

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ACT)
LIMITED (ACN 008 615 778) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2019
AT THE HOTEL REALM NATIONAL CIRCUIT BARTON, ACT COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr Antonio Di Dio, AMA (ACT) President welcomed members and guests to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

2. PRESENT:

President and chair: Dr Antonio Di Dio.

Directors: Prof Steve Robson, A/Prof Andrew Miller AM, Dr Iain Dunlop AM, A/Prof Jeff Looi, Dr Rashmi Sharma OAM and Dr Balaji Bikshandi.

Members: Drs Michael Rosier, Georgina Flanagan, Thomas Walker, Ian Brown, Richard Barry, Michael Gillespie, Rob Ilbery, Walter Abhayaratna, Peter French, Elizabeth Gallagher, Vida Viliunis, Maurizio Damiani, Douglas Randell, Ramila Varendran, Peter Hughes, John Donovan, Rajeev Jyoti, Alan Shroot, Jenny Ross, Jennifer Robertson, Virginia McAndrew, Suneel Chamoli, Jenny Weekes, Bill Coote, Stuart Berry, Chandi Perera, David Ashton, Ren Tan, Matthew Sellen and Rob Reid.

A quorum being present, the meeting proceeded.

In attendance: Peter Somerville, Tony Chase, Karen Fraser, Tanya Smith and Alison Hosking.

3. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:

Directors: Dr Suzanne Davey.

Members: Drs Michael Levy, Mike Seah, Caroline Luke, Jo Benson, Ian Gardner, Danielle Blake, Peter Brown, Lad Kalpeshkumar, Catherine Drummond, John Norgrove, Paul Burt, Andrew Gordon, Obafemi Idowu, Ian Jeffery, Peter Tait, Peter Warfe, John Petelczyc, Graeme Moller, Denise Kraus, and Charles Howse.

Invited guests: Ms Katy Gallagher, Mrs Mary Ann Rosier and Mr Bill Reid.

4. PROXIES:

No proxies were notified.

5. GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms Katy Gallagher, ALP Senate Candidate for the ACT addressed the meeting on ALP health policy for the upcoming election and her reflections on reform of the health system during her time as ACT Health Minister. At the conclusion of her address Ms Gallagher took questions.

Dr Di Dio thanked Ms Gallagher for her address and made a presentation to her.

6. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2018:

Dr Di Dio referred members to the minutes of the 2018 AGM as circulated. On the motion of Dr Hughes, seconded by Prof Robson, the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 9 May 2018 were confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT and REPORT OF THE AUDITOR: A/Prof Andrew Miller

Dr Miller referred members to the financial reports as circulated and presented in the Annual Report distributed to the meeting, together with his report to the members.

Dr Miller advised that for the 2018 financial year, the company recorded a deficit from continuing operations of \$15,636 (2017 result: deficit \$35,282). The previous year's deficit has been more than halved off the back of a small increase in revenue and closer attention to reducing costs.

Membership revenues have increased by \$18,759 to \$243,870. Sponsorship revenue has reduced to \$30,227. There has been an increase in sundry revenue from activities to \$13,768. Commission revenue has increased to \$3,695. This segment of revenue has remained relatively constant with changes and exchanges between related revenue streams.

Following the Financial Services Royal Commission our sponsors have indicated that the nature of our relationship may need to change. Obviously any legislative and regulatory changes flowing from the Royal Commission will potentially have an impact on our earning capacity, and the Board continues to keep these matters under review.

Company expenses have been pegged back to \$ 621,426, a cost saving of over \$ 10,000 compared with 2017. This saving has been achieved through a rationalisation of staffing at the same time as stepping up targeted services to members.

The MOU between AMA (ACT) and AMA Ltd continues to provide the structure for support to the Company in the form of rental and IT and other support. The Board is satisfied that this provides us with medium term security however we are aware of the strategic risk this arrangement presents and are prepared to reassess the situation.

Dr Miller thanked Tanya Smith, Corporate Accountant and CEO, Peter Somerville for their attention to the completion of the 2018 financial reporting requirements.

Dr Bikshandi moved that the Treasurer's report be received, seconded by Dr Shroot and carried unanimously.

