

Northland Faculty of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners

February 23rd 2015, 1830, Kawakawa hospital

Present Tanya Quin, Kyle Eggleton, Geoff Cunningham, Mark Lankshear, Steve Thrupp

Apologies

Damian, John, Steve and Mike (Mike intended to Skype or phone and this failed to occur)

Minutes presented to members before the meeting

Accepted as accurate record by board

Matters arising from minutes of November 2014 meeting

Registrars

Welcome to the Registrar representative by board.

Geoff, Kyle and Damian attended the Registrar 'greeting meeting' in December 2014, this meeting was received well by the 7 present GP Registrars at that time. It was discussed that this sort of meeting with new Registrars was a better reflection of our Northland GP culture than previous arrangements. It was agreed to do this again with a blog to be added to the website about the interaction.

At the time of the meeting the board had not had communication back from the college about their intentions regarding the 'First Five Years' concept for emerging GP's from Registrar training. Geoff and Kyle felt that the Northland Faculty should start a program based on this regardless. Steve felt that the issues it would need to address would be around rational career direction and that it was separate from supervision. The board agreed that Steve approach the registrars and get some feedback about the aspects of the 'First Five Years' that they see as important and feed this back to Kyle. It was agreed by the board that this program is initiated by Kyle. Kyle to flesh out the bones of the program then discuss it with Steve to come up with a proposal that could be presented to the members at the AGM. The board felt that members who choose to be a mentor should have their expenses covered by the Northland Faculty. It was generally agreed that payment for time spent was an unlikely expectation by Northland GP's but this would likely be further discussed at the AGM.

Kyle will approach Win about the poster presentation at the conference to clarify details. The board agreed to cover the costs of printing the posters on A2 size. Tanya offered to find out if this could be done by what was the photography department at the hospital, if it still exists.

The Registrars will not have audits completed by the time of the conference and this will now be put on the agenda for the seminar presentation. The board agrees to this.

Website

The board looks forward to NAC meeting outcomes being added to the website for the benefit of the members by the Northland representative.

Kyle has noticed that following any email announcement to members he has a spike in website visits. This is a positive response to the website format. Tanya asked if the website could have a 'Grand Opening' at the college conference in the chairman's address. The forum is being well used and has raised a number of issues (see below) Tanya asked if there was a faster way of accessing the forum for the moments that GP's think of an issue that they can share immediately. (Something like angrydoc anon) Kyle is able to create an email that can directly link to the forum, this would help keep the forum topics coming in and give GP's an opportunity to share frustrations that the Faculty can work on.

Blogs need to be dynamic and ongoing, the board agreed that following any meeting that board members attend which are of interest to members need to have a summary written and emailed to Kyle to add to the blog. Tanya to remind board members of this expectation by email to board members.

Faculty direction

Clinical Governance:

The online forum for the faculty has raised the following issues:

- Timely two way communication with hospital specialists.
- Improving accuracy of records held by the DHB on GP's.
- Timely clinic letters.
- Better access to contact psychiatrists
- That DHB pathways are to be developed by a GP board not just a liason GP

Kyle and Mark will represent these issues and feedback to the members following their next meeting with the DHB

Political Advocacy

Geoff has great concerns about the funding discussion that are currently underway with the Government. Geoff will discuss this with Chris to get some clarity about issues of concern.

All board members reminded that political issues raised by members and the board to be shared with Chris, NAC representative.

Correspondence

Lynette is happy to organise this years conference.

Financial report

Attached accounts to Jan 2015 agreed upon by board.

General Business

Website

Registrars

Education – Conference

Preliminary conference timetable up on the website. Titles discussed and this will evolve as these are confirmed with speakers. Kyle to follow this up.

Lynette and Kyle getting initial advertising out.

Symposium: After discussion it was agreed that the board should 'strike while the iron is hot' with the success of the seminar last year. Lynette to be approached by Tanya to organise the seminar with a change of venue in Paihia.

Members of the board to start coming up with speakers for this symposium. Mark raised the discussion around having a debate and inviting heads of PHO's and get some really good, relevant discussion started so member have a further opportunity to be heard.

- PHO representatives
- Claire Terwiel – hospice care
- Registrars Audits – there will be 8 by this time and the registrars will be expected to present

Tanya to email board members to get speakers

Political advocacy above

Clinical governance above

Close 8.30 pm and Plan next meeting for the AGM May during the conference Tanya to get AGM Agenda on the website