



HISTOTECHNOLOGY SOCIETY of NSW

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at North Ryde RSL Club

1st August 2014 at 6.30 pm

- THE MEETING:** Opened at 6.40 pm with Trevor Hinwood in the Chair
- PRESENT:** 38 people present
- APOLOGIES:** Simon Flecknoe, Dominic Singh, Lin parks & Grace Smitherst
- MINUTES:** The previous meetings minutes were taken as read.
Bill Sinai proposed that they be accepted
Seconded – Di Reader

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising from the Minutes

CHAIR REPORT: Trevor Hinwood presented the Annual Report as below.

Chairman's Report, AGM, August, 2014.

Last year's report indicated we were finalising incorporation with " NSW Fair Trading ". We are pleased to report that incorporation was granted on the 3rd of December 2013. Our association name is the " Histotechnology Society of NSW Incorporated " [incorporation number INC 1301499]. With incorporation there is increased governance which is a good thing for non profit organisations such as ours.

During the past year we held six presentations:

- At our Annual General Meeting our guest speaker was Lawrence Young from Dako. Lawrence gave an entertaining presentation " The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Laboratory ". A unique presentation of travels, visiting and observing histotechnology in practice in more than 50 countries around the world. [32 people attended]
- In September we held a one day workshop on " Cryotomy and frozen section technique " at the Granville TAFE laboratories. This was a practical guide to good frozen section technique and was presented by Tony Henwood and helpers. Many attended [approx. 30]. Several companies also assisted making the day a great success. Assistance also from Granville TAFE staff.
- November saw our second 1 day workshop at Granville TAFE on " Light Microscopy ". This was held in conjunction with the " Microscopical Society of NSW ", who provide four presenters. Topics covered included; techniques, optimization, photography, measurement, slides/coverglasses and basic maintenance. Assistance was also provided by the laboratory staff. Some 14 attendees, a busy and worthwhile day.
- Our Christmas celebrations evening in November at North Ryde RSL had a good attendance of 42 people with a presentation on " Astronomy in Antarctica ". Michael Ashley from astrophysics at the University of NSW, showed amazing photos of the Universe. Michael also described the setting up of a terahertz telescope in one of the most remote points of the Antarctic Plateau [altitude 4,000 metres and a temperature of -42 degrees centigrade.

- In April we had a presentation on “ Pituitary Tumours “ at DHM, presented by Dr Ann Mc Cormack, staff Specialist Endocrinology, St Vincent’s Hospital. It covered the prevalence, symptoms, quality of life, Histology, control, “ WHO “ criteria, immunohistochemistry and sequencing technology.
- The State Conference in May in country “ Orange “ NSW [Friday the 16th to Sunday the 18th]. The “ immunohistochemistry wet workshop on the Friday presented by Tony Henwood and helpers had 25 attendees and was a great success with all participants obtaining results. Thank you to Dako for their support.

Conference registrations were 109 attendees which was very encouraging for a country venue. Our conference dinner at the award winning “ Highland Heritage Estate “ had 112 attendees, a great night with Tony Henwood and Anne Prins winning the best “ Colours of Orange “ attire. The speakers and topics were well received. We need to thank the committee for the many hours of work involved in organising this as well as the staff of the Orange Ex Services Club, the trade companies [13 exhibitors] and staff at the “ Highland Heritage Estate “.

- Anne Prins and Penny Whippy held several of their popular ‘ Surgical Cut Up Workshops at the Canberra Institute. They do a tremendous job and need to be recognised for their work. They are supported by our Histotechnology Society framework and Arthur Bailey Surgico and Australian Biostains.

Work continues on improving our website. Facebook is now in use and is proving a popular way of communicating with members. Pay Pal was put on hold while we organised a new Treasurer following Alicine’s move to Queensland. With Fred Reader coming on board as Treasurer this year we will be able to finalise arrangements with Pay Pal enabling payments to be made by credit card.

The “ Histogram “ is now being prepared by Linda Gomes and helpers and Linda is looking for information/articles for future editions. Linda would be grateful for any information you can send. Thank you to Linda and Tony for the work you put into the “ Histogram “ as well as the companies who support it with advertisements.

Thank you also to the Companies who continue to support our Society in many ways. Douglas Hanley Moir Pathology for their support in making rooms available for committee meetings/ night time presentations and being a base for us to work from preparing for the Orange Conference. We would also like to thank Granville TAFE for making their laboratories available for workshops and providing support with their staff.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention Bharathi and Kathy who have put many hours of their time into our Society this year as well as the rest of the committee. This year has been a busy year with the State Conference and everyone has worked together as a team to give us another successful year.

For those who have not renewed their membership, this is now due. Please do this as soon as possible.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming year.

Trevor Hinwood
Chairperson.
Histotechnology Society of NSW.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Trevor Hinwood and Fred Reader presented the Treasurer’s Report as attached. Please see the attachments.

The current committee stood down

The following nominations were received for the positions:

- Chair: Trevor Hinwood
- Secretary: Bharathi Cheerla
- Assistant Secretary: Katherine Wells
- Treasurer: Fred Reader
- Website Coordinator: Simon Flecknoe
- Editor: Linda Prasad
- Assistant Editor: Tony Henwood
- Country Representatives: Anne Prins
Penny Whippy
- Student Representatives: Aldo Quintanilla
Jonathan Mayer
Cristina Antonio
Momoko Sakaki
- Trade Representatives: Natalie Fennell
Robyn White
Mark Mullin
- Committee: Bill Sinai
Grant Taggart
Dianne Reader
Leah Simmons
Jacky Mayfield

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All nominations for the above positions were accepted and members duly elected.

Julie Bilkey proposed that they be accepted and Angelina Li seconded.

Committee has been extended to 21 and in constitution we take out the limit of 12 and will leave it to committee to decide the number as required and down the track a sub-committee will be formed as there is no limit for sub- committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

There was no general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:15 pm.