

New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists Otago Branch AGM meeting

2nd March 2007

John Aarts (Chair), Brendan Torr (Deputy Chair), Ian van Staden (Treasurer), Tim Burton (Secretary)

Chairperson Report

John Aarts discussed a number of points from his “Chairperson Report” including:

- The 2007 conference will be held on the Saturday 6th October. Friday morning will be reserved for workshops- both those presented by companies and ‘focus group’ workshops
- The Dental Technicians’ Board will talk about the code of practice (and other things) on the Friday afternoon followed by the AGM.
- Dental Technicians are now permitted to undertake simple repairs in an emergency, provided that the patient is instructed/referred to visit a dentist/clinical dental technician. The Dental Technician must make a note to this effect in the patient file
- John is looking to obtain seeding money from the NZIDT main body and companies, with a view to making Otago Branch meetings free of charge to members.
- NZIDT has elected to get a professional organisation to run the business; NZIDT fees have been raised to cover this. An NZIDT membership database and ID card system will be run by this organisation.

Treasurer Report

- The NZIDT Otago Branch is financially solvent.
- Treasurer’s report was passed.

Nomination/Election of positions

- Incumbents to continue in the positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
- The meeting thanks go to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, and especially Tim Burton for their ongoing efforts

General Business

- NZIDT professional body trying to develop an Oral Health certificate that everyone can use. Some issues raised were:
 - How long should a certificate from dentist be valid?
 - Should it be up to the discretion of the clinical dental technician?
 - Could put timeframe on it as a means of getting the patient to come back
- Crown/bridge/temporaries removal/shade taking- will be discussed with the Board

- Dental technicians will still be able to work as an auxiliary and remain unregistered
- After June, New Zealand trained dental technicians will have to be registered or do the BDentTech at the University of Otago
- Codes of Ethics – Board essentially dictating how dental technicians should behave- same is happening in the field of Dentistry- this code is still in development
- John Aarts will be looking to make the next CPD longer (more CPD hours) to accommodate people traveling from out of town to obtain their CPD
- The Executive is trying to formulate some guidelines/policies for the Executive and NZIDT members on how to deal with a range of issues
- If someone is to be reviewed by the Board, the NZIDT has offered to/suggested the NZIDT provides a member for support (still to be agreed)