

NNO Meeting – Friday 11 May 2007
commencing at 9.30am concluding at 4pm
held at the Offices of the NSW Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation
43 Australia Street, Camperdown.

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Elizabeth Foley, acting chairperson for this meeting on behalf of Rosemary Bryant, and Fiona Armstrong (ANF) from the secretariat of the National Nursing Organisations.

2. Attendance

PRESENT

Sandra Lever	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health Nurses Association Inc
Kim Ryan	Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.
Allison Slykerman	Australian Association of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses
Carolyn Briggs	Australian Association of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc.
Tina Kendrick	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Jennifer Rabach	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Andrew Cashin	Australian Nurse Practitioners Association
Mary-Bridgid Naylor	Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc
Anne Sargeant	Australian Nurses for Continence
Christine Ashley-Coe	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council
Fiona Armstrong	Australian Nursing Federation (NNO Secretariat)
Desley Hegney	Australian Rural Nurses and Midwives
Jeannette Holoway	Australian Women's Health Nurses Association
Gabrielle Prest	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Gisella Loughton	Community Nurses Audiometrist Association
Roslyn Lockhart	Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses
Doug Elliot	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Lyn Hinpeter	Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia Inc.
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia Inc
Amanda McKnight	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Margaret Male	Geriatric Inc
Moya Conrick	Nursing Informatics Australia
Cathie Pigott	Palliative Care Nurse Australia
Debbie Knagge	Renal Society of Australasia
Rachel Harrigan	Royal College of Nursing, Australia
Tracey Osmond	The College of Nursing, NSW

OBSERVERS

Mary Fenech	Australian Hepatology Association
Amanda Adrian	Australian Nursing Federation
Mark Smith	Royal District Nursing Service

GUESTS

Debra Thoms	Chief Nursing Officers
Joanne Male	Department of Health and Ageing
Cary Lonsdale	National Health and Medical Research Council
Patricia Logan- Sinclair	

CRANA – short emergency care courses very successful but lack facilitators to deliver. New coordinator for Bush Crisis Line looking to expand. Strategic planning. Conference this year celebrates 25 year anniversary. Considering whether to add midwives to title.

Nurses for Continence – Working on strategic plan. Working on website.

Australasian Hepatology Association – NP in hepatology. Treatment care and management of people including hepatitis c. Have a strategic plan. Organisation is 4 years old. Hold a summit each year. Developing competency standards out with key stakeholders for review. Have educational grant from pharmacy company to focus test the competencies.

Neonatal nurses – conference in April was well attended. Reviewed competencies 2nd edition out soon. Study into education of neonatal nurses. 3 vacancies on executive. Solvent financially. Membership is strong.

NIA – Planning world nursing leadership congress in informatics in August in Brisbane, 900 papers submitted, expect 4000 to 5000 delegates.

Rural Nurses and Midwives – changed name in October 2006. Hosted international conference in March prior to NRHC. Looking at breastfeeding inquiry & PATS inquiry. Running mental health & mentoring workshops. Renegotiating secretariat funding in DoHA.

Rehab nurses – Focusing on admin of office. Now have a virtual reality office which is contracted out to office management services provider. Quarterly journal struggles to get contributions.

Renal Society – Executive met to update business plan to be launched at conference. 1000 members and growing. Executive struggling to meet demands of employed membership and financial officers. Launched journal peer review, 3 editions per year.

Geriacton – difficulty in recruiting executive & committee members. National conference in Brisbane. Publish journal, pay editor, lots of subscription.

Palliative Care – conference next year.

GENCA – similar themes. Reorganising gov structure, updated constitution, reviewing advanced competencies. National conference in Perth in October.

CDNM – will provide written report for October meeting. Seeking funding for clinical placements. Changes to funding for research. Gov now has RQF. Submissions to panel.

Nurse Practitioners – 200 started in NSW. Just became national, each state has a state exec. Membership is now over 250. No NPs in Tas or NT yet. Contacts include NZ group. Project includes ANMC and CDU to develop modules of education for non medical prescriber. All members belong to another professional college.

MCFHN – similar issues to ANPA

CATSIN – Ed senior Australia, following book & dvd. Mentoring program. Conference in September (10 year). Working with high school and primary school children on process to track progress through to university, hopefully to study nursing.

ACCCN – conference last week.

