

QMB Society AGM 2017 Minutes. 12.30pm 7 November, 2017

Location: The meeting was held by teleconference, due to scheduling difficulties at the conference.

Present: Peter Shepherd, Julian Eaton-Rye, Andrew Shelling, Martin Kennedy.

Apologies: None recorded

Accounts:

The QMB accounts and a financial summary were tabled. In summary:

Almost all invoices either sent or paid. The Society accounts show a balance of ~\$106,000, which is regarded as a safe buffer to ensure solvency. Aiming to move to online banking for the coming year.

Julian moved the accounts be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the Society's status. This was accepted and seconded (PS, MK).

Chair's report:

Peter indicated that next year's meeting will again be at Rydges Queenstown, where the renovations should be fully completed. QRW will span 25 Aug – 31 Aug, 2018.

NZ Society of Oncology will immediately precede QRW, which is self-managed, but joint satellite meetings are planned with QRW. MedSci will join us again. Probable QMB satellites at the moment include Epigenomics, Immunology, Cancer, and Drugs and disease.

Dynamics will again be the professional conference organisers. It was noted that it is getting really full in Queenstown and venue bookings need to now be made two years out.

Peter outlined plans for a new "out of season" QMB Satellite on Metabolic Diseases, to be held at Te Puia Springs, in conjunction with the Maurice Wilkins Centre diabetes flagship, and Ngati Porou Hauora Rural Research Institute, in early April.

Prof Ming Wei is again organising a QMB Satellite in Shanghai, in March 2018, at his cost.

Other business:

The dinner is proving pretty expensive at \$170 – should we go elsewhere? Include the Earnslaw cruise again? These are things to consider for future years.

The Teaching fellowships and Māori Genomics Fellowships worked well. So too did the Journalist Scholarships, with Jamie Morton and Alison Balance on site at the meeting.

The visit by Nobel Laureate (Bruce Beutler) cost about \$20,000, but was seen as valuable and worth the cost.

We may need to find a new Awards Convenor, as Austen is going on sabbatical and would like to "retire". Sally McCormick's name was suggested as a potential.

Meeting concluded at 10am.