

ACADEMY OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PROSTHODONTISTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HILTON HOTEL, SYDNEY
ON FRIDAY 28 JULY 2006

1. **PRESENT:** Bradley Shepherd, President and 40 members

A list of 29 eligible proxies that had been received by the Secretary/Treasurer was read out to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: James Connor, David McNamara, Menakar Abuzar, Thomas Berekally, Ian Steele, Gilbert Watson, Keith Baetz, Dan Brener, William Bruce, Colin Burton, Emanuel Cassimaty, Anthony Coates, Tim Cutler, Anthony Dickinson, Andrew Dillon, Christopher Evans, Brian Fitzpatrick, Andrew Flood, Peter Greer, Peter Hawker, James Ironside, Kevin Joyce, Melissa Kah, Danielle Layton, Rick Lazar, Chris Murray, Brian Roberts, Peter Sutherland, Yvonne Vidovic, Sydney Warneke, David Wheatley, Tom Wilkinson, and Simon Wylie.

2. **MINUTES OF AANZP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2004**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 July 2004 had previously been circulated to members.

It was noted that several names had been incorrectly spelt and these would be corrected.

MOVED Gerald Clausen seconded Paul Hogan

THAT subject to the names being corrected the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2004 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

All business arising from the minutes had been dealt with.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Brad Shepherd reported there had been a large amount of national correspondence with Committee members and Council. The correspondence had been from individuals as well as organizations. Details of all correspondence was given and some of the important matters were as follows:

- From the Chartered Accountants regarding the Constitution
- Letters from September 2004 to July 2006 from Minter Ellison regarding the Constitution
- From RACDS regarding the Board of Studies for the College
- From the ADA in July 2005 inviting the Academy to take part in their Congress

- From the Federal ADA regarding the forthcoming Congress and asking if we want to be involved in pre-congress meetings
- Receipt of the ADA policy statements
- From the International College of Prosthodontists
- From the ADA Specialist Advisory Committee – our representative on the SAC is Neil Peppit
- Numerous letters from individual members regarding special streams of the College
- March 2006 from the Board of Studies requesting a list from the College of external examiners
- Correspondence from the ADA regarding the set up of the webpage – members accessing the web must be members of the ADA

MOVED John Locke seconded Karl Lyons

THAT the list of incoming and outgoing correspondence be endorsed.

CARRIED.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

A copy of the Auditor’s Report and balance sheet for year ended 30 June 2006 was tabled for information. The signed original copy dated 19 July 2006 had been received by the Secretary/Treasurer, Ian Lander.

Ian Lander advised that the Academy is in a sound financial position. The income for the year was \$65,532 against expenses of \$28,195. Bank charges have nearly doubled due to the credit card facility which has made it so much easier for members, particularly for the New Zealand Members. The legal fees had been paid to Minter Ellison for work on the Constitution. The telephone expenses include the costs of teleconferences and the cost of External examiners of \$4,156 had been for air fares and accommodation. There are current assets of nearly \$40,000 in the CBA and \$31,000 in a cash management trust giving total assets of nearly \$71,000.

The meeting was opened for questions.

John Locke asked what the cost of the Conference would be and if it still has to be paid.

Ian Lander advised that the cost was \$36,696 and it has been paid.

A question was raised regarding the GST. Ian Lander advised that the expense for GST of \$1,957 in the statement of income and expenditure has been recoded as the Academy is not registered for GST. In future the full amount will be coded as an expense.

Ian Lander did not think it was necessary to increase member subscriptions for the next financial year.

MOVED John Locke seconded Karl Lyons

THAT the subscriptions remain the same for the next financial year.

CARRIED.

MOVED John Locke seconded Kim Halliday

THAT the Treasurer’s report be accepted and adopted.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1 Constitution Committee

Karl Lyons reported that the Constitution Committee had been working with Company Law Specialists to make changes to the Constitution so that it is acceptable by company law. The changes have been placed on the website and previously approved by the membership. The Academy must have 75% of voting members approve the changes before they can be put to ASIC. All the changes made to the Constitution were read out to the meeting. One of the changes is to allow Associate Membership of the Academy which would let post graduate students be members of the Academy. The name would be The Academy of Australian and New Zealand Prosthodontists. The number of members of Council and Executive has been reduced. On legal advice the Academy will remain as a company limited by guarantee. The form of the Constitution was changed to allow members to make changes to the Constitution easier. The changes to the Constitution have been ongoing since 2002 and this meeting must vote on the new Constitution which was approved at the meeting in July 2004.

