

**2017 AGM Minutes**

12.37pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Sydney Masonic Centre. NSW

**1. Welcome & Open**

The meeting was opened by Executive Director, Julia Morphet at 12.37pm. Call for apologies/proxies and to ensure members only present.

**2. Attendance**

*Members present – see attached list*

*Apologies*

No apologies received. No proxies received from the floor

**3. Executive Director**

The incoming Executive Director, Dr Julia Morphet discussed and advised members of the following items:

- Special thanks to those Board members who are resigning, for their support and contribution and announced the new Board:

**Outgoing Board members:**

- Shane Lenson (ACT)
- Jamie Ranse (ACT)
- Carol Bartee (NT)
- Karen Hammad (SA)
- Megan Wake (SA)
- Michael Browne (TAS)

**2017/2018 Executive Committee:**

- Dr Julia Morphet – Executive Director
- Wayne Varndell – Acting Associate Executive Director (until October 2018)
- Lorelle Malyon – Administrative Director
- Joanne Morey – Acting Financial Director (until October 2018)

**2017/2018 Board**

- NSW: Alana Clements & Wayne Varndell
- NT: Antony Robinson
- QLD: Lorelle Malyon & Lee Trenning
- SA: Jack Fabian & Cathi Montague
- TAS: Maria Unwin
- VIC: Jo Morey & Julia Morphet

- WA: Sarah-Louise Moyes
  
- Advised that no nominations have been received from the ACT Branch to replace the outgoing President and Vice President. These vacancies place the Branch in a position where it is considered unviable under the Constitution. A call was made for nominations by December or the Branch would close, and ACT members could elect which Branch they wished to join.
- A call for nominations for National Board representatives for the following Branches was also made:
  - NT (x1)
  - TAS (x1)
  - WA (x1)
- **Membership fees** will be changing to a financial year renewal system rather than a calendar year to allow for better financial planning. However, members will be fully advised of the changes prior to any implementation.
- Newly formed, Membership and Representation Committee will be circulating a survey in 2018 to collect more information on members to allow for better planning of educational events and providing more targeted information.
- Listing of all Events held by Branches and courses held by CENA TNP displayed
  - Special thanks to Pauline Calleja for her efforts as CENA TNP Co-ordinator
- Listing of all organisations where CENA has some form of representation displayed
- **LMS** (Learning Management System) as an area of growth for CENA Education & TNP
  - Special thanks to the CENA TNP Steering Committee and the Faculty (all members listed) for their significant efforts
- **Credentialing** and the potential for CENA to develop its own model as the current project was cost prohibitive and CENA would be moving away from that structure.
- **Governance group** will continue to work towards presenting 2-3 options for members to vote on at 2018 AGM regarding how CENA will be structured in the future.
  - **Branches/members will be consulted on any plans**
- *Note: Dr Morphet invited Wayne Varndell and Antony Robinson to speak on this item*  
**Marriage Equality** public debate resulted in members approaching the Board to seek CENA's position on this. After extensive discussions at a National Board level and within State Branches, CENA formally announced that they are "advocates in support of marriage equality".
  - Statement read by Antony Robinson (will be placed on CENA website)
    - *CENA is committed to eliminating discrimination and championing diversity amongst the emergency nursing community as well as for the patients that present to emergency departments. As such, CENA opposes all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination, and is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion irrespective of ethnicity, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation. The College recognises that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) community should have equal rights in Australia and acknowledges that discrimination,*

*bullying and harassment of LGBTIQ people can have severe and detrimental health impacts (Buffie, 2011) on both individuals as well as their respective families. This is seen routinely in many of the presentations to emergency departments across the country. As emergency nurses, we pride ourselves on being patient advocates. During the most difficult times for our patients - critical illness, death and after death - the current legal requirements make advocating for patients and partners in same sex relationships more complex than for married couples. Changing the law to permit marriage equality will not erase this completely, but will assist emergency nurses to better support patients in our care. CENA supports equality and the right for marriage equality and also recognises the right of each College member to hold their own personal views and beliefs on this matter, and respects that those views/beliefs may differ from that held by the College. Buffie, W.C. (2011). Public Health Implications of Same-Sex Marriage. American Journal of Public Health, 101(6), 986-989.*

## 5. Financial Report

- Outgoing Financial Director Michael Browne, spoke to the financial report as circulated in the 2017 CENA Annual Report. Copies of the report were also available on the CENA website.
- Announced that the Victorian Branch had been the most successful revenue raiser for Branch based educational events
- Michael Browne proposed a motion that the Audited Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2017 be accepted and that Bentley Tasmania be appointed as the 2018 Auditor.

**The motion was accepted by all members.**

## 6. Questions & Comments

Michael Browne opened the floor for questions & comments and Dr Morphet invited all members of the Board to join them on the stage

**Q. Delia O'Brien FCENA (Qld)** – “Page 4 Financial Report – Can you explain the large variation in Operating Expenses reduced from \$244 - \$150K 2016 – 2017 and is this sustainable?”

