



Draft MINUTES

GPTA Ltd Annual General Meeting (General Practice Supervisors Australia)

Date: Thursday 30 September 2021

Time: 8:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Zoom - online meeting

ATTENDEES – Dr Nicole Higgins, Dr Kevin Arlett, Leonie Chamberlain, Dr Gerard Connors, Dr Frank Maldari, Dr Columbine Mullins, Dr Madhu Tamilarasan, Mr. Geoff Wilson, Mr Glen Wallace, Karen Andrews, Mr Greg Stehl, Ms Samia Toukhsati, Mr Kelvin Wong, Dr Naomi Jupp, Dr Andrew Rogger-Rogger, Dr Nicholas Zwar, Dr John Vaughan, Dr Grant Connoley, Dr Layla Yasmeen, Dr Hiwa Qool, Georgina van de Water, Dr Janice Bell, Dr Sarah Gani, Dr Ken Hazelton, Dr Esther Winn, Dr Elena Mirmilstein, Dr Janice Coleman, Dr Steven Kaye, Dr Kenneth McCroary, Dr Sara Fergusson

1. Apologies

Apologies received from – Dr Justin Coleman, Dr Katrina McLean, Dr Robert Campbell, Dr Elizabeth Kennedy, Dr Frank Jones, Dr Rolf Tsui, Dr Jason Rajakulendran, Dr Dennis Pashen, Dr Aline Smith, Nina Aubin, Dr Scott Finlayson, Dr Hubert van Doorn, Dr Martia Long, Dr Bruce Willett, Dr Kanwal Kashif, Dr Rory Melville, John Nicholson, Dr Robin Kaye, Dr Alireza Heidarian, Dr Abu Kabir, Dr Sydney Paul, Dr Amena Azizi, Dr Andrew Ladham, Dr Cormac Carey, Dr Ahmed Kareem,

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted

MOVED: Ms Leonie Chamberlain

SECONDED: Mr Geoff Wilson



2. Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting (Minutes of the Annual General meeting held via Zoom, Wednesday 2 September 2020)

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2 September 2020 GPTA Ltd AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MOVED: Dr Gerard Connors

SECONDED: Ms Leonie Chamberlain

3. Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Company Auditors report and financial accounts were provided with the board papers within the requisite timeframe to all members prior to the AGM.

GPSA FARMG Committee Chair, Ms Leonie Chamberlain provided the members present an overview of the company financials for the 2020 financial year.

Ms Leonie Chamberlain opened the floor to questions from the attendees.

Questions raised by the attendees: Nil

MOTION: That the auditors and directors report to 31 December 2020 with financials be accepted.

MOVED: Dr Gerard Connors

SECONDED: Dr Kevin Arlett

For: All

Against: Nil

4. Annual Report – GPTA Ltd Chair, Dr Nicole Higgins

Dr Nicole Higgins provided the members present an overview of GPSA's achievements during the 2020/21 financial year. Dr Higgins thanked the GPSA Board and staff for their work over the year. Dr Higgins acknowledged the funding from the Australian Government under the Australian General Practice Training Program.



Dr Nicole Higgins opened the floor to questions from the attendees
The following questions were received from the members present:

Dr Janice Bell raised a question:

Supervisors are feeling extreme fatigue due to a variety of complex issues. These issues would be creating additional pressures, challenges, risks and opportunities for GPSA. How do you see the role of GPSA and measure your influence in ensuring our supervisors are well looked after in the lead up to and beyond the transition?

Dr Nicole Higgins responded:

Supervisors and training practices are tired with the added uncertainty of change and the changing COVID-19 pandemic environment.

GPSA has raised all of the relevant issues with the Australian Government and advocates with the Australian Government for all GP Supervisors in relation to a number of issues. GPSA has raised concerns in relation to General Practice Workforce and the added pressures and complexities on training practices and supervisors with having GP registrars and ensuring the nationally consistent payments does not undervalue supervisors and leave our supervisors worse off.

GPSA meets with the National Covid Primary Care Immunisation Advisory Committee and has been advocating for supervisors in relaying the challenges associated with COVID-19, the fatigue and the additional workload on practices, General Practice Supervisors and General Practitioners.

GPSA is currently undertaking a number of research projects:

- Conflict in General Practice;
- why women supervise;
- Victorian Rural Generalist Practice, supervision roadmap and enablers for remote supervision;
- COVID-19 survey. The survey was published in 2020 and has now been cited over 20 times
- Published GPCLE,
- GP Supervisor of the year project.
- Methods of supervision.

Naomi Jupp raised a question:

As GPSA sits on the TCLTAC committee in relation to transition to college led training. We are very concerned that we do not know or understand what the transition looks like. As we are less than 18 months from the transition, do you have any idea when we are going to get information and a clear pathway and blueprint of what the transition will look like and what college led training will look like? The uncertainty is adding to supervisors fatigue and vulnerabilities, there is a risk of supervisors and training practices not wanting to continue into 2023.

Dr Nicole Higgins responded:



GPSA has expressed concerns to the Department of Health and is continuing to ask for the details. GPSA continues to advocate for supervisors and practices and has voiced concern about a possible conscription model whereby registrars will be placed. Conditional support has been

provided, however the conditional support is dependant on the detail of the transition.

Sara Ferguson raised a question:

Supervisors and Registrars are reporting increasing concerns with regard to staff and also patients who are refusing COVID 19 vaccination

GPSA has been responding to queries from practices. There are a large number of resources and information available online to support practices with this issue. Advant has recently advised it is highly unlikely anyone trying to protest against getting the COVID-19 vaccination will be successful. The Colleges have also publicly supported mandatory vaccination.

MOTION: That the Annual Report be accepted:

MOVED: Dr Gerard Connors

SECONDED: Dr Madhu Tamarasan

5. Elections of Directors for 2021/2022

The returning officer Mr Glen Wallace, Company Secretary and CEO declared all vacated or board positions retiring on a two year basis as vacant, leaving three positions vacant.

Dr Kevin Arlett, Dr Frank Maldari and Dr Columbine Mullins all nominated for vacant positions. No election required.

MOTION: The three valid nominees received being equal to the number of Director positions available be confirmed by the membership as elected uncontested.

MOVED: Dr Gerard Connors

SECONDED: Ms Leonie Chamberlain

For: All

Against: Nil



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6. Questions from Members

The meeting was opened up to the attendees for questions.

The following questions were received: Nil

7. Close of meeting 8:39pm