

New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists

Minutes from the Otago Branch AGM meeting held 11th April 2008

Present from Committee: John Aarts (Chair), Tim Burton (Secretary).

Apologies received from: Brendan Torr (Deputy Chair), Ian Van Staden (Treasurer)

Chairperson report – Current NZIDT activity

- Implant over dentures to remain a restricted activity. No change in the DCNZ position, even after lengthy proposals and discussions. NZIDT has approached Otago University to establish a course of training for the implant overdenture scope.
- The NZIDT is close to launching the CPD database. This will also enable members to have an online portfolio. All members will be given a login and password.
- HPCA Act review is taking place and the NZIDT executives are sending representatives to upcoming meeting in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.
- Currently the main objective of the NZIDT is to encourage the DCNZ to have a clear and fair process for decision making and ensure the decisions are evidence based.
- Dissatisfaction over the registration fee increase – NZIDT members encouraged only to pay last year's fee. NZIDT to support this action and has written to the MOH in relation to the increased bureaucracy that has resulted in this increase.
- Work from overseas coming into New Zealand. The NZIDT is looking at ways of addressing this. Public awareness seems to be the only avenue. DCNZ will not / can not stop this from happening.
- The Dental Council seems to be doing nothing to stop unlicensed people in NZ from independently doing the work of a dental technician direct to Dentists. The NZIDT to discuss the issue DCNZ and the MOH.

Treasurer report

- Current balance as at 31 March 2008: \$410.64

Nomination / Election of positions

- John Aarts resigned his position as Chairperson. John Egan was elected as successor.
- Tim Burton resigned his position as Secretary. It was decided election of a replacement secretary was not required.
- Brendan Torr and Ian van Staden agreed to continue in the roles of Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer respectively

General business

- Meetings should preferably be worth at least 3 CPD points for the benefit of those travelling from outside Dunedin.
- Suggestion it would be good if lecturers from the University could be encouraged to present CPD to the Otago Branch.
- John Egan to put together a calendar of proposed events and will consult with other members as to what they might be able to provide.