*Response from Michael Browne – This figure includes TNP and the expenses (and income) has reduced over this period for that area which has resulted in a reduction in the overall expenses.*

**Q. John Thompson FCNEA (VIC)** – “Can you please clarify that Elaine Killeen Continuing Professional Educational Development Scholarship is no longer just a Victorian scholarship but now open nationally?”

*Response from Dr Julia Morphet – open to all members 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> round in 2017. October 2016 was the last time the Scholarship was only open to Victorian and Tasmanian members.*

**Q. Delia O’Brien FCENA (Qld)** - “The Indigenous scholarship requires applicants to have been a member for 2 years. What was the decision for this process in relation to new graduates and their placing within their study timeframe”?

*Response from Dr Julia Morphet – All awards and scholarships are only open to those who have been a member for 2 years. It is a membership benefit and encourages renewals beyond 1 year. However, if there is no uptake this position can be revised.*

*Response from Wayne Varndell – this is a new award and feedback from members encouraged and please contact him at Professional Standards.*

**Q. Delia O’Brien FCENA (Qld)** – “In relation to the proposed change in name of AENJ – include to include “Care” – why?”

*Response from Dr Julia Morphet - Editorial board discussed this with the National Board (important to note that it is not done at this point in time) intended to increase scope of the journal to enable inclusion of pre-hospital care, disaster, and interprofessional papers. This will make journal more competitive, broaden readership. If name change occurs, Elsevier will provide funding for marketing new brand. Impact factor not effected as searches possible under old/new name.*

**Additional comments from Prof. Kate Curtis FCENA** – she agrees with change of name as it will bring people to journal

**Additional comments from Prof. Julie Considine FCENA (Deputy Editor of AENJ)** – Editorial Board believes the new approach will enable journal to keep pace with a system driven approach and provide scope to publish multi-disciplinary articles.

**Katie East (Qld)** – proud to be a member of CENA after Marriage Equality Statement. Thanked Board for supporting something that affects her everyday working life and her patients.

**Dianne Crellin FCENA (Vic)** – Pleased that Statement has been made by Board. She was prepared to resign if no statement was made and is happy the that CENA can stand up and been counted

*Dr Julia Morphet acknowledged the two statements and advised that is was not something that was lightly or easily decided, and the Board appreciated the public support.*

**Prof. Julie Considine FCENA (Qld)** – *On behalf of members and Fellows, she would like to publicly thank the Board for their efforts which are done on a voluntary basis.*

**Q. Michele Hardesty-Munday (WA)** – “You mentioned that it was hard to break into WA CENA TNP market – what are you intending to do to fix this?”

*Response from Sarah-Louise Moyes (WA Branch President) – WA offered 2 courses in 2017, 1 went ahead. Not much support for TNP due to large, well-established TNCC stronghold. WA Committee will be working closely with Rachel Cross (TNP Program Lead) to promote TNP. A big transition and change within the WA health sector has also been a contributing factor.*

**No further questions or comments received.**

**7. Close**

The AGM was closed by the Executive Director Dr Julia Morphet at 13:21.

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### Register of Attendance

Bakon, Shannon	Lannan, Sean
Balzek, Sharyn	Lutze, Matt
Beckham, Peta	McDonald, Rob
Berry, Debra	Molloy, Claire
Bradley, Tony	McInnes, Jessica
Broadbent, Marc	McKittrick, Kylvie
Brown, Julie	Milana, Annabel
Browne, Micheal	Millichamp, Tracy
Carney, Sue	Mitchell, Val
Castro, Anette	Morphet, Julia
Connell, Kandy	Moyes, Sarah-Louise
Considine, Julie	Neuhaus, Lauren
Cox, Lisa	Nugent, Emma
Crellin, Di	O'Brien, Delia
Cross, Rachel	O'Brien, Gavin
Culley, Adam	Pryce, Alex
Curtis, Kate	Quinn, Elizabeth
Decker, Klley	Raering, Ursula
Dunshea, Kevin	Reading, Michael
East, Katie	Remnitz, Dan
Fabian, Jack	Rhodes, Kerryn
Ferguson, Steve	Robinson, Antony
Finucane, Julie	Ruperto, Kate
Freeman, Annie	Russell, Emilie
Fry, Marg	Ryan, Liz
Garland, Janice	Sandry, Kate
Green, Kelly	Sofia, Daniel
Griffin, Bronwyn	Stark, Kylie
Hammad, Karen	Stokes, Narelle
Hardesty-Munday, Michele	Stone, Theona
Harding, Sharon	Thompson, John
Henly, Michael	Unwin, Maria
Hill, Celine	Varndell, Wayne
Hoole, Samantha	Walter, Elizabeth
Hutchinson, Claire	Wiseman, Taneal
Innes, Kelli	
Jesse, Cecile,	
Johnston, Amy	
Jones, Tasmin	
Kennedy, Belinda	
Kourouche, Sarah	