

FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE – Dr Kok-Eng Khor

Office Bearers & Members

Chair: Dr Kok-Eng Khor

Deputy Chair: Dr Martine Casserly

Secretary: Dr Guy Bashford

Treasurer: Dr Charles Brooker

Members: Dr David Gorman (co-opted)
Dr Lewis Holford
Dr Marc Russo
Dr Clive Sun
Dr Paul Wrigley

<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Meeting Attendance</i>
1. Dr Guy Bashford	0:3
2. Dr Charles Brooker	3:3
3. Dr Lewis Holford	2:2
4. Dr Martine Holford	2:3
5. Dr Kok-Eng Khor	3:3
6. Dr Marc Russo	2:3
7. Dr Clive Sun	2:3
8. Dr Paul Wrigley	3:3

The interim committee as constituted continues to be active and acting in accord with our mission statement “Fostering quality pain management in NSW”. Communication with Fellows continued with our newsletter “The Algometer”.

We held our inaugural CME meeting in August which was well attended and a further meeting is planned around mid-year and it is hoped that our meetings will lead to better pain management uniformities across disciplines within NSW. We continue to avail of ourselves in AMA careers information days every year to make known the speciality of Pain Medicine to medical graduates and potential trainees.

Assistance to our Faculty trainees in preparation for the exams continued to be held in Royal North Shore Hospital under the guidance of Dr Paul Wrigley. This education programme had been and continued to be successful and attract most trainees and received contributions from many consultants throughout Sydney. Issues regarding recruitment of trainees had also been discussed with the NSW Health Department and approval given to bring forward recruitment dates, in line with other states.

In preparation for future developments, the committee is currently in negotiations with the newly endorsed Agency for Clinical Innovation (GMCT – <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/gmct/>) regarding the establishment of a NSW Pain Management Network. This remains promising and is ongoing.

The term of the interim committee is coming to an end in May and we are making preparations for election of new office bearers to constitute a new committee. We are grateful for the continued professional assistance rendered by the ANZCA NSW Regional Committee’s secretariat Annette Strauss, Mia Bratsalis and Tina Papadopoulos.