

AUSTRALASIAN REHABILITATION NURSES ASSOCIATION
NSW / ACT Chapter AGM Meeting held on

Friday 30 July 2010
Dooleys at Silverwater

AGM Meeting Minutes (Confirmed)

Start 6.55 pm
Finish 7.25 pm

1. **Present** – Gillian Garrett (Chair), Pam Chen, Sui Lin Lui, Conception B Vaz, Linda Aiken, Joe de Jesus, Kate O'Reilly, Bridget Lingane, Sandra Lever, Jessica Taviera, Mary Lewis-Jones, Gail Teale-Sinclair, Amanda Buzio (minutes)
2. **Apologies** – Penelope Kearney, Maureen Brereton
3. **Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting 24 July 2009** – Confirmed Sandra Lever, seconded by Joe de Jesus
4. **Business of the previous minutes**
 - 4.1 Monitoring the ARNA website – Monitoring has occurred by the committee and the website has been upgraded with improvements noted.
5. **Financial Report**
 - Chapter account currently stands at \$12,031.50 (awaiting capitation fees and sponsorship fees from March 2010 Study Day).
6. **President's Report**
 - ARNA NSW/ACT Chapter membership currently stands at 74 individuals and 9 corporate members. Individual memberships down from last year. Members asked to encourage colleagues to join. It is hoped that the requirements for the new National Registration will encourage more rehab nurses to join ARNA.
 - No scholarships awarded this past year.
 - The Study Day held in March this year was very well attended with 55 attendees. Many well received presentations occurred including a half day workshop on Teaching and Coaching presented by Julie Pryor.
 - ARNA has been represented nationally by the ARNA National Committee on two committees – AROC (Sandra Lever is rep) and CONNO (Amanda Buzio is NSW rep).
 - Sandra reported that AROC are currently reviewing the databases and data collection protocols and they have invited feedback from all rehabilitation providers. Sandra encouraged all members to look out for information relating to this and to contribute where appropriate.
 - ARNA National Committee have joined a national alliance, instigated by AFRM, to contribute to the development of a National Strategy for rehabilitation.

7. New Business / Other Discussions

7.1 NSW Health Rehabilitation Service Model of Care review in NSW – ARNA NSW/ACT were invited to participate and Sandra Lever was voted by the committee to act as our representative. DoH have provided funding to review models, outcomes, staffing etc. Multidisciplinary working party/committee are developing a tender plan document where suitable organisations will be invited to implement the project. This projects if likely to have a significant impact on the future of rehabilitation services within NSW.

ACTION – Sandra to provide report to Chapter Committee each meeting for inclusion in minutes which will be uploaded to the website. Sandra would also like to set up an email group of members who are interested in contributing with ideas and feedback when required. Interested members should contact Sandra at Royal Rehab.

7.2 The committee informed members they they have decided to run future study days during March each year, with a separate AGM information evening during July. Therefore, next years Study Day has been tentatively scheduled for March 18th 2011, at the Epping Club. Information will be distributed closer to the time.

8. New Committee Elections

Committee members

Jessica Taveira - Nominated by Sandra Lever, seconded Amanda Buzio– elected unopposed

Joe de Jesus - Nominated by Sandra Lever, seconded Amanda Buzio – elected unopposed

Bridget Lingane - Nominated by Sandra Lever, seconded Amanda Buzio – elected unopposed

Gillian invited additional committee member nominees from the floor as one committee position remains vacant – nil proposed

9. Next Meeting Date – TBA