

Minutes of the Safe Motherhood for All Australia Inc Annual General Meeting – 4 December 2015



Present: Ellen O’Keeffe, Robin Scott-Charlton, and Mary Kirk, Emma Baldock, Declan O’Keeffe

By Telephone: Sara Stewart, Ian Howie,

Apologies: Vanessa Owen, Emma Hess, Ann Kinnear, Emma Baldock, Michelle Kermonde, Caroline Homer, Karen Willcocks

Welcome: Ellen welcomed all to the 2015 Annual General Meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which today’s meeting is taking place, the Ngunawal people. The meeting opened at 0930.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting: The minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on 22 December 2014 were tabled for approval. It was moved:

Motion: *That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 22 December 2014 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved: *Ellen O’Keeffe*

Seconded: *Ian Howie*

Motion carried

President’s Report for the year ended 30 June 2015

In 2014 – 2015 SMFA all promoted safe motherhood through:

- Web site updated.
- Active Facebook Page with good feedback.
- Launch of respectful Maternity Care Postcard as a Mother’s Day Promotion.
- Women’s Centre for Health Matters is conducting a survey in the ACT on Women’s views on maternal healthcare in the ACT. They have used the Respectful Maternity Care Charter to evaluate the survey.
- I would like to acknowledge the support of the following organisations.
 - *The Australian College of Midwives Inc.*
 - *Safe Sleep Space Inc. and*
 - *The Marce Society – Australasian Chapter*

All three distributed the Respectful Maternity Care Postcard in the conference packs at their recent conferences.

- The University of Canberra is distributing the RMC Postcard to the midwifery students.
- Education Session on Respectful Maternity Care conducted at The Canberra Hospital in the ACT
- The RMC Postcard is being distributed at Lyle McEwen Hospital SA and The Canberra Hospital in the ACT.
- The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has taken note of the Charter as an excellent example of how to promote the rights of childbearing women and provides a framework of how health services can respectfully partner with women in their maternity care and as part of the review process there is an opportunity to include reference to the Charter in the resource documents we will develop in the future for the revised NSQHS Standard Partnering with Consumers.
- We are liaising with University of Technology to have the RMC Charter endorsed.

Ellen thanked the Board and members for their commitment and work during the year.

Financial Report for year ending 30 June 2015: The audited financial report for the year ending 30 June 2015 was tabled for adoption. It was moved:

Motion: *That the Finance Report for the year ending 30 June 2015 be adopted.*

Moved: *Ian Howie*

Seconded: *Robin Scott Charlton*

Motion carried.

Appointment of Auditors: As an Incorporated Association with no substantive funds there is no requirement for an auditor. When this status changes, a subsequent Board meeting will appoint an auditor.

Board Election: Emma Baldock retired as treasurer. Emma was thanked for her work. Emma will continue as a Board Member.

Motion: *That Declan O'Keeffe be elected to the Board of Directors of Safe Motherhood for All Australia Inc. for a two year term.*

Moved: *Mary Kirk*

Seconded: *Robin Scott Charlton*

Motion carried.

Motion: *That Robin Scott Charlton be elected to the Board of Directors of Safe Motherhood for All Australia Inc for a two year term.*

Moved: *Ellen O'Keeffe*

Seconded: *Mary Kirk*

Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 1000.
