ACMHN Northern Territory Branch
Business Meeting Minutes
7th March 2014.
Cowdy Conference Room, Darwin.

MEETING COMMENCED: 17:05 hrs.

1. PRESENT: Sharleen Mulherin, Denis Blackford, Verena Tinning, Kerry Sims, Marty Musco, Adele Northwood, Briony Holdsworth. Heath Stevenson & Ali Thorn joined meeting via Videoconference from Gove, NT.


3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted. Moved- Marty Musco, Seconded- Verena Tinning.

4. STANDING ITEMS
   4.1 Members Matters Meetings: Pam Wood gave an insightful presentation on Renal Issues and Mental Health at the first NT Branch Meeting for 2014. Pat Bradley has suggested an article on studies by the consortium for research in ECT for the next Journal Club.
   4.2 Vacant DON position: Ongoing issue. This position has been vacant for more than 12 months. There have been ongoing structural changes within NT Health. A letter was sent to Christine Dennis on behalf of the NT Branch re: the vacant DON position in December 2013. No response has been received from the letter, however discussions have been held between the General Manager and Chief Executive. NT Branch to send a follow up letter re: this position once the transition of the General Manager role has taken place. Marty reported that this issue was also raised by NT members of the ANMF at their recent meeting.
   4.3 Post Graduate Nursing Student Placements: Remains a standing item.

5. OFFICE BEARER REPORTS:
   5.1 CHAIR: Ali attended the COB meeting via Teleconference in February 2014, as Sharleen was an apology. Key points included Constitutional Changes/By-Laws, Additional Journal, College Representation, College Awards, Membership/Recruitment and Branches- name changes. Local NT issues raised included meeting with the NT Health Minister, Credentialing and the DON position.
   5.2 SECRETARY: Marty has now been delegated to check the PO Box. No new members for the previous month, however Kerry has recruited a new member this week. Ali contacted Head Office re: obtaining postcards for 2014 Conference to circulate to NT Branch members, however there are no more postcards in stock.
   5.3 BRANCH FINANCIAL OFFICER: No new business to report.
6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. 2014 sponsorship of MHN Category for the NT Nursing Midwifery and Excellence Awards: Ali and Sharleen have received correspondence from the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer re: sponsorship to the value of $500, to be equitable with other categories. Discussed continuing sponsorship of a one year membership to the College. Ali to e-mail Kim Ryan for clarification from National Office and notify Justine Glover of ACMHN decision.

6.2. Stall for Charles Darwin University (CDU) Faculty Careers Fair: Tuesday 25th March 2014. Marty and Ali will be in attendance but request other NT Branch members to volunteer an hour of two of their time- Ali to circulate an email to members requesting volunteers for this event. Marty to email Head Office re: obtaining extra ACMHN paraphernalia.

6.3. Teleconference for future meetings: The current Teleconference facilities at Wanguri Electoral Office are suboptimal for correspondence with Gove, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. It has been suggested to conduct meetings at Cowdy Conference Room until adequate equipment/facilities are obtained. Pat Bradley to continue discussions with David Arthur at CDU.


7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Membership fees: Discussed how members are paying fees. Direct Debit is the preferred method.

Meeting Closed: 18:00hrs.