



# Australian Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Inc.

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## Minutes of the ASCCP 2020 AGM

Held on 20th May 2020 at 1900, Zoom Webinar

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**Attended by:** Mary Abadir, David Allen, Francis Bellingham, Al Donoghue, Lois Eva, Annabelle Farnsworth, Patricia Guzman, Simon Hyde, Supuni Kapurubandara, Ken Law, Robyn Leake, Yee Leung, Georgina McPherson, Selvan Pather, Jeffery Tan, Trevor Tejada-Berges

**Receipt of Apologies:** Carolyn Bilbrough, Elize Bolton, Marcia Bonazzi, Kathryn Bourke, Paul Cohen, Chandra Dontham, Thomas Eggers, Maha Haddad, Mano Haran, Jane Hargood, Brian Hill, David Hodgson, Judith Kroner, Jill Lamb, Kim McFadden, Helene McNab, Orla McNally, Lorange Melhem, Rachel Moss, Beena Nair Gopinathan, David Peddie, Ravindra Raj, Claire Ransom, Archana Saraswat, Erica Shellabear, Karen Talia, Ravi Vemulapalli, Ann Whitehouse

**Meeting Opened:** A/Prof David Allen, ASCCP Secretary opened the meeting at 7.01pm and welcomed all Members.

**Confirmation of minutes AGM 2019:** Proposed Dr Simon Hyde and seconded Dr Lois Eva. Confirmed.

#### President's Report:

A/Prof Annabelle Farnsworth, ASCCP President thanked everyone for participating and highlighted the necessity of having an AGM. Society is in good shape, in terms of member numbers and financials which will be discussed later. Society remains active and busy in the space of cervical disease. Membership continues to be excellent; the Society offers people who participate in courses a free membership as part of registration which allows the Society to have more people to communicate with and who take an active and vital role in cervical disease and colposcopy and pathologies.

In 2019 the Society held three events, the Scientific Meeting in March in New Zealand which was highly successful, an Update Course in July and Treatment Course in November. The main role of the Society is education, so we continue to promote, and keep our members and course attendees updated on all the critical things regarding colposcopy and cervical pathology.

As for 2020 members may be aware that the Gold Coast Course in March had to be postponed right at the start of the COVID-19 crisis, the Society is hoping it will go ahead in November 2020. The Committee is quite optimistic and feel positive that the course will be able to go ahead and by then QLD borders should be open to be able to meet there. Things are too uncertain to go ahead with the July Update Course. The Treatment course will go ahead in Sydney in December, it is a hands-on course run very well by Dr Selvan Pather and Dr Trevor Tejada-Berges, participant

numbers are small allowing participants the opportunity to practice some of the practical aspects of both colposcopy and treatment modalities.

The Society is looking forward to 2021. It is fortunate that the Scientific Meeting is held only every two years and was not on this year. The 2021 Scientific Meeting will be held in Perth in April and the Committee are once again optimistic that it will go ahead. The AGM will be held at the Scientific Meeting and it will be an election year so if anyone is interested in being on the Committee of Management they will be able to nominate. The Society is exploring different options for holding meetings, for example if international speakers are unable to travel we can still involve them virtually. We also plan to hold an Update Course in Melbourne and a further Treatment Course at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse later in the year.

It's not just courses and education that the Society focuses on. The Society continues to represent members in consultation with the National Cervical Screening Program and the National Cancer Screening Registrar. We have developed and continue a close relationship with RANZCOG, one of our members, Yee Leung is leading the group within RANZCOG in relation to colposcopy and cervical pathology.

The President mentioned that many of the promised programs continue to be disappointingly delayed. Members have of course participated by sending through their colposcopy findings, there is meant to be an interactive portal for clinical and all those things have been delayed, combined with a lack of information/feedback. The Society continues to meet with all the people involved, they continue to make promises and still it is being held up. Given the mammoth change that was undertaken two and half years ago, feeding back to the members and continuing some of the very crucial clinical aspects would have been great.

ASCCP continues to fund research programs and is still financially very sound and that's a positive thing. The Society gets a lot of applications and there is lots of very good work in the pipeline that we hope to hear about at the Scientific Meeting next year.

The President thanked the Committee of Management who work unbelievably hard and take time out of their busy schedules to participate in these programs and meet on a regular basis. The Committee has updated the teaching program which has not been able to go ahead yet, so there is a lot of work behind the scenes. The President thanked Committee for ongoing commitment. The President thanked Mary Sparksman and her team at YRD who are, once again, profoundly impacted by COVID-19. She stated that they are still the most professional, charming and hard-working group to work with and the Society and members benefit from this constant interaction.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dr Trevor Tejada-Berges, ASCCP Treasure presented the following report:

The profit of the Australian Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Incorporated for 2019 is \$127,376; (2018: profit \$48,114).

ASCCP continues to be in a solid financial position, with net assets of \$1.209 million. This is almost totally represented by cash reserves.

Once again the 2019 financial accounts reflect the hard work from your committee and our secretariat advisors.

Our 2019 revenues from conference delegates, sponsorship, membership fees and other associated activities total \$509,395 which is a significant increase over the previous year where fewer events were held. Our 2019 profit of \$127,376 was higher than the previous year (almost \$80,000) and a direct result of increased revenues from our Conferences (up \$192k) and Sponsorship (up \$74k) this year.

Our retained profits are \$1.209m and the strong financial position of the Society is due in no small part to the commitment of The Board of Management, together with the guidance of our hard working event organising team are continuing to return value to the members through research, education and events.

Audited Statement in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act were accepted. Proposed by Dr Simon Hyde and seconded by Dr Lois Eva.

**Elect the Auditor for the ensuing year:** A/Prof David Allen proposed Michael Rice be reappointed as auditor for 2020 financial year. No objections.

**Other Business:** There was no other business.

**Close:** 7.22pm

**A/Prof David Allen**  
**ASCCP Secretary**