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In a year of post-Covid fog, the AMLC has continued to evolve as the pendulum swung back to more face-to-face meetings and a well-attended AOA/AMLC/ABIME Combined Medicolegal Meeting in Brisbane which included various Medicolegal updates, interesting clinical cases and updates in pain medicine (Professor Sunderaj) and the Doctor in Court (Professor Ranavaya) with many contributions by AMLC Fellows including Reasonable and Necessary Treatment, Causation, Med Neg and Bio-Ethics.

Resumption of forums at the Schools Club has been welcomed and the first one in 2024 will be by Professor Ron Sekel, “A Medico-legal Interpretation”. Several forums have been videoed to form an increase in Podcasts for education.

The Education Committee of Richard Sekel, Todd Gothelf and Eugene Gehr will roll out the education program for the potential untrained Fellows. Post Graduate Fellowship applications require a nominator and seconder and two de-identified medicolegal reports which are sent to the Censor-in-Chief, Margaret Gibson, for ratification. Currently, all Fellows of the Specialist Colleges including RACGP, are invited to apply with AMA Members who do medicolegal work as well. The CPD Committee including Kim Edwards and David Wilcox, are happy to provide review of de-identified medicolegal reports for CPD points.

The Treasurer, Ron Thomson, has once again provided fiscal guidance and maintenance of the Articles of Association: Governance as required. Sikander Khan, the Honorary Secretary, has provided ongoing support and wisdom as a standout pillar of the College, for which we remain sincerely grateful.

CPD Homes

The AMLC did not have its application for CPD Home accepted. As our Treasurer has pointed out, we do not have the staffing nor funding for this onerous task. Fortunately, AMA has been awarded a CPD Home and can be utilized by Fellows, whether Members or not.

This College could not function without the undying efforts of our Manager, Mandy Chalmers, to keep the organizational matters of meetings, minutes, memoranda and arrangements of Schools' Club dates.

AMLC would like to recognise Professor Graham Gumley, hand surgeon, who received an AM in the Australia Day Honours list. An established hand surgeon, he has also been heavily involved in providing surgical services in Asia-Pacific region as part of Orthopaedics Outreach and is the Chairman of the Senior Surgeon's (RACS).

He has presented regularly at our Combined AOA/AMLC/RACS meetings and continues to be available for such scientific forums.

AMLC would also like to recognise Dr Robin Fitzsimons for her AM for significant service to tertiary education, neurology and medical research. She is the current medical representative on the P.I.C. Rules Committee and as such, is the conduit to relay suggestions and concerns to the NSW Government.

We congratulate both of these esteemed colleagues for timely recognition of their contributions to Medicine, Surgery and medicolegal fields.

Future Continuing Education

In 2024 six forums will be held at the Schools Clubs and four webinars will be held as well as the Annual Combined AOA/AMLC/RACS meeting in Hamilton Island in September 2024. Please have abstracts ready to be included (printed) in the program. Conference Secretariat will be Michelle Van Biljon and Alison Fallon from AOA. It is vital that speakers who wish to present give advanced confirmation of their topics to be consolidated into the program.

Finally, please encourage colleagues to join AMLC – the annual fees are modest, the benefits are large and the value of conviviality and fellowship, networking and cross pollination of ideas rewarding. Fellowship applications can be obtained from Sikander Khan or Mandy Chalmers.

We are an inclusive College to set the standards for medicolegal reporting in this country, to ensure our best endeavors towards equitable and expedited dispute resolution for injured persons.

Happy New Year 2024.



Dr Drew Dixon
President AML College