

# West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



July 2016

The West Australian Regional Committee meets tri-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr John Martyr (Chair)  
Dr Christine Grobler (Deputy)  
Dr Scott Douglas (Deputy)  
Dr Daniel Anderson  
Dr Jennifer Bruce  
Dr Dale Currigan  
Dr Reena Hacking  
Dr Bridget Hogan  
Dr Merlin Nicholas  
Dr Vanessa Percival  
Dr Tania Rogerson  
Dr Kate Wessels  
Miss Melanie Roberts

Co-opted:

Dr Chris Cokis (Ex Officio)  
Dr Alison Corbett (TAC)  
Dr Grace Ho (Trainee)  
Dr David Borshoff (ASA)  
Dr Hamish Mace (CME)  
Dr Philip Kriel (FPM)

Next meeting: August 23, 2016

## WA Regional Committee update

The WA Regional Committee (WARC) met on May 24, 2016.

The positions for the WARC for 2016-2018 were voted on during the May 24 meeting. Dr John Martyr is the Chair and Dr Scott Douglas and Dr Christine Grobler are the Deputy Chairs.

The ANZCA and ASA Country Conference will be held from October 21-23, 2016 at the Pullman Resort in Bunker Bay. Dr Merlin Nicholas is convening with Joondalup Health Campus.

The theme of the Country Conference for 2016 is 'Ask the Experts', we will be inviting physician colleagues to discuss some common perioperative problems and how to navigate these patients safely through the perioperative period. These will include cardiologists, respiratory physicians, pain specialist as well as intensivists. We will be running several workshops during the conference, including ALS, major haemorrhage and adductor canal blocks.

Guest speaker Dr Peter Schuller from Cairns, QLD will present on his recent study on the effects of muscle relaxation on BIS. Registrations will be available as of July from the ANZCA Event Website.

Meetings and Events:

- Australian Society of Anaesthetists Committee Meeting: July 20 at 7.30pm
- ACOSH Council and Executive Meeting: July 21, 2016 at 5.30pm (Dr Nedra Vandriesen)
- Medical and Dental Workforce Council: July 27, 2016 at 8am
- Continuing Medical Education Committee Meeting: August 1 at 7.30pm
- Western Australian Regional Committee: August 23 2016 at 7pm

The West Australian Trainee Committee meets tri-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr Grace Ho (Chair)  
Dr Gary Devine (Vice-Chair)  
Dr Simon Bradbeer  
Dr Lisa Alarcon  
Dr Scott Sargent  
Dr Paris Dove  
Dr Trevelyan Edwards  
Dr Bridgit Mathews  
Dr James Anderson  
Dr Tom Ryan

Next meeting: September 13, 2016

## WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

The second training committee meeting of 2016, was held on the 6th of June and led by 2016 Chair, Dr Grace Ho. Issues discussed included the possibility of a further increase to registrar numbers, through an increase of trainee positions at Midland Hospital. The committee voiced concern regarding the possible negative effect this may have on fellowship and post-fellowship employment, and alternative options were discussed that would see an increase in registrar numbers without change to the number of trainee positions. College and ACCC restrictions in regards to the limitation of trainee numbers via these methods were outlined by the Education Officers, and discussion was postponed until more definitive information is known regarding the number of additional positions.

Dr Grace Ho discussed the recent national trainee committee meeting held in Victoria, which focussed on the College response to the high prevalence of bullying and harassment noted in the trainee survey of last year. The joint response from ANZCA and RACS is underway, and a repeat national trainee survey with additional focus on these issues is currently being reviewed by the national training committee.

The hospital reports were once again over all very favourable, with a number of minor issues rectified in the time since the previous meeting. A report from Armadale hospital was not available and is due to be collected prior to the next meeting. Ongoing uncertainty regarding the potential for a Fiona Stanley and Fremantle hospital merger was discussed, with further information likely to become available prior to the September committee meeting.

GASACT representatives Dr James Anderson and Tom Ryan discussed the ASA cocktail party and mentoring workshop which were both planned for the coming month. Both have received positive responses from trainees with the mentoring program filling up rapidly, and promising early ticket sales for the cocktail party. The cocktail and Jazz evening has since occurred, and was a great success, the committee would once again like to Thank Dr Anderson and Dr Ryan for hosting such an enjoyable evening.

The trainee committee would also like to congratulate the recent successful Fellowship Examination candidates. The next committee meeting will be held on September 13th.

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