



New South Wales Society of Nuclear Medicine Scientists

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020/21

DATE: Wednesday 8th September 2021

VENUE: Virtual Zoom Meeting

SPONSORED BY:

TIME: 8pm

OPENED: 8pm

ATTENDANCE: **Committee:** Belinda Mulholland, Brendan Mulcahy, Melissa Shields, Sue Meikle, Belinda Vaughan, Nicole Kearney, Tahne Watson, Peter Kench
Members per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Jennifer Fischer

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES:

Held 28th Nov 2019 – The Sydney Adventist Hospital

Accepted: Belinda Mulholland

Seconded: Melissa Shields

BUSINESS ARISING:

Presidents Report: (Belinda Mulholland presented by Brendan Mulcahy)

- **Meetings for the year:**
01/04/20 – Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19. Presentation available on website -“Supersize My PET” by Prof Steven Meikle
08/09/21 – Online Zoom Meeting – “The Painful Prosthesis” by Dr Stephen Allwright from The Mater Imaging Nuclear Medicine & PET Dept.
- Corporate Sponsors to be acknowledged: Getz Healthcare, GE Healthcare, Global Medical Solutions and Radpharm.
- Our goal was to provide valuable CPD and educational opportunities for our members. Whilst holding scientific meetings was a challenge we continued to provide an online CPD package.
- As there were no meetings held in 2020, the 2021 NSW Radpharm Award was not held. An opportunity was given to

Technologists to submit & present a Radpharm entry via a virtual meeting to be held in March 2021, however no entries were submitted. Thus NSW was not represented for the Radpharm Award at the ANZSNM 51st ASM. We are calling for entries to the 2022 NSW Radpharm Award to be held via a virtual meeting on Wednesday 24th Nov 21.

- The society sponsors a clinical prize for the Universities each year. The winner from CSU for 2019 was Catriona Stevenson and for 2020 was Hayley Smith. The winner for Newcastle for 2019 was Megan Shepherd and for 2020 was Ruby Hardy.
- Another role of the society besides providing educational opportunities for our members is also to represent them in our profession. AHPRA reviewed its professional capabilities for medical radiation practice in 2018 and developed a draft of these revised capabilities which was then available for public consultation and feedback. The society reviewed this draft and submitted feedback on your behalf in April.
- Financially the society is in a strong position, our membership is at 204. The committee decided to suspend our membership fees for the period of 2020-21 for existing members only. Our expenses were minimal, we decided to pass this benefit onto our members.
- The Facebook page continues to feature news and announcements with regards to upcoming meetings, jobs etc. Feel free to post on the page, if anyone wants to write a CPD activity for the website, you're welcome to email us.
- Unfortunately, our Vice President Kate Hewlett has resigned effective immediately due to health reasons. I would like to congratulate and thank Brendan Mulcahy whom has gladly taken on the position. Our Treasurer Sue Meikle will be leaving at the end of the year, Sue joined the committee in 2011. I would like to thank Sue for hard work and dedication over the years.
- Thank you to the NSWSNMS committee for their dedication and hard work, to the members whom attend our meetings, the presenters enabling us to learn and to our sponsors whom make it possible to provide these opportunities.

Accepted: Belinda Vaughan

Seconded: Nicole Kearney

Treasurers Report: (Sue Meikle)

- The closing cheque account as of the 30th June 2020 was \$7019.55 and the closing accumulated funds \$16236.56. This period included the student prizes.
- The closing cheque account as of the 30th June 2021 was \$7020.58 and the closing accumulated funds \$16303.70.

Accepted: Belinda Mulholland

Seconded: Brendan Mulcahy

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:

AMR:

The automatic Mutual Recognition scheme is a commonwealth reform program of occupational registrations, EPA licencing. The AMR enables licenced workers to operate across jurisdictions, without having to apply, pay for and wait for a further license to perform the same activities. This will make it easier and faster for skilled workers to take up jobs across borders, including to assist with natural disaster recovery. The Australian Govt introduced the Mutual Recognition Amendment Bill 2021 to parliament in March 2021. The bill passed Senate on 12th May with a number of technical amendments. The Mutual Recognition Amendment Act 2021 was passed on 23rd June 2021 and commencement started on 1st July 2021.

EPA:

The EPA is reviewing the NSW Radiation Control Act 1990; the draft is up for public consultation. As holders of a radiation licence you would have received an email from the EPA with notification of this review. It can be viewed at <https://yoursay.epa.nsw.gov.au/radiation-control-act-review>; you can complete a survey or email your comments. Consultation closes 20th September 2021.

BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE:

CLOSED: 815pm