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# Presidents Report

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## **President's Report**

Welcome to another ANZGOSA newsletter. Our society continues to prosper and grow, and exciting times are in front of us. We have launched the Post Fellowship Upper GI Surgical Training Program, and in May we selected and appointed our first 4 trainees. Congratulations to Andrew MacCormick, Peter Stiven, Matthew Leong and Hou Kiat Lim. In 2010 they will commence two years of further training in Upper GI surgery. We have provisionally accredited twelve training units, which will provide training opportunities throughout Australia and New Zealand. As the program rolls out over the next few years, demand for training posts will increase. Hence, we will need to expand the number of posts available, and further applications for accreditation are encouraged.

ANZGOSA is currently establishing a web based oesophageal and gastric tumour audit database, to support members throughout Australia and New Zealand. This is building on work undertaken by Garrett Smith and the Sydney Upper GI Surgical Society (SUGGS). The database will be housed by ASERNIP-S and RACS, and funded for the next three years by a grant from Novartis. The database will allow contributors to monitor outcomes from other contributing surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. Garrett Smith has done a great job in establishing this resource, and as chairman of ANZGOSA's database management committee, he will continue to oversee its development. We anticipate that the database will be available for use by early next year. You will receive further details soon.

Our next event is in October, when we partner GESA, CSSANZ, and ANZHPBA, in the Australia & New Zealand Medical & Surgical Gastrointestinal Week. This meeting will be held at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre. Our international visitor for this meeting is Professor Lars Lundell, from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. An excellent program has been put together for this meeting, so make the most of the opportunity. If you haven't registered already, I encourage you to do so – *please confirm your membership of ANZGOSA when you register on the website, as ANZGOSA's share of any "profits" from this meeting will depend on how many of our members register their attendance.* Also, please contact the ANZGOSA secretariat to register for the ANZGOSA/ANZHPBA dinner on the evening of Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see registration details attached to this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you in Sydney in October.

*Professor David Watson*

*President*

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## **Future Dates**

### **2009**

#### 6 to 10 September

International Surgical Week  
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

#### 11 to 13 September

ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend  
Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley NSW

#### 21 to 23 October

Australia & New Zealand Medical & Surgical Gastrointestinal Week  
*Combined meeting with ANZGOSA, GESA, CSSANZ, ANZHPBA*  
Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre, Sydney  
ANZGOSA international visitor – Lars Lundell

### **2010**

#### September 28 and 29

Combined meeting with ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA  
The Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand

### **2011**

#### February

IsDEAS meeting  
Hobart, Tasmania



## **Secretariat**

Please feel free to contact our Executive Officer, Leanne Rogers, should you have any queries.

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## **ANZGOSA Members**

We welcome all our new members –

Mr Harsh Kanhere  
Mr Arun Dhir  
Dr Samuel Kuo  
Mr Raad Almejdi  
Mr Kiron Bhatia  
Dr Clement Tsang  
Dr Michael Hii

## **Financial Report**

A full financial report and Treasurers' report will be provided, and emailed, to all members at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

ANZGOSA continues to be in a good position. Industry Partners are secured in three year contracts and membership numbers continue to grow steadily.



## **IsDEAS Meeting 2011**

After a very successful meeting this year, plans are currently under way for the 2011 meeting being held in Hobart, Tasmania.

## **AGW 2009**

A reminder that registration is now open for the Australia and New Zealand Gastrointestinal Week, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, October 21 to 24 October. <http://www.agw2009.com/>

This meeting is ANZGOSA's annual meeting for 2009 and the scientific committee has put together a comprehensive programme.

## **Membership**

Membership numbers are steadily growing with a membership now around 120. Full membership is available for Medical practitioners with an interest in Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office. Associate membership is available to trainees or retired Upper Gastrointestinal surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal practice. Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office. A discount on membership fees is available to members who are also members of ANZHPBA. Please contact the Secretariat for an application for membership.



## **Website**

**[www.anzgos.org](http://www.anzgos.org)**

Please don't forget we are now on the web so please check it out!

It is planned the website will have both a public and members' interface, although at this stage the members' section is not operational. The public interface provides information about ANZGOSA, links, and information about procedures to patients.



# NEWS

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for the Australia & New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Association (ANZGOSA) is being held on Friday 23rd October 2009 at 12.30pm, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. The AGM will immediately precede Friday's lunch break at the AGW conference.

We will have four Board positions to elect at this Annual General Meeting. We are now calling for nominations for these four positions. The nomination must also be accompanied by a brief statement from the candidate outlining their skills and experiences, and how they propose to fulfill their commitments as a Director, and add value to ANZGOSA. To qualify for election, the nominee must be a financial and voting member of ANZGOSA.

Three (3) current Board members will stand down from the current Board but have the option of re-election.

The success of the Association is dependent on active, involved and interested membership. On behalf of the current Council I encourage members to actively participate in the ANZGOSA. The Association now has in excess of 110 members, is financially sound and the Council is now in the process of planning for the future.

Voting for the nominated candidates will commence in September 2009.

Nominations can be faxed or posted to the Executive Officer ANZGOSA, on the attached nominations form, and must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 28th August 2009.

## **Post Fellowship Training in Upper GI Surgery**

We congratulate our successful appointments to the ANZGOSA Post Fellowship Training Programme for 2010 –

Andrew MacCormick to Royal North Shore Hospital  
Peter Stiven to Austin Hospital  
Matthew Leong to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital  
Hou Kiat Lim to John Hunter Hospital

On behalf of the ANZGOSA Board, we congratulate and welcome these four surgeons to our programme and look forward to a successful two years associated with ANZGOSA. We look forward to working with our accredited hospitals and fellows in ensuring the quality of Upper GI surgery in Australia and New Zealand.

## **Combined Meeting ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA, 2010**

Plans are currently under way for the 2010 annual meeting being held in beautiful Queenstown, New Zealand. The conference will be a combined conference with ANZHPBA and run over two full days. Day one will have separate ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA sessions, whilst Day 2 will be a combined program. The scientific committee are currently working on a comprehensive and exciting program. We have two invited international speaker. The social program will incorporate families and the beauty of Queenstown.

We will keep you updated with the news of this conference, and we envisage registration opening early next year .

**Nominations Procedures:**

*Nominations will be accepted on this form for four (4) positions on the Board of Australia and New Zealand Gastric & Oesophageal Association (ANZGOSA) for the term from 2009 to 2012. ANZGOSA Constitution, Eligibility and Election requirements Clause 17 is printed on the reverse of this form. The nominee and those persons nominating shall be financial, voting members of ANZGOSA.*

*Nominations should be sent by facsimile or posted to reach the Executive Officer before 5.00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009. Late nominations will not be accepted.*

**Nominee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Private \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

*I accept this nomination for the position of ANZGOSA Board Member for three years.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This nomination must also be accompanied by a brief statement from the candidate outlining their skills and experience, and how they propose to fulfil their commitments as a Director, and add value to ANZGOSA*

**Declaration:**

*We, the undersigned ANZGOSA delegates, hereby nominate and second the nominee, named above, for election to the Board of ANZGOSA.*

**Nominated by:** (Must be a current delegate of ANZGOSA)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Private \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** (Must be a current delegate of ANZGOSA)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Private \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of ANZGOSA: Yes/No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward your Nomination to the Executive Officer ANZGOSA,  
Facsimile: (08) 8362 8939, or P.O. Box 374 Belair SA 5052, before the close of business  
at 5.00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

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