The meeting was opened for questions but there were no questions.

MOVED John Locke seconded Terry Walton

THAT the Constitution Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED.

6.2 Scientific Committee

Anders Blomberg reported that tasked with organising the 2006 Biennial program the committee felt that as diverse a program as possible should be developed and he hoped that members agreed this had been achieved. The general specialty day has worked very well. The involvement of post-graduate students was seen as an important aspect with their participation encouraged by not charging the conference fee. It is hoped they appreciated the generosity of the membership in subsidizing their attendance and will consider membership of the Academy on graduation.

Sydney was chosen for a second time as no committee members was available from Melbourne. As Melbourne should be the next stop for the 2008 meeting it is suggested that the next organizing committee have at least one member from Melbourne. Notification of dates for the 2008 meeting should be as early as possible to avoid conflict with other organizations which had occurred this time.

Anders thanked his fellow committee members for their great assistance especially Dr Markijan Hupalo for his on the spot efforts with the hotel. Also thanked the trade sponsors for participating. Their presence helps defray costs significantly and is beneficial exposure to the membership of their products and services. Thanks were recorded to all the speakers and session chairmen who have provided such a great deal of valuable information and experience to us. Future meetings could benefit from having a reserve speaker in case of illness or other complications. Anders thanked Brad Shepherd for his guidance over the last two years.

The meeting was opened for questions.

John Locke raised the question of problems that had occurred with other organizations and details were noted. Discussion on this matter took place.

Tony Coyne reported that a survey had been done as to where to hold the scientific meetings and the result had been that it should be held in Sydney. Discussion on possible meeting venues took place.

MOVED Anders Blomberg seconded Brian Monteith

THAT we consider having Melbourne and Sydney as venues for the Biennial Meeting on a rotational basis.

John Locke spoke in favour of the motion. If the meeting is only held in Sydney it becomes the responsibility of the Sydney members every time. It is as easy to get to Melbourne as to Sydney. The Executive will be in Melbourne next time and could share the load of running the meeting.

Neil Peppit spoke in favour of the motion agreeing with John Locke.

Discussion on amending the motion took place and an amended motion was put as follows:

MOVED Anders Blomberg seconded Brian Monteith

THAT the Biennial Meeting will be held in either Melbourne or Sydney depending on the Executive at the time to make the decision.

CARRIED.

6.3 Standards Committee

John Locke reported on the activities of the Standards Committee which had fallen into three categories.

(1) Review of Australian Post-Graduate programs on behalf of the ACD

This review program has continued over the past 2 years with reviews carried out on both the Sydney and Adelaide Prosthodontic Programs. Thanks were recorded to both Professor Brian Monteith and Dr Ian Lander for all their good work in carrying out this very important job on behalf of the Academy. These 2 members have now reviewed the Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide Prosthodontic Programs and submitted reports to the ADC. These reviews had taken 2 days on site at the university and then many hours writing and reviewing the report for the ADC. The ADC has given full accreditation for the next 5 years to the Melbourne and Sydney programs. Adelaide has been given provisional accreditation for 1 year subject to the findings of the review which is now in the hands of the ADC. Queensland has 1 student in the Prosthodontic Program and under the ACD guidelines Queensland was considered a new program because they had not had students for a number of years. Once the student has been in the program for more than a year they have to provide a review to the ADC and apply for accreditation.

(2) Provision of external examiners to Prosthodontic Programs within Australia

The Academy has provided External Examiners to the Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide programs in the past year. The External Examiners act in the following capacities:

- a. They carry out trial clinical presentations for the first, second and third year students.
- b. They act as external examiners for the end of year exams for the first, second and third year students examining both the clinical and didactic work.

People who have assisted the Academy in acting as External Examiners in the past 2 years or who will be assisting this year are Christine Wallis, Gordon Burt, Stephen Travis, Stewart Cottis, Brian Monteith, Tim Cutler, John Locke, Brian Fitzpatrick, Cos Maiolo, Neil Peppit and Chris Evans. Thanks were recorded to these members for giving up their time to assist the Academy and the Universities. The aim is to expand this particular program to get more Academy members involved with the Universities to give them

greater exposure to what is happening at the universities and also to give us a greater depth and a greater number of people who have experience in working with and examining Prosthodontic students.

(3) membership on the ADC Oversea's Qualifications Committee in prosthodontics

The Academy continues to have 2 of its members sit on this committee. They are Peter Wilson and John Locke. Since July 2004 there have been 5 applications submitted by the State Dental Boards to the ADC Committee for its opinion on suitability for registration.

