

2005 ADSNA AGM
President's report

The 1st year of my 2nd term as President has been another challenging but rewarding year. Once again, the profile of ADSNA continues to increase. I really appreciated spending time with founding committee members over the last couple of days and hearing about the struggle to become a national group and encouraging to hear their positive feedback about our achievements to date.

Once again I thank those on the national committee and state committees who have worked tirelessly in the background. Although we all have a role to play as a committee member, I would like to particularly acknowledge the tireless work that Celia Leary and Michelle Birks have put into the journals, Maralyn Hutchinson as Treasurer, Jackie Hurley keeping the Data base under control and Teena Brush as secretary and guidelines distribution.

In addition, I would like to thank and farewell outgoing members, Jan Britten, Lily Ting and Cathy Cross. Jan and Lily have both recorded and typed up the minutes for the 5 meetings and Cathy's enthusiasm at state level, her fabulous catering and her contribution to journal articles will be missed.

What have we achieved in the past year? In summary:

- Another 3 journals of outstanding quality
- The completion and distribution of the Best Practice guidelines for Patient Education
- Review and distribution of the Best Practice guidelines for Discharge.
- The Special General meeting held on August 27th, 2005 to accept the draft constitution in order for ADSNA to be incorporated.
- Representation on ACHS Clinical Indicators
- Financial support in order for me to represent ADSNA at the IAAS meeting in Spain

What have I been doing? Once again, my role has been time consuming and involved many commitments. I have been involved in the following

- Chairing and presenting at the 6th International Congress for Ambulatory Surgery, Seville Spain in April 2005
- Representative on ADSC
- Appointment as convenor of the 7th Australasian Day Surgery conference, 2006
- Member of the organizing committee for the 8th International Congress for Ambulatory Surgery in Brisbane, 2009
- Member of working party for the Peri-operative workforce in Australia project

- Member of an Advisory group for a simplified EQUiP framework for Day Procedure Centres
- Key note speaker at the Ausmed Orthopaedics Conference in Melbourne, May 2005
- Liaising with the ANF lawyers to complete the draft constitution and submit it to the Department of Fair Trading
- Liaising with the Royal College of Nursing in order to be becoming corporate members of the RCNA and a Provider of Endorsed Courses in order for our members to accrue Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) points if they are enrolled in the RCNA Life Long Learning Program (3LP).
- Speaking at the ADSA conference this week and networking with as many people as I could in order to ensure that ADSNA was accurately represented and not “swallowed up” by ADSA.
- Attending the state conferences in SA and Vic (Unfortunately, I have not been able to travel to all of the state conferences this year which has been disappointing. Western Australia’s conference was a week after the International conference and QLD and NSW both had their conferences on the same day.)

It is a concern to me that the time and financial commitment continues to increase for the President as the profile of ADNSA continues to grow. Fortunately, my change in working commitments does enable me to be more flexible in order for me to make appointments during business hours and travel and attend teleconferences during the day. Because I am going into the 2nd year of my 2nd term, I am conscious that we need to start thinking about the appointment of the next President. It does need to be someone that is contactable during the day, not tied up in the clinical setting, and able to put aside an average of ½ day per week (not including the time required to be convenor of the national conference). In addition, we need to look at delegating the role even further. Ideally, I would like to have a “President-elect” appointed who I can start delegating and introducing around in order for a seamless handover. I encourage you to think seriously about this amongst yourselves or potential candidates from our state committees. We certainly can’t leave this until just before the next AGM.

On a positive note, I am really looking forward to the next year. Working with the new committee, putting the new Constitution into place, the 7th Australasian Day Surgery Conference and our affiliation with the Royal College of Nursing will be a significant next step in ADSNA’s history.

Thank You

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