Dr Miller advised members present of the auditor's report and A/Prof Looi moved the report be received, seconded by Dr Donovan and carried unanimously.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Dr Di Dio acknowledged the work of Prof Steve Robson, whose term as President concluded during the year and also noted and thanked Dr Liz Gallagher, who retired from the Board. Dr Di Dio reported that 2018 was a busy and somewhat unpredictable year for AMA (ACT) but one that proved ultimately successful as we sought to influence the health debate in the ACT. While there were ups and downs, the range of issues we were involved in demonstrated how

important it is for AMA (ACT) to continue to be a powerful voice on behalf of patients and the profession.

Issues included Doctors Health and mandatory reporting, issues around accreditation and Canberra Health Services and Hospital Doctors Enterprise Bargaining – having taken more than two years up to this point – and our focus on junior doctors.

Most importantly though, AMA (ACT) took a leading role in instigating and engaging with the Independent Review of ACT Public Healthcare Workplace Culture. AMA (ACT) had been instrumental in Minister Fitzharris' decision to establish the Independent review that focused on allegations of bullying, poor culture and sub-optimal administration.

The recommendations include a range of actions that dealt with clinical engagement, cultural change, better integration with the university and non-government sectors, opportunities for junior staff to broaden their experience, training leaders and preparing the next generation of those leaders, better human resource practices including in recruitment and, crucially, implementation of the recommendations.

AMA (ACT) continues to be part of a formal group, chaired by the Health Minister, to oversight the implementation of the Review's recommendation.

Dr Di Dio thanked his colleagues on the AMA (ACT) Board, the secretariat staff and all AMA (ACT) members.

10. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO 50 YEAR MEMBERS: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Dr Thomas Walker was presented with his 50-year certificate.

50 Year members - Drs Andrzej Rososinski, Gary Morris, Graeme Moller and Ian Jeffery were acknowledged and their apologies noted.

11. PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Dr Di Dio announced that the 2018 award was to be made to Dr Michael Rosier.

Dr Rosier's citation reads:

'For outstanding service to the health of the ACT community and the medical profession in the areas of paediatrics and specialist medical care.

Dr Michael Rosier's longstanding commitment to the health of children and their families marks him apart as a medical practitioner with a singular dedication to his patients and the practice of medicine in the ACT.

Whether it has been through his work as a consultant paediatrician in the ACT community and into the broader regions of southern New South Wales, his service in neo-natal intensive care or through his dedicated efforts in educating medical students, young doctors, nurses and other health workers, Dr Rosier is an outstanding example of what it is to be a medical practitioner.

Michael John Rosier graduated from the University of NSW in 1982 and then trained at the Prince Henry Hospital Sydney and the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital. He was awarded

his FRACP in 1989 and commenced in private paediatric practice in Canberra in 1990.

In those early years Dr Rosier played a key role, along with Dr Tim McDonald, in providing neo-natal intensive care services to the Canberra region – a vital commitment that extended until 1996. His exemplary service during this time is well remembered by patients and colleagues alike.

During this same period, as Dr Rosier's private and public practice grew, he set about establishing outreach clinics in southern NSW that saw the service expand to towns such as Bombala, Cooma and Moruya and draw patients from an area extending as far south as the New South Wales and Victoria border.

From the start of his practice in Canberra, Dr Rosier has shown a keen interest in educating young doctors and other health professionals. Following the establishment of the ANU Medical School, he extended his teaching role to medical students, including giving many students the valuable opportunity to observe consultations occurring in both his public and private practice.

Dr Rosier's outstanding work as a consultant paediatrician and his dedication to educating succeeding generations of medical practitioners demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to the ACT community, his colleagues and the profession.

He is an outstanding medical professional who has served his community with distinction and excellence.'

Dr Rosier responded to the award by reflecting on his early days in Canberra and thanked his colleagues from those days. He pointed out that paediatric practice had changed in many ways over the 30 years since he first arrived in Canberra.

While noting a shift away from VMOs providing services to the public system, he believed that private paediatric practice still has a pivotal role in the provision of paediatric services in the ACT.

Dr Rosier thanked Dr Di Dio for the award and referred to the important link he believes the AMA provides between those practitioners who may feel disengaged and those in decision making roles.

Finally, Dr Rosier paid tribute to his family and the encouragement and support they had provided to him at all times.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING: Dr Di Dio

Dr Di Dio closed the meeting and thanked all those in attendance – board members, other members and staff for their efforts over the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.