

2004 ADSNA AGM President's report

The 2nd year of my term as President has proved to be even more challenging than the first as the role has increased as the profile of ADSNA continues to increase. This is a tribute to the many over the years who have had the vision and worked tirelessly to get us to this stage.

The commitment with the organisation of the National conference has been my largest time commitment. Finally, the ADSC allowed us to have more input into the organisation, which has been very positive for our members. However, the time involved for Celia, Michelle and me was far more than ever anticipated. Involvement in future organizing committees need to be carefully balanced to ensure this time commitment is more evenly distributed.

I have also had many speaking engagements as President:

- Ausmed Melbourne
- Ausmed Adelaide
- Ausmed Brisbane
- College of Nursing, Sydney
- Melbourne University Post Grad peri-op course
- WA state conference
- National Conference

This, together with my commitments with ADSC meetings, Peri-op project and ACHS advisory group, has meant that this role is now a very large, high profile role which requires many hours and flexibility with work commitments.

As an organisation, I consider the following as particular achievements.

- Increase in members
- Journal: how impressive are they?
- Huge input into national conference
- Increase in Guideline sales
- Distribution of the Best Practice Information supplements to all ADSNA members throughout Australia with a letter outlining the next stage of the research, which the Victorian Day Surgery group have initiated.
- 2 International members and more contact with nurses from Hong Kong and New Zealand
- Affiliated members of the College of Nursing
- Progress with affiliated members of the Royal College of Nursing

I acknowledge and thank the committee members who have worked so tirelessly to assist with these achievements. However, I am conscious that the work load is not evenly distributed. ADSNA should be about the whole committee and every state and therefore, it is imperative that every member who attends the meeting has a role to play or delegates to another state member in order for this organisation to remain truly national. I acknowledge that we are all very busy people in our work place and family life and ask everyone to spend time at the state level to plan how this could be achieved.

At the last AGM, I spoke about needing to delegate some of my roles. I am particularly grateful to Teena for taking over the distribution of the guidelines so seamlessly, Fiona becoming more

involved with the marketing role, and to Celia and Jackie for standing in as minute secretary since Debbie's resignation.

I must acknowledge the huge support I receive from my family in this role. It has been a very tough 1st year without Josh but I'm very proud of my husband and 2 children who have continued to strive for the goals they set out for 2004 and very grateful for their support with my commitments, both at Linley and with ADSNA at state and National level. My directors have also been supportive of my various commitments and my Unit Manager has enjoyed the chance to step up as Acting DON in my absence.

Finally, after much consideration and negotiating with my family, I am willing to stand for re-nomination for another 2 years as President. However, should there be another committee member who would like the chance to serve as President for the next term, I would be very willing to assist and support them in this role.

Thank you,

Wendy Adams
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