

FPM Board Annual Business Meeting

Minutes

Meeting date: 4 May 2025

Meeting time: 12.00-12.30pm AEST

Meeting venue: Plenary 1, (Mezzanine level) of the Cairns Convention Centre, Queensland

In attendance:

Dr Dilip Kapur

FPM Dean

Ms Martina Otten

Executive Director FPM

Ms Anna Kleskovic

FPM Board and Executive Committee Secretariat

Apologies:

Dr Tipu Aamir (NZ)

Dr Karen Joseph (NZ)

Mr Nigel Fidgeon (CEO)

Dr James O'Callaghan (Qld)

Dr Vyhunthan Ganeshanathan (WA)

Dr Hilton Sheppard (Vic)

Fellows present:

Dr Leinani S Aiono-Le-Tagaloa (NZ)

Prof Kok-Eng Khor (NSW)

A/Prof Mick Vagg (Vic)

A/Prof Carolyn Arnold (Vic)

A/Prof Susie Lord (NSW)

Dr Zoe Vella (Qld)

Dr David Boothman-Burrell (NZ)

Dr Diarmuid McCoy (Vic)

Prof Michael Veltman (WA)

Dr Timothy R Chan (HK)

Dr Stiofan O'Conghaile (Vic)

Dr Melissa Viney (Vic)

A/Prof Meredith Craigie (SA)

Dr Amrita Prasad (Qld)

Dr Candice Wallman (NSW)

Dr Deb Devonshire (Vic)

A/Prof Marc Russo (NSW)

Dr Andrew Weiss (NSW)

Dr Rao Fu (Vic)

Dr John Speirs (NZ)

Dr Noam Winter (Vic)

Dr Claudia Higgs (NSW)

Dr Cillian Suiter (NSW)

Dr Steven Wong (HK)

Dr Irina Hollington (SA)

Dr Murray Taverner (Vic)

A/Prof Paul Wrigley (NZ)

Dr Tejas Kanhere (NSW)

Dr Anju Tessa James (Qld)

Dr Craig Kennedy (Qld)

Dr Chris Turnbull (NZ)

Item	Speaker
<p>1. Chair's welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Dean welcomed FPM board members, fellows and staff to the 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine. Apologies as detailed above.</p>	Chair
<p>2. Confirmation of minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the FPM Annual General Meeting held on 5 May 2024 were noted.</p>	Chair
<p>3. FPM Dean's report</p> <p>Members noted the FPM Dean's report, with the following items highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Leinani Aiono-Le-Tagaloa was elected FPM Vice-Dean in April 2024. • The faculty farewelled Ms Leone English as the outgoing Executive Director FPM and welcomed Ms Martina Otten to the role. • The Dean thanked Dr Scott Ma for his contributions during his term as the ANZCA council representative on the FPM Board and welcomed Dr Deb Devonshire to the role. • The Professional Standards Committee was disbanded, with New Zealand and the Australian regions reporting directly into the FPM Board. • Key projects include developing Australian Standards for Health Practitioner Pain Management Education and developing Flexible Accreditation Pathways for Pain Medicine Training in Rural Settings. • Active in advocating with the Australian government regarding Medicare issues and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. • Worked with other medical colleges to improve the delivery and understanding of high quality pain management. • Continue to review and improve on the faculty's examination processes, to improve the experience for trainees. • Trainee numbers remain stable, and the fellowship continues to grow. • The 2024 Symposium and Spring meeting were well attended. • Positive response has been received to the development of the Emergency Response CPD module on the OIVI, developed by Prof Pam Macintyre. • Extended his appreciation to Hong Kong fellows who continue to provide excellent training facilities and their ongoing support of the faculty. <p>The Dean extended his thanks and appreciation to the efforts of fellows, committee members, trainees and staff in the ongoing work of the faculty, and to all staff for their work on the Symposium and ASM sessions, which have been well received.</p>	Chair
<p>4. 2024 Annual report and financial report</p> <p>Members noted the financial reports for the year ending 31 December 2024, which are available on the college website, with no questions arising. The Dean extended his appreciation for the support provided to the faculty by the college.</p>	M Otten
<p>5. Declaration of the polls for election of members to the FPM Board</p> <p>Members noted the outcome of the declaration of the polls for the 2025 FPM Board election and the FPM New Fellow election.</p> <p>2025 FPM Board election: Six nominations were received for three vacancies on the FPM Board. An election was held between 18 January to 3 February 2025 with 44% of FPM fellows participating in the election.</p> <p>The Dean extended his thanks to the unsuccessful candidates Dr Tim Ho, Dr Venugopal Kochiyil and Dr Glen Sheh and thanked them for nominating.</p>	Chair

<p>Dr Tania Morris was co-opted to the FPM Board in May 2025 to provide Queensland representation and ensure a gender balance on the FPM Board.</p> <p>2025 FPM New Fellow election: Three nominations were received for one vacancy for the role of New Fellow representative. An election was held between 19-31 March 2025 with 35% of new fellows participating in the election.</p> <p>The Dean extended his thanks to the unsuccessful candidates Dr Meredith Daff and Dr Emily Rickman and thanked them for nominating.</p>	
<p>6. FPM Dean's Prize</p> <p>The 'FPM Dean's Prize' was not awarded.</p>	Chair
<p>7. FPM Best Free Paper Award</p> <p>The award is judged on the best contribution to the FPM free papers session submitted at the ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting.</p> <p>The Dean announced that Dr Henry Man Kin Wong has been awarded the Best Free Paper Award for his paper titled: 'Intravenous methadone for pain management in cardiac surgery: A randomized controlled trial with plasma concentration analysis'.</p>	
<p>8. Other business</p> <p>No other items of business were tabled in advance of the meeting.</p>	
<p>The FPM Dean thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 12.20pm (AEST).</p>	Chair

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Date:

Dr Dilip Kapur, Chair and FPM Dean