

New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists Inc.

**Minutes of the Reactivation Meeting of the NZIDT Christchurch Branch, held on Thursday the 22nd June 2006 at Oral Health Centre, Hospital Dental Department, Christchurch.
Meeting commenced at 7:00pm**

Present Steve Hellberg Chairman
Anne Collis Secretary
Andrew Johnson Treasurer

Apologies Steve Brown
Martin Brown
Garry Mechen

Minutes This was the first meeting in over 4 years of the Christchurch Branch of the NZIDT and subsequently no previous minutes were available.

Correspondence In Nil

Correspondence Out Nil

Election of Officers Nominations were called for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. With no nominations received for any of the positions the following volunteered.
Chairman Steve Hellberg
Secretary Anne Collis
Treasurer Andrew Johnson
It was discussed that if any person wished to stand for any of these appointed positions at a later date they were welcome to do so.

Finance Andrew Johnson advised the meeting that the administration expenses incurred to date were \$57.00

General Business Steven Hellberg addressed the meeting with an overview of the current HPCA legislative change, the role of the DCNZ and the DTB.

Steve explained that 1 Hours CPD approval had been granted for the evenings meeting because of the CPD content

Feedback was called for on the CDT & DT codes of practise documents. Steve informed the members that Canterbury Branch comments would be amalgamated with the responses from other regional branches and presented to the DTB on behalf of the NZIDT.

- As a body we feel the DTB should be opening up the CDT and DT scope of practise and not restricting it, as the current scope of practise for Implant over-denture and Maxillofacial has done.

- Because no substantial evidence to date has been provided from the DCNZ or DTB proving that the practise of CDT's and DT's has caused harm to public safety the question was posed whether the restriction of practise for the profession is a public safety issue or actually trade protection.
- Documentation of a clear and transparent process used by the DTB for determining public risk was called for.
- It was put forward that the DTB to be more pro-active for the protection of CTD and DT scopes of practise.
- We concurred with comments made from the Dunedin Branch in relation to the documents presented.
- A question was raised as to whether the DTB has determined the feasibility of running an Implant Over-denture course and if so how and when the programme will it be conducted?
- Could the DTB post submissions received on documents on the web site?

After some general discussion, consensus agreed future Canterbury Branch meetings should be held on a Thursday at 6pm with the next meeting date to be confirmed on the 17 August at the "road show".

Steve offered to contact the DCNZ to confirm if arrangements had already been organised for the "road show" in Christchurch. 6 pm was put forward as the start time with the Oral Health Centre being offered as the venue. Anne Collis was to book the premises at the close of the meeting.

A request for justification from the DCNZ for reviewing the scope of practise of auxillary workers was asked for, with a response required in advance of the 17 August. This proviso was to give members the opportunity to read the background rationale and to prepare discussion questions.

Steve proposed a cost of \$10.00 per member, \$20.00 for non-member for subsequent Canterbury Branch meetings, to cover administration expenses and to finance speakers. General consensus agreed to the proposal.

Meeting concluded at 8:15pm

Signed.....Chairman