John Locke advised that since 2004 the only new initiative he was aware of is the Academy's involvement with the University in Victoria initiating a new treatment planning session for 5th year under graduate students. This is the 2nd year the program has been run. The College runs a lecture program for the Victorian students at 6 p.m. on a Monday evening and the Academy runs a treatment planning session at 5 p.m. on the same evening for any 5th year under graduate who would like to attend. The students bring their own models and go through a treatment planning session or the tutor brings models. The Academy members have a roster as to who will turn up and manage the treatment planning session and at this stage attendance has been good and well accepted by the students.

The meeting was opened for questions and discussion on the report took place.

MOVED John Locke seconded Karl Lyons

THAT the Standards Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED.

6.4 Education Committee

Brad Shepherd advised that he would present the Education Committee report as Alan Payne was unable to attend the meeting. Brad thanked Alan Payne for providing his report and included it for filing. As it is a large document the contents were summarized as follows:

At the last Biennial Meeting the Education Committee was revamped and given direction to provide a report with the following aims:

- How to promote the introduction of prosthodontics into undergraduate education
- How to introduce AANZP members to undergraduate programs
- How to raise the profile of prosthodontics at "grass roots" level
- To provide knowledge of how each dental school is performing with respect to the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching of prosthodontics

Information was obtained from members of the Committee (Alan Payne, Brian Fitzpatrick, Garry Ecker, Ketih Baetz and Tom Wilkinson). Additional information was requested from Iven Klineberg, John Locke and Karl Lyons.

(1) How to promote the introduction of Prosthodontics into undergraduate education?

- The report was vague for Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia
- Both NSW and New Zealand reported a more structured but extremely different method of introduction of Prosthodontics into the undergraduate program

(2) How to introduce AANZP members to Undergraduate Programs?

- The report indicated NSW, Victoria, New Zealand and Queensland had structured active involvement

- Western Australia had structured active involvement for one year, however, this has disintegrated
 - South Australia has no structured involvement
- (3) ***How are we raising the profile of Prosthodontics at the “grass roots” level?***
- NSW, Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand have various structured methods. Some relying on tutoring within the program, lecturing within the program, others with presentations outside the program i.e. through the Australian Prosthodontic Society
 - WA, SA has very little involvement apart from some small lecture component to the 4th year students in WA.
- (4) ***How is your school performing with respect to the teaching of Prosthodontics at both the graduate and undergraduate level?***
- The report indicates the postgraduate program in NSW, Victoria and New Zealand have well established history. Courses have evolved under the guidance of good long term teaching staff and have satisfied peer review for ACD.
 - South Australia has had some problems with postgraduate program but recent peer review was positive
 - Queensland and WA had no program at the time the report was tabled.

It should be noted that there was no further mention of the undergraduate program.

It should also be noted at the time of writing the report there was no information available from Griffiths University. Correspondence had subsequently been received from Dr Mark Beahan (Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry at Griffiths University) and at the time of writing (April 2005) the undergraduate program was still under development.

The report raises many questions that together with the standards committee should be addressed to develop a 10 year plan for prosthodontics in this country. The East Coast of Australia (QLD, NSW, VIC) is represented by 128 of a total of 168 registered prosthodontists in Australia and New Zealand. That is 76% of the prosthodontic community in Australia. Victoria, NSW and New Zealand have the best, most accepted programs (This is where the numbers are!).

As the Peak National Body we need to consider the following:

- Everyone must have a clear definition of Prosthodontics and what constitutes prosthodontic treatment and its expectations for improvement in community health. (Refer to document Iven Klineberg, July 2005)
- We have to accept that certain centres are geographically isolated and undermanned, and this is unlikely to change rapidly
- Most programs suffer from lack of people and lack of funding. As a national body we could consider an approach that provides more uniformity of teaching at the undergraduate level in addition to a more corporate, private enterprise approach to the postgraduate programs.

MOVED Tony Coyne seconded Terry Walton

THAT the Education Report be accepted.

CARRIED.

Brad Shepherd advised that the people representing Universities would be each given five minutes to outline their situation.

Peter Wilson, University of Melbourne:

It is good to meet colleagues at this meeting. He is involved with under-graduate education and is embarking on a review of under graduate prosthodontic teaching. Would like the Academy to consider the introduction of undergraduate fixed prosthodontics. Students must be specifically trained by highly qualified staff. The Academy is interacting and members are engaged in supervising clinical sessions for the 4th and 5th year students on a regular basis. Melbourne has produced a large local pool of prosthodontists over the last 12 years. The review by Brian Monteith in 2004 was very useful and resulted in accreditation. The postgraduate training is running well in Melbourne and the scope of activities is being expanded.

