

AGM 2006

President report

This past year has been an exciting and very fulfilling year with many achievements. It commenced with the confirmation that ADSNA had finally become an incorporated association which became effective on January 5th, 2006.

We then received news that we were successful in becoming affiliated with the Royal College of Nursing with a discounted price for RCNA annual membership for 2006/2007. This has complimented our affiliation with the College of Nursing, NSW.

My involvement (representing ADSNA) with the peri-operative working party finished after we finalised the draft in January 2006 before it was submitted to the government. However, it is disappointing that this report has still not been released to the public as we identified many important issues which will effect staffing of day surgery centres throughout the country in the next 10 years.

My abstract to speak at the National RCNA conference this year was accepted and I headed off to Cairns to speak about the research that has occurred in Victoria and the pilot studies that were planned for the later part of this year. As the profile of ADSNA increases in Australia, so does the invitation for ADNSA to be represented on various government projects and other committees. This has resulted in the position of President to have become more and more time consuming. Therefore, the role of Vice President (rather than President Elect) was introduced and Helen Taylor (Tasmanian State rep) has become the first Vice President which has already assisted me tremendously in the past few months. She represented ADSNA at the Western Australia conference in March and Victorian conference in July. I represented ADSNA at the TORN conference in March and the Queensland State conference in June.

There have been two more Best Practice Guidelines released this year, Paediatric Guidelines and Pain Management Guidelines, which totals 8 altogether since 1999. Once again, I wish to thank all those who have been involved in these guidelines, referencing, proof reading, invoicing, and distributing. A special mention must be made to Trudy Maunsell who wrote the Pain Management guidelines with assistance from Teena Brush. This meant that the committee only needed to proof read rather than develop them from scratch. The International Association for Ambulatory Surgery has marked their 10th year anniversary with a 346 page hard back, giving an international overview of all aspects of day surgery with 41 contributors from Europe, United Kingdom, USA, Canada and Australia. ADSNA was fortunate to have the opportunity to purchase

and import a limited number of these books and therefore the only Australian distributor. This should assist with financing the ADSNA meetings and initiatives.

Finally, my biggest commitment this year has been the role of convener for the 7th Australasian Day Surgery Conference. It was certainly a first for a nurse to be invited to be a Convener of a multi disciplinary conference and has put ADSNA up on the map both nationally and internationally.

It has been a privilege to work with a dedicated team and I thank the many members who have supported me in my role as President over the past year. In particular, I would like to wish Mary Tricker all the very best upon her retirement from the ADSNA committee. She has not only been President for 2 years including the commencement of the application for incorporation as and association, but also an important contributor to the Discharge guidelines as well as representing ADSNA at many interstate and international meetings. There have been two special people who have worked tirelessly to produce our journal over the past four years, Celia Leary as Editor and Michelle Birks as Sub editor (retiring from ADSNA committee). I wish Michelle all the best as she enjoys being a mother to her 2 young children, Tom and Kate. I am grateful to Celia for remaining on the ADSNA council and Board of Management for another 12 months which will assist us with a smooth transition between editors.

Our challenge in the next year is succession planning. There are a number of us on the council/management committee of who have held the same positions for many years and we need to discuss this with our states to ensure that future representatives are able to replace those of us who will not be on the committee for ever.

Thank you

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