on.

4.4 Training – Simon Bann (David is on call and operating)

Exams in Sept/October. Having to use all the retired examiners in NZ if bubble with Aussi is not open.

Selection is Sept 2 with a training day Sept 4. Applicants for training 51 – 2 not eligible and 1 withdrawn. We have about offering 12-14 that day and then a waiting list. We hold some places in case we get those on interruption decide to come back.

Jasen said that Waikato is trying to get another post. Peter states North Shore is looking for another post. It's been approved in principle but there is a funding issue with hospital management.

Andrew then stated that we need a GS Rep for the ANZ General Scholarship and Grant Committee – do we have an appropriate person on the NZBiGS that could be our liaison?

Simon stated that they have Greg O'Grady who has replaced Liz Dennett. Andrew will contact Greg.

5. Business Items

5.1 Management Report October 2019 – been read and received.

Bronwen made note that both Revenue and Expenditure will be down this year due to holding no conference.

Also heading to 0% or negative interest rates. Bronwen to create an investment strategy with options around what NZAGS should do with deposits. Look particularly at low risk (which will mean low return) options, especially needed if banks decide to charge for negative interest.

5.2 Conference 2022 – Date due to International Colorectal Conference Auckland Feb 2022

John Lengyel suggested that NZAGS look at other sub-specialty conferences that have been cancelled around the world due to Covid-19 and try to build a programme around those surgeons so they have something to spend their PD funds on.

It was decided NZAGS should continue with our own conference at it's usual time.

Action: Bronwen to talk to Gary Stone regarding programme mix.

5.3 Ratifying two new members

The Executive voted to ratify new members to the Executive Sarah Abbott and Bevan Jenkins.

5.4 Collaboration agreement

A note to let the Executive know that Bronwen and Claire have had the first meeting with Robert Dileva from the College. The College is rewriting the Collaboration agreements. They have completed one with AOA which will be shared and form the basis of all Collaboration Agreements.

5.4 Review Executive Member committee roles

Bronwen to distribute the document to each member to alter or add to.

6. General

6.1 Marianne Lil wants the NZAGS Executive to agree to provide the logo to the ANZ Con-Joint PBA's (DOPs) work. NZBiGS will decide whether to endorse the content of the PBAs but the Executive are minuting that NZAGS is happy to support with our logo.

The Executive noted that Marianne Lil is doing a great job in driving endoscopy DOPs of common content across all parties.

6.2 From July 19th 2020 ZOOM is insisting on 'passcodes' to get into any and all Zoom meetings. So, when Bronwen sends out the Zoom meeting links they will now also include a 'passcode' that you must enter to get access to the meeting.

6.3 Andrew Moot wanted to share that on the latest PDSB Meeting Agenda that he attended was approving the SET Supervisor of the year it's been award to NZer John Lengyel. Congratulations John and Bronwen will share that with members when appropriate.

The next meeting date in September is looking crowded on the 8th September due to Selection so looking at Tuesday 22nd September.

Meeting	<u>Proposed Dates</u>	Proposed Time	Where
Zoom	Tuesday, 22nd September 2020	7.30pm	Zoom
Zoom	Tuesday 24 th November 2020	7.30pm	Zoom
Zoom	Tuesday February 23 rd 2021	7.30pm	Zoom
Face to Face	Friday 26 th March 2021	9.30pm	F2F New Plymouth

Meeting closed at 8.30pm