6. Business arising from the previous meeting

7. NNO Steering Committee

Governance discussion paper and Strategic Plan:

ACCN (Tina) prefer option 1.
 Concerns about incorporated association trading
 Concerns about supporting another layer of executive of another group
 No statements of purpose
 Policies?
 Legal liability?
 Arguments against incorporation and the burden of obligation
 If we follow these recommendations, can we achieve the governance
 Strategic plan reflect what we are
 Recommend endorsement of the strategic plan

That the proposed strategic plan be adopted.

Moved: Kim Ryan **Seconded:** Anne Sargeant

That the recommendations are to be endorsed.

Moved: Amanda Adrian **Seconded:** Tina Kendrick

8. Presentation from NHMRC – Carey Lonsdale

ACTION: send list of attendees to speakers.

ACTION: presentation to be added to the minutes.

ACTION: circulate copy of "Building and Sustaining Research Capacity in Community Practice, Midwifery and Nursing".

ACTION: circulate contact details to NHMRC.

9. Budget and funding reports

Variation in the travel funding was granted by the department.
 Funding doesn't provide for travel to a capital city.
 Restriction to airfares, overnight travel and accommodation costs.

ACTION: Fiona to approach department for further variation to the funding as above.

ACTION: Fiona to circulate full budget.

Constitution / Governance Framework

Amanda explained why this was developed and the elements of the framework that need to be considered.
 Steering committee to meet in a month by teleconference and include Amanda to fill in the gap.
 Fiona to document that NNO members are welcome to nominate for steering committee.
 Cancer Nurses to approach Kate Cameron.
 Jennifer Rabach nominated to join.
 Margaret Tabone.

ACTION: Amanda to send out document

ACTION: Name & contact details of steering committee to be circulated to NNO members.

10. NNO Website progress

ACTION: Fiona to look into single NNO website domain.

11. Follow up governance survey scheduled for May

12. Report from Chief Nursing Officer – Debra Thoms

Discussion re UHCNs

NPs in periop

Audiometry association

Sexual Health – NPs in NSW can't get positions

Difficulties in getting clinical placements in rural & regional areas

Chief nurses at fed government level

NP Hepatology in Qld – call for national wages & conditions

IT in U/G curricula

NEHTA concerns about the language

13. E-Health – NNO subcommittee proposal

The E-Health subcommittee to include Moya Conrick, Rosemary Bryant, Elizabeth Foley, Roslyn Lockhart, Evelyn Hovenga, Fiona Armstrong, Desley Hegney, Mary Bridgid Naylor, Denise Dignam.

Subcommittee to meet within the next fortnight and develop a lobbying agenda.
Ask Arc to attend NNO meeting.

Research subcommittee

The Research subcommittee to include Desley Hegney, Andrew Cashin, Cathie Pigott, Tina Kendrick, Denise Dignam, Christine Ashley-Coe, Jacqui Guy, Fiona Armstrong.

Subcommittee to make recommendations to NHMRC.

ACTION: Fiona to set up email lists for 2 subcommittees and organise meetings.

14. Correspondence

Copies of the correspondence were circulated to attendees before and at the meeting.

Clinical Nurse Consultants Association of NSW change of name from Association of Clinical Nurse Consultants of Australia.

15. Applications for membership

Considerations of new membership applications by the Australasian Hepatology Association, Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc, Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College, Otolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group.

Andrew Cashin proposed a motion to admit these groups using the current evidence and we will suspend all further membership until the governance framework provides a process for doing so.

ACTION: NNO Secretariat to advise new members that their applications for membership have been accepted.

ACTION: NNO secretariat to add new members to directory list and to the website.

16. Other Business

Report by ANF on ETN, ANJ, AHCRA.

17. Report from Patricia Logan-Sinclair on research focus group.

Science in U/G curricula

To find out what RNs want people who teach science to U/Gs

Conducted a survey that went out to RNs from registration boards and CRANA

550 went out and only 84 came back – 14% respondents

Most agreed nursing is an applied science.

Few accepted that nurses could be scientists.

Underlines what we are up against in terms of encouraging and promoting the conduct of nursing and use of research when there is this reluctance of nurses themselves to accept they have the capacity to do so.

ACTION: Send Lancet editorial to Amanda Adrian and NNOs.

18. Next meeting – 19 October 2007, Melbourne.