Karl Lyons, University of Otago

The prosthodontic program is an integrated academic and clinical course with a research program covering different prosthodontic areas including oral implantology and dental materials. The Dental Council of NZ has reviewed the course and has accredited the University of Otago program as appropriate for registering graduates as prosthodontists in NZ. Three AANZP members are involved in teaching and lecturing second, third and fourth year courses involving aspects of fixed and removable prosthodontics. Karl supervises final year students in a “specialist prosthodontic clinic” on a weekly basis. The Bridgewater program has just had approval from the NZ Qualifications Authority for the introduction of a clinical doctorate which will replace the master’s degree and will increase the research requirements under graduates need to incur. The program will need to be accredited by the NZDA and will be subject to peer review by the Academy. Four graduates have been accepted to commence next year. A new staff member commenced this year which will give the school a full time prosthodontist. The program has been accredited for five years. Professor Seymour has been active in getting the clinical doctorate through the accreditation process which was quite involved. Also looking at where we should get a new school. There had been a visit from Professor Wilson from the UK who will be making a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor. The school will either be fully refurbished or a new school will be built.

Kim Halliday, West Australia

The undergraduate program is being converted to a block teaching module of 12-14 weeks and this is being finalized now. As such the prosthodontic curriculum and teaching schedules are being assessed and developed by that school. A group of seven members has been working with Kim Halliday at introducing Academy members to the teaching staff as of 2005. This will primarily involve teaching at the final clinical year level and attending treatment planning sessions with the student groups. The current position of the prosthodontics group within the dental school is that a number of our members are scheduled into the undergraduate teaching program. It aims to address the logistical problems seen daily with general dentists integrating with other specialists. The aim is to produce a program acceptable for ratification by the ADC. The university would like to start a masters program next year but this is not feasible now. The WA group aim to conform to the guidelines developed by the Academy and other national standards. Current University constraints do not fit with these objectives and delays are expected.

Matt Bickel, Queensland

The postgraduate MSc program was re-commenced this year after being abandoned due to lack of suitable teaching staff. Students were offered positions for 2005. The first year students go into dentistry. 2nd year students have an extended year and move into a clinical situation but they do not want students to spend all the time on technical matters. The 3rd year student gets the first exposure to a patient and they are taught treatment planning with a good overview. We can now provide a more structured program with new lecturers coming in. Details of what the 4th year students cover were given. Currently running

a preclinical course which is brief and to the point. The students have exposure to fixed and removal appliances. 5th year students are sent out to practices. Students are also being encouraged to go out to private labs and in house labs are not competitive enough and it is important to ensure that students get exposure with the technicians.

Iven Klineberg, New South Wales

Currently in the process of reviewing what we have been doing for the last 10 years with the undergraduate program. Currently running an introductory course but we have not had a program for the last 4 years and prior to that there was a preclinical program. Nothing currently in the 2nd year. Details of the 3rd year training were given which focused on a fixed prosthodontic program and the introduction of a single tooth program. The plan is for the 2nd year to do a preclinical lab exercise. The 4th year school year is over a 2 day block which includes third year students for a day and 4th year for a day to cover the surgical and restorative aspects. We need to have a formal program dedicated to oral and implant care. The program is done in modules. There is a highly organized removal prosthodontic program and details were given. Fixed prosthodontics takes place in the 20 week program. The 4th year has integrated clinics for most of the year. It is believed that the limitations in experience are driven by time constraints. The Masters program had over 40 applicants. 8 were selected to begin the structure where everyone completes the graduate certificate in Dentistry followed by the graduate diploma. 4 or 8 will be selected to complete the masters. The different levels allow us to provide a ground floor exit for students who do not make the grade to proceed to the masters. There is excellent support from the prosthodontists in the State. The major development is to provide an opportunity for practitioners with 10 years clinical experience to have the option to complete the program. Mentoring is a serious responsibility and the difficulty with the candidate who has not completed the clinical practice is not to be underestimated. We are losing applicants who could not separate from their practice needs. Four places within the program have been based in Westmead. At the moment there are 3 2nd year students, 2 in Westmead and 1 in clinical practice. Next year 2 will complete the certificate and probably 5 might end up in the 2nd year of the program but 1 will be remote. There should be more sharing of programs to help people with distance learning. The way for the future is to have student distant learning packages. Over the next 5 years we will have much more distance learning capability. Details were given of the University of London distance learning program.

