**Minutes of the meeting of the HGPA Management Committee**

**held at Teralba on 25 November, 2015**

**Apologies**

Marie-Ann Hockings ; Fiona van Leeuwen; Michael Swanson;

**Present**

Lee Fong; John Goswell; Megan Hamilton; Steven De Lyall; Colin Pearce; David Smith; Richard Terry

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It was decided that advice would be sought as to the benefits of incorporating the Association(with particular reference to the legal liability of members and office bearers)and of seeking ‘not for profit’ status, bearing in mind the establishment costs and annual reporting obligations and costs (Lee, Steve, Megan and Colin).

The question was raised as to whether a commercial membership database should be purchased. Enquiries have revealed that suitable products are prohibitively expensive, so John will continue to develop the one that he has been working on (John).

John has identified nine groups around Australiawhich seem to be representative of grass roots GPs. He will make contact with these groups with the view of introducing them to the HGPA and perhaps of forming an alliance of some sort (John).

The continuing development of the HGPA website was discussed. It will be updated and its features expanded to include, amongst other things, a tool by which members’ views on topics of concern can be canvassed (Lee and John).

The government’s MBS review proceeds. Lee will investigate how HGPA members might be able to be constructively involved in the process (Lee).

The Committee had previously discussed the design and provision of a poster for members to put up in their surgeries to explain to patients why there is and will continue to be an increasing gap payment for their consultations. With special assistance and generosity from Dr Anna Kelly, it was decided to engage Limelight Productions to design and produce a poster to explain why fees are rising and rebates are not, and to encourage them to contact their local members of parliament with any complaints (Richard).

Richard assured the meeting that efforts to rationalise JHH discharge summaries are progressing.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20/1/16 at a venue to be advised.**