
DSSIG (A.N.F.) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been my second year as President and it has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated committee. They have been very hard working and have demonstrated their commitment to day surgery nursing many times throughout the year. We moved our committee meetings from the ANF building during refurbishments, to the 28th floor in the Docklands where we have developed a relationship with the local pizza delivery boy. Continuing to meet in a central location has meant that we have committee members from all over the metropolitan area.

Every year the committee puts together an extensive educational program and this year has been no exception. We continue to be endorsed as a provider for CNE points on behalf of the Royal College of Nurses, which has meant that all meetings attract CNE points. This appears to be a popular initiative with many members citing points as a reason for attending our sessions.

Our Combined Groups Seminars and Twilight meetings continue to be very popular with the need to restrict numbers to comply with OH & S requirements at the various venues. This has caused disappointment for some of our members who have not been able to attend so please take note of RSVP dates to avoid disappointment. The future of Combined Groups seminars is yet to be determined as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find dates that suits all 4 groups. We welcome your feedback today.

Darren Johnston and I represent you all on the national committee. Once again, the national Journal, with Darren as our editor, has proven a success and we have had a number of articles submitted from Victorian nurses. Congratulations and thank-you for representing Victoria so well!

Our research project continued to progress with the latest update being presented at our 12th Annual State conference. This has been a vision of the previous committees and I would like to acknowledge the past presidents, Michelle Birks and Priscilla Guy for their initiative and perseverance with this.

Linda Evans continues to be the most amazing support for all our administration. We could not do what we do with such a large number of members without her tireless work and support. Every newsletter, every flyer, every receipt is printed by her so thank you so much. We have no committee members stepping down this year with 2 committee members joining us in the last few months.

I would like to thank the ANF for their continuing support. Our liaison officer Catherine Hutchings and her assistant, Vanessa Standfield are always at the end of the phone for queries and questions. Finally, I would like to thank you, our members, for your ongoing support commitment and encouragement. This job is made easier knowing that you appreciate the work done. The workload is lighter with your enthusiastic support.

Thank-you

Wendy Adams,

DSSIG (ANF Vic)President

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure to work with Wendy and the other committee members who have worked tirelessly in their own time to ensure that our members receive such quality education sessions, state conference, articles in the national journals and contribution to the ADSNA Best Practice Guidelines.

Membership continues to be strong. Once again, Linda Evans has been a great support with maintaining the database. Thank you Linda! There are 7 life members and 187 financial members on our database at present with up to 197 yet to renew for 2009-2010 (at time of printing). Because of ADSNA's incorporation rules, any members who are not financial, will not be considered an ADSNA member and will not receive the national day surgery journal. (as well as other mail outs from the state level) If you know anyone in your workplace who has not renewed, please encourage them to do so.

Judy continues to be responsible for our mail outs during the year. Linda sends her the address labels and we drop off the various "goodies" which need to be mailed out. Once again, we thank the ANF for their contribution and support of our mail outs.

It has been a privilege to document the decisions, preparation and hard work that goes into all the activities that we provide. I look forward to continuing on in the DSSIG committee.

Darren Johnston
DSSIG (ANF Vic) Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

All financial reports are generated by MYOB and audited by Masterpiece Consulting. The DSSIG bank balance of 30th June 2009 was \$17,743.56, deemed true and correct by our auditor. It is difficult to compare the balance with previous years because of timing issues with cash flow due to the change of date for our conference from July to September. Conference income for this year's conference did not get banked in the last financial year and yet we had paid printing costs and deposits to The Hilton.

We have had a busy financial year giving a collaborative grant for "Evaluation of preadmission care in day surgery patients undergoing cataract surgery", and sponsorship for members to attend professional conferences, nationally and internationally. We have also purchased a laptop, MYOB software and a laser colour printer to assist with the administration of the special interest group.

The DSSIG has kept the membership fees static for the past 10 years offering at least 2 Twilight Education Meetings per year and 3 Combined Groups seminars per year at no additional cost to our members, despite the costs involved with catering and at times, venue hire. In addition, \$25 per member is paid to the national body, ADSNA to assist with funding the running costs of both the association and the journal that our members receive 3 times per year. A small administration fee per member is paid to Linda Evans for all the work that she does with invoicing, receipting and data entering on MYOB.

However, with the continual increase of costs and fees globally, the committee finds it difficult to manage DSSIG at this level and remain financially viable. Therefore, after much deliberation the DSSIG Executive Committee has decided that rather than charging for the twilight meetings and combined seminars, Membership fees and renewals will increase for membership for the financial year 2010-2011.

The following fee structure is as follows

- New Membership (ANF members): \$75
- New Membership (non ANF members): \$85
- Membership Renewals (ANF members): \$65
- Membership Renewals (non ANF members): \$75

Finally, I would like to thank Linda for all her assistance and the DSSIG Committee members for volunteering their time and efforts to help run and co ordinate all meetings. Without their tireless input we, as a group, would not benefit.

Jo Adams

DSSIG (ANF Vic) Treasurer