Paul Drummond, South Australia

There are problems with prosthodontics in South Australia and Academy members do not have much contact with the school. We are a dying breed and very few people see it as a viable form of dentistry. We are being attacked by the technicians who believe they can do the work we do. It is disturbing what is happening in Adelaide. There is a distinct move away from teaching students prosthodontics and people are graduating with minimum skills. Another problem in Adelaide is that prosthodontists are so busy and do not have time to teach in Universities. The problem with teaching is that teachers need to ensure they get the best out of students and get them into the system. We have to become more proactive and become more involved with the schools especially in the post graduate level. There are 10-12 fee paying overseas students with a three year program. People in the system who are Australian residents have outlined deficiencies in the training. Realistically the most recent graduate and the one nearly finished have achieved the end result but the input they have received was a problem with manpower. There are some special problems in Adelaide and a unique problem is that the building of the dental school might not be around for much longer. There is an initiative that some of the final year students have been given the opportunity to enter an elective and this has been received well. We need to make sure we advance the course of prosthodontics and be proud of our specialty.

The meeting was opened for questions and discussion on the situation in Adelaide took place.

Iven Klineberg: It was up to the Academy to have a vision of what is possible in each State. All members in each State have to be proactive.

Paul Drummond: There have been initiatives in the group to get prosthodontists involved with the Universities but this should be pushed harder.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED FOR MORNING TEA - 10.30 A.M. - 11.00 A.M.

Mark Gervais, Griffiths University

There are 54 students doing the Bachelor of Oral Health going on to the Diploma of Dentistry for the final two years. There are no clinical sessions but there are plans to send the students to outposts. The College is enthusiastic about the course and believes it will be successful once it has been established. The course must be completed before it can be accredited and this will be at the end of the year. The Diploma of Dentistry at the end of the 5th year will be recognized.

Tony Coyne advised that the ADC is very happy with the way the course is running at Griffiths but cannot accredit the program until it is up and running.

Neil Peppit: The Queensland Health Minister could over ride this. The Federal Government gave the Griffiths University some funds and the University decided to use the funds to run this course.

John Locke: The University has to apply for accreditation when a student has completed the first year of the course. Accreditation is done every 5 years. We are 3 years into that 5 year cycle at present.

Discussion on the course at Griffiths University took place.

Mark Behan: Gloria Mack from Germany will be teaching the program and there are 4-5 prosthodontists on the Gold Coast who could assist.

Brad Shepherd thanked everyone for presenting their reports.

7. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7.1 RACDS Liaison Committee

John Locke reported that an Adhoc Committee had been established at the last meeting in July 2004 to investigate the interaction between the College and the Academy and to make a recommendation as to whether it is in the best interests of the Academy to form a Division of the College.

The Committee decided the main role of the Academy was to have a role in monitoring the standards and promotion of prosthodontics within Australia and New Zealand. To achieve this goal it would need to interact with a number of bodies including the ADC, the ADA, the Universities and the College. The Academy would be willing to offer help and assistance to further prosthodontics where ever possible. The Committee decided the Academy should act with independence and it could carry out its role more effectively at the present time by being totally independent but offering assistance to those parties when requested.

Two position papers had been produced outlining the prosthodontic qualifications in Australia and New Zealand and also guidelines for the interaction of the Academy with the Universities, the College and the ADC. The papers were circulated to all members of the Academy for comment. A number of members contacted the Committee with questions and some advice which was considered. Appropriate changes were made to the position papers before they were forwarded to the College President, David Thompson.

The College accepts our position and is happy to interact with us but would prefer us to form a Division with them as this is part of their policy statement.

The Academy's position is that the Academy wishes to remain independent so that it can act independently in dealing with the ADC, the College and Universities. The Academy wishes to continue its role in the Universities acting as external examiners. Our main interest is maintaining prosthodontic standards. The Academy is happy to support the holding of concurrent examinations by the Universities and the College with their respective qualifications in prosthodontics but that can only occur if the College and individual universities come to an arrangement to run their examination process that way. At this point in time the Prosthodontic Academy does not feel the need or see any major benefits in forming a division of the College.

The Academy would like to see the College act in a role of facilitating liaison between the specialist Academies under the auspices of the College.

MOVED John Locke seconded Gerry Clausen

THAT the report of the RACDS liaison Committee be accepted.

CARRIED.

