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Annual Report Spine Society 2005-2006

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Changes to executive as of July 2006

Retired Dr Bruce McPhee (Scientific Secretary)

Replace by

Dr Owen Williamson (orthopaedic Surgeon)
Dept Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine
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Melbourne
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New President – Mr Roy Carey

New Vice President – Dr Peter McCombe (also serving as Secretary)

New Past President – Dr Ian Farey

Ad Hoc Member – Professor Nigel Jones.

Business for the 2005 – 2006 years

- A new database driven Website (www.spinesociety.org.au) went live as of Oct 2005. The website has password protected member areas that give access to private information and also allows the membership to complete online surveys and take part in discussion groups and online abstract submission for the annual scientific meeting.
- Executive meetings were extended from 2 per year to three per year.
- A new privacy policy was approved.
- The SSA began negotiation to affiliate with the RACS and the NSA
- The SSA approved. in principle, the accreditation of Spinal Fellowships – including industry funded fellowships.

Annual Scientific Meeting

The annual scientific meeting was held in Sydney at the Wentworth Hotel from 28th – 30th April 2006.

- The Guest Speaker was Dr Alex Vacarro of Pennsylvania USA.

- Other invited Guests were Dr Scott Boden – USA and Prof Jean-Charles LeHuec (France)
- Professor TK Taylor was awarded the 'Allan Dwyer medal' for lifetime achievement to spinal surgery and research.
- Mr Henry Vernon Crock gave the inaugural 'Ronald Beetham' historical lecture.

The following prizes were awarded.

Spinal Research award -	Dr Neil Broom Dr Celina Pezowicz Dr Peter Robertson 'Mechanisms of Annular Failure resulting from excessive intradiscal pressure: A microstructural-micromechanical investigation.'
DePuy Spinal Fellowship -	Dr Reza Zarrinkalam 'Analysis of trabecular bone markers in an ovine model of osteoporosis'
Best Paper -	Professor Nikolai Bogduk 'Headache and the cervical zygapophyseal joints(cervicogenic/cervical)'
Rob Johnston Award -	Sara Cargill 'Three dimensional lumbar spine postures measured by MRI reconstruction'

Membership

Membership as of Sept 2006

Occupation	Active	Corresponding	Senior	Grand Total
Anaesthetist	2			2
Anatomist	1	1	1	3
Biomedical Engineer	1			1
Clinical Anatomist	1			1
engineer		1		1
Epidemiologist	1			1
General Practitioner	1			1
Interventional Pain Management	1			1
Neurosurgeon	41	1		42
Orthopaedic Surgeon	68	17	3	88
Pain Specialist	1			1
Pathologist	1			1
Physician Occup.Med	1			1
Physiotherapist	5			5
Psychologist	1			1
Radiologist	3	1		4
Rehab Med Phys	3			3
Rehabilitation Med	3			3
Rehabilitation Physician	1			1
Rheumatologist	1	1		2
Scientist	2			2
Spinal Surgeon		1		1
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Grand Total	139	31	4	174

Enclosed – Presidents Report 2006-09-14
Profit and loss statement and balance sheet 2006

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCombe', written in a cursive style.

Dr Peter McCombe

Honorary Secretary Spine Society Australia