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Australian and New Zealand Society of Respiratory Science Ltd  
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## ANZSRS Board Communiqué January 2013

### 1 ANZSRS Board of Directors

Since the last Board Communiqué in August the Board has been busy working with the TSANZ to bring together the last few issues around the MOU and to put in place the framework that will support continuing future joint Annual Scientific Conferences. The 2013 conference in Darwin will be the last one run by Elisabeth Eaton and her excellent team from FCC. For 2014 The Conference Company (TCC) from Auckland NZ will be taking over as the conference organiser for the ANZSRS/TSANZ ASM. The ANZSRS Board is working closely with TCC around our needs and contract for services as well as with TSANZ and TCC to develop the joint ASM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elisabeth and her team for all their hard work over the years in putting together and running very smooth conferences. I am pleased to say that this is not the end of the ANZSRS FCC relationship and Elisabeth and her team at FCC continue to provide ANZSRS with Secretariat services.

At this time of year as Board Chair my thoughts are on the coming ASM and in particular the annual general meeting and the change over of Board Members. As usual we have two Directors who will be stepping down from their roles; Peter Rogers who has served two years and Brigitte Borg who stepped in to the vacancy made when Debbie Zagami retired early from her role. Now is the time for each of you to start thinking and talking about who you would like to see join the ANZSRS Board and to gather nominations for the election. The members you chose can be from your own or another region. The only qualification a person needs to become a Director is enthusiasm for our Society and to be a fully paid up member. The Board elections are not that far away so please make this an important regional activity. The Board will be running the election process with Michelle Rozee (Company Secretary) with the election timetable as follows;

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (close of business) - Call for nominations
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (close of business) - Election of Directors
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013: 2013 AGM in Darwin – Change over of Directors

Please take the time to get involved with selection, nomination and election of the new ANZSRS Directors.

### 2 ANZSRS Website

The development of the new ANZSRS website has been at times exciting and traumatic. As a person with no web design knowledge I was planning on seeing the new site up and running in what turned out to be an unrealistic time frame. However, much has happened since REWARD Design in Adelaide took up our challenge and from what I have seen the backbone of the site is now operational with the membership access point reasonably functional. Bill Noffsinger is working with REWARD to get the website to a point where we can populate pages and use the site. I am not going to predict when we can go live but I am looking forward to the new site being accessible and usable by all members.

In the interim we are still using the old ANZSRS web site. There are many issues with the old site so if you discover a problem or missing information please email Bill Noffsinger and he will be able to update/correct the issue.

## 2 Regional Chairs

The process for election of Regional Chairs was aligned to the new ANZSRS governance structure back in December 2010 when ANZSRS became a Company Limited by Guarantee. This means that the Regional Chair positions run on a two year cycle with the first Regional Chairs Chair taking up their post on the first Monday of July 2011. The election cycle is now at hand with the new Chairs required to take up their positions on Monday 1 July 2013. The election of Regional Chairs is managed by the Company Secretary Michelle Rozee. Once the election is complete the Regions can select/elect a Vice Chair through a regional process. The Board will be running the process for Regional Chair elections with the current Regional Chairs in accordance with By-Law 3 with the election timetable as follows;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April 2013 - Call for nominations
- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May 2013 – election of Regional Chairs
- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in July 2013 – change over of Regional Chairs

Please take the time to get involved in your region with selection, nomination and election of your next Regional Chair.

## 3 Membership matters

2013 membership fees are due as of 1 January 2013. FCC will be sending out your fee reminders so please pay your fees as soon as possible. The fees for 2013 are set as follows:

Membership Category	Membership fee including GST
Ordinary	135.00
Associate	108.00
OrdinaryT	101.00
AssociateT	81.00
Corporate	270.12

**Please note:** OrdinaryT and AssociateT denote those ANZSRS members who have dual membership with the TSANZ. Dual membership provides for a 25% discount on membership fees for both ANZSRS and TSANZ.

## 4 ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting 2013 - Darwin

Registration for the 2013 ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting being held in Darwin is now open. Please go to <http://www.fcconventions.com.au/ANZSRS2013/index.html> to register online or download the registration form. Early bird registration ends on 11 February 2013. The 2013 LOC have put together an exciting program which focuses on obesity and its effects on the lung.

Fees for the 2013 ANZSRS ASM (sat/Sun/Mon am workshop) are as follows:

	Early Bird to 11 Feb 2013	Standard after 11 Feb 2013
Full registration – member	AUD 485	AUD 540
Full registration – non-member	AUD 645	AUD 695

If you chose to remain at the ASM to enjoy the TSANZ presentations please remember to register for ANZSRS full registration and then add on the extra TSANZ ANZSRS members day registration... this will save you money!

*David*

### David Robiony-Rogers CRFS

ANZSRS President & Chair of Board of Directors  
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