Tony Coyne advised that the Specialist Advisory Committee to the ADA should fill the role of bringing all the specialist societies together.

John Locke suggested that the College should be part of that committee and have a lead in this.

Discussion took place on the role of the Specialist Advisory Committee to the ADA.

Neil Peppit gave the background to this committee when it started out as ACOADS. The purpose for the committee is so that specialist groups could be truly represented because the ADA was not representing specialists. Details of how the Committee works were given.

David Sykes expressed concern that if we are completely independent of the College the College might interface with Universities and government more closely and we might miss out.

John Locke: Our decision to be independent does not mean that we cannot interact with the College. We can still communicate and maintain our independence.

Neil Peppit: The College is just a vehicle and only two groups have MOUs with the College, the Periodontists and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. As a profession we are too small and he would like to see us move closer to the College.

Discussion on how we could liaise with the College took place.

Terry Walton: For us to form a Division of the College is a dead issue but we have avenues of communication which are being kept open.

Brad Shepherd: The position papers have now been accepted by the membership and it has been accepted by the Committee. It was circulated to membership and received good feedback.

8. SPECIAL ORDERS – Amendment to Constitution

Brad advised that all members had received copies of the amendments to the amendments to the Constitution and 75% of the membership must vote to accept the amendments.

MOVED Brad Shepherd seconded Iven Klineberg

THAT the amendments to the Constitution as previously circulated by accepted by the Members.

AS OVER 75% OF THE VOTING MEMBERS HAD VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Brad Shepherd presented his President’s report as follows:

“I have found the 2 years as President of The Academy an invigorating, educational and enlightening experience. It provided insights into the national structure, direction and perspective of the Academy and allowed conversation with perceptive and interesting Academy members.

This report is the scorecard and in July 2004 I set out to address core issues, management issues and program requirement.

On the positive side core issues that required addressing and have been successful are;

- The legal requirement to ensure our constitution conforms with ASIC requirements.
- Provision of a 4 monthly Newsletter to inform and engage the Academy Membership.
- Provide a user friendly webpage that was within the Academy budget and is easily updated and maintained.
- Provide an international presence by joining the International college of Prosthodontists as an Organisational Member.
- Clear definition of (Thanks to John Locke) the Interaction between the College and The Academy.
- Clear definition of registerable qualifications as a Specialist Prosthodontist.
- Improve the participation and interaction of Associate Members (postgraduate students) into the Academy.
- Provide a stimulating Scientific Program for 2006.
- Maintaining, with many thanks to Ian Lander, a stable financial position.

On the opposite side of the ledger I believe I have failed at;

- Providing a national strategy to direct members of the Academy back into teaching of undergraduate programs.
- We still have no strategy for presentation of interdisciplinary programs.
- The webpage requires more online information and database resources.

- Providing further direction associated with guidelines of the American College of Prosthodontists Classification.

In all the successful ventures the various committees have been outstanding and diligent:

- Constitution Committee – Karl Lyons, Brian Monteith, Brian Fitzpatrick, John Locke, James Connor
- Standards Committee – John Locke, Ian Lander, Brian Monteith, Gerry Clausen
- Scientific Committee – Anders Blomberg, Markijan Hupalo, Karl Lyons, Stuart Cottis
- Educational Committee – Alan Payne, Brian Fitzpatrick, Tom Wilkinson, Keith Baetz, Gary Ecker
- Webpage – Tony Dawson

and to all the Councillors I thank you on behalf of myself and the Academy.

In addition, I would extend my thanks to Paul Hogan, Terry Walton, Iven Klineberg and Gerry Clausen who have been very helpful in various aspects of my tenure as President.

At the beginning in 2004 my vision was for the Academy to be a strong society in 2014 with greater than 200 members and a groundswell of young vibrant prosthodontists who can carve a niche for Australia in the global arena for service, research and education. I believe we can pursue this.

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report.”

MOVED Brad Shepherd seconded Iven Klineberg

THAT the President’s report be accepted.

CARRIED.

Iven Klineberg felt that the President’s term had been a very rewarding one. A number of issues had been addressed which as a group we are very proud of. In particular it was an important initiative to invite the graduate students to the Scientific Meeting and dinner.

Iven recorded a vote of thanks, both personally and on behalf of the Group, to Brad Shepherd for his time, energy and effort.

A vote of acclamation was given to Brad Shepherd.

10. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Brad Shepherd advised that as there had only been one nomination for each position the new Council and therefore the following nominations would be accepted:

John Locke, President
 Karl Lyons, Vice-President
 Gerry Clausen, Secretary/Treasurer, Representative for Victoria
 Anders Blomberg, Queensland representative
 Markijan Hupalo, New South Wales representative
 Cosimo Maiolo, South Australia representative
 Brad Shepherd, West Australia representative

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Abstracts from the Scientific Meeting

Kim Halliday requested that as routine the abstracts from the Scientific Meeting be printed in the newsletter. ALL AGREED.

Brad Shepherd advised that as the Minutes of this meeting were being recorded these would also be included in the Newsletter. Noted.

ACTION: To include the abstracts from the Scientific Meeting and the Minutes from the Business Meeting in the next newsletter.

11.2 Content of Scientific Meetings

Iven Klineberg felt that we need to have a scientific focus on subjects for the Scientific Meetings and must insist on quality papers.

MOVED Iven Klineberg seconded Anders Blomberg

THAT future Scientific Meetings devote one session to evidence based prosthodontics.

Discussion on the motion took place.

Terry Walton spoke against the motion as this would place a restriction upon the Scientific Committee.

Michael Darveniza spoke in favour of the motion. As we only meet every two years as landmark papers arise that session could be an opportunity for the Scientific Committee to bring these papers to the members.

John Locke agreed with the concept but felt the subjects could be put into the program where appropriate.

Iven Klineberg advised that the motion was not intended to put any restrictions on the sessions and he was happy to write a proposal for the Executive to consider.

Peter Wilson spoke in favour of the motion as it was important to have at least one session on evidence based prosthodontics.

An amended motion was put to the meeting:

MOVED Iven Klineberg seconded Anders Blomberg

THAT for future Scientific Meetings the Executive give consideration to a focus on evidence based prosthodontics.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED.

11.3 AANZP Identity

Garry Ecker suggested that now we have consolidated our name and we know who we are we should formalize our identity with a logo and certificate which represents the Academy fully. This should be given to new members

ACTION: The Executive to consider this suggestion.

11.3 Update on Melbourne University

Peter Wilson gave an update on the current situation in Melbourne University.

The University has undertaken a massive restructure of the programs and is developing a cleaner system for study. They are setting themselves up as being a centre of higher education different from other universities in Australia. The principal happening within the school is a recognition that 90% of the graduates will go into private practice but they are training in the public health system which is not a good system. There is a proposal for a university dental clinic where students will study in private practice. This will become possible because the University has identified a building 200 yards from the public hospital. With the support of the Vice-Chancellor a curriculum will be developed within the next five years. There is an excellent teaching facility in the hospital and outstanding research. The University of Melbourne is ranked the third best dental school in the world. They have excellent cooperation from members of the Academy and prosthodontists. When the new course is running we will have an excellent spread of research teaching.

11.4 Relationship with the Australian Prosthodontic Society

Garry Ecker advised that since the Academy has become strong the Society has diminished in respectability and wondered what the long term future of the Society was. WA is running into problems and do not get much support. We need to rectify this.

Arnis Lidums felt that different States have different levels of activity. Several members had notified him they were leaving the Society but then some members took over the Society and improved the situation. It was a local issue and prosthodontists are generally very active in State Branches and make sure their state Society is vibrant.

11.5 Prosthodontics on the College Convocation program

Terry Walton raised the issue of the specialty being challenged on several fronts. There had been a couple of issues recently which highlight the problem and maybe the Education Committee should be more proactive. He had written to the College regarding the Convocation program as the College had not invited any prosthodontist to be part of the program and we need to address this problem.

Brad Shepherd felt this was a matter for the Council to look at the relationship with the College to establish a better means of communication as there had been no communication with the Academy regarding a speaker for the program.

Neil Peppit: There is a restorative prosthodontist on the program for the Convocation. The College has a scientific group who select the program and this is a College matter not an Academy issue. Neil Peppit will be President of the College in November but is still very proud of the Academy and was one of the Founding Members. There is duplication between both organizations but the program of the College Convocation remains the property of the College.

David Sykes: The problem is more with the profile of prosthodontists and it is not good enough for the College to have a prosthodontist on the program. We need to raise the profile of the profession. We should have something in the undergraduate program around the country whereby we sponsor a person in the undergraduate program.

Terry Walton: It was a generalized concept and we have to be more formally involved in undergraduate programs and other education. What sets us apart from others is our skills in diagnosis and treatment planning and this is what we should be trying to get across to everyone.

Gerry Clausen: If any changes are to be made it has to be at the local level and we have to educate the undergraduates. It is up to us at a local level to make it work and it is up to the Academy to be actively involved.

John Devlin: A report on this meeting should be placed in the ADA Federal News bulletin to raise our profile.

ACTION: *Consider sending a report of the meeting to the ADA for the Federal News bulletin.*

David Roessler: Would challenge anyone to define what a prosthodontist is as there is no clear definition.

Brad Shepherd agreed that this is something which needs to be very well defined.

Discussion took place on how to raise the profile of the Academy. It was suggested that there should be a Public Relations ad hoc committee or a media elected person.

Michael Mandikos: We have to relate to people ourselves. He had visited the Dental School in Queensland to give a talk on prosthodontics. He gave a demonstration of what prosthodontics is all about and the feedback from the students was excellent. Some of the lecturers presenting at the Scientific Meeting are not prosthodontists and we need to look this.

Brad Shepherd: This is a big issue and has been discussed by the Education Committee several times.

Iven Klineberg complemented Michael on his views but our identity is not where it should be. We have to sow the seeds at the undergraduate level. This topic should be on the agenda for several business meetings to review how we are progressing. No one knows about the Academy and out in the market place there are people being presented as experts when they do not know about the specialty. There is a problem in that we do not have a statement as to what prosthodontists do. The Academy should be encouraged to develop a Committee to look at this issue.

ACTION: *Brad Shepherd to refer this matter to the Education Committee for action.*

11.6 Special Needs Category

Christine Wallace: We have to have a high level of competency to assess curriculum for the specialty. We have a problem in that we are creating a new specialty. Anyone over the age of 60 falls into the special needs category and we must be seen to be doing what we are supposed to be doing. We are not creating this discipline for prosthodontists. We need to have some impact in special needs dentistry and be aware that other disciplines are doing prosthodontic work.

Suzanne Hanlin: The recent meeting in Brisbane was very multi-disciplinary. We were well represented by prosthodontists but there was a large number of periodontists. We as an Academy have to start developing position papers in these areas which show ourselves as the profession in Australia.

Gerry Clausen: This is a big issue because the Dental Board of Victoria is registering general dentists as special needs dentists. Another problem is that in the College structure it does not require an in-depth understanding of prosthodontics to achieve this. Dental Boards have had difficulty in identifying a special

needs dentist and it is going to be a very challenging area because third parties can claim rebates for doing prosthodontics for what they are not trained. A whole new sub-specialty is being created.

Christine Wallace: We should have an intake that comes from a prosthodontic background but currently this is not the case.

David Thompson: Special needs dentistry is something that has been created by one or two people in different states. The ADC has recognized this and had a meeting on the subject a couple of months ago. This should result in the rationalization of the special needs program.

Arnis Lidums: The issue is what cases come to us and what cases go to general dentists. Unfortunately some comments from GPs are that prosthodontists are very aloof. We need to take every opportunity to get into Universities and promote ourselves. The Prosthodontic Society has just provided grants for each State to have an Education Meeting with university students and he would encourage Academy members in each State to be aware that these grants are available.

Brad Shepherd thanked the meeting for some very useful discussion.

12. INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Brad Shepherd felt he had been very fortunate in having John Locke as Vice-President as he has been an enormous help during the past two years. They had lengthy telephone discussions on a regular basis doing a lot of business and together they had achieved a lot. He had great pleasure in handing over the role of President to John Locke.

John Locke took the Chair of the meeting.

John thanked Brad for his kind remarks and thanked the Academy for the opportunity to become President. He thanked the members of the Scientific Committee for putting together the scientific program for the meeting and thanked the Chairmen and all other members of the Committees for all the work they had done over the past two years. The Academy would not run without the assistance of all these people. Thanks were also recorded to Ian Lander and Brian Monteith for all the hard work they had done as a team in reviewing the universities.

A vote of acclamation was given to all the Committees, Ian Lander and Brian Monteith.

John thanked Brad Shepherd and Ian Lander for all the good work in steering the Academy over the last two years and for introducing the newsletter which was an excellent communication vehicle to members. They have addressed the problems of the Constitution with Karl Lyons and have resolved this issue for at least the next two years. They have developed a sustainable website through the ADA in Sydney and we have to work out the best way to use the site. The ADA will do the work but we have to give the directions. A lot of the things which Brad and Ian had been working on are still work in progress.

John congratulated Karl Lyons on his election as Vice-President and looked forward to working with him. Gerry Clausen will take the role of Secretary/Treasurer and John looked forward to working for the Academy during the next two years.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.