

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
FORMATION OF AN ENDOCRINE SOCIETY HELD IN THE
B.M.A. HALL, 135 MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY,
2ND JUNE, 1958, AT 2.30 P.M.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.

Dr. Hudson called upon those present to nominate a Chairman for the Meeting, in order that it may proceed. Dr. Downie was proposed (Dr. Burston) and seconded (Dr. Taft), and took the Chair.

2. RECEIPT OF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF INTERIM COMMITTEE.

The Chairman addressed the Meeting on the activities of the Interim Committee, and it was moved by Dr. K. S. Harrison, and seconded by Dr. Hawker, that this Report be accepted. Carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF FORMING A SOCIETY AND OF ADOPTING A CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by Professor Emmens and seconded by Dr. B. Hunt that the Society should be formed and the Constitution be discussed. The Chairman called for a show of hands on this motion, and there was a unanimous decision to form a Society.

4. CONSIDERATION OF SUGGESTIONS MADE ON OCTOBER, 1957, THAT ALL PRESENT AT THIS MEETING BE REGARDED AS ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY.

It was moved by Dr. Hetzel and seconded by Dr. Bornstein that all persons present be regarded as original members. Dr. Harrison suggested that there may be some persons present who had attended the meeting merely as observers, and moved that the motion be amended to read 'All present here this afternoon who desire to become members shall in fact become members.'
The motion and amendment were unanimously carried.

5. CONSIDERATION AND, IF APPROVED, THE ELECTION OF ALL THOSE NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHO HAVE SIGNIFIED THEIR DESIRE TO JOIN THE SOCIETY, AS ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

The Acting Secretary then read out a list of names and addresses of persons interested in becoming members of this Society. These numbered eighty.

It was moved by Dr. Taft and seconded by Dr. Read that the names of all persons just read should be deemed original members of the Society. Carried.

The Chairman then asked if any members present knew of any further names that should be added to the list. Twelve additional names were received.

It was moved by Professor Emmens and seconded by Dr. Harrison that these names be considered likewise to be original members of the Society.

This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting stating that it now existed as a Society, and asked all present, apart from observers, to sign the book being circulated with their name, qualifications and address.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

Dr. Hudson asked if the meeting could go into Committee. The Chairman agreed to this suggestion.

1. NAME

With reference to the word "Australasia" in the name, Professor Robinson asked if New Zealand colleagues had been consulted. Dr. Hudson said that this had not been done, and added that he felt that the name chosen was very much a matter for debate at this meeting.

Dr. Hunt stated that "Australasia" is a fighting word in New Zealand and he deprecated its use.

Professor Robinson moved that the Society be called 'THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA'. This was seconded by Dr. Harrison.

Dr. Hudson stated that he agreed with Professor Robinson's motion in view of the problems of distance and communication that he had experienced while getting this meeting together, and which he felt would be almost insurmountable if New Zealand were included. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. OBJECTS

It was moved by Dr. Taft and seconded by Dr. Hawker that the Objects of the Society as set out in Clause 2 be accepted. This motion was carried unanimously.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

Professor Robinson suggested that the word "such" be inserted after the words "are worthy of" in sub-clause (b). It was moved by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Dr. Hetzel that with this alteration the membership be as set out in the proposed constitution. Carried.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

(a) MEMBERSHIP.

After considerable discussion about the requirements of the candidate for membership it was moved that the insertion of the words "qualifications and" between "candidates" and "interest" be made. Proposed by Dr. Harrison, seconded by Dr. Vines. Carried.

There was debate about the need for the word "unanimous" as a requirement of election to membership. It was moved by Dr. Roman, seconded by Dr. Melick that the sub-clause read after the

word "endocrinology" "His name may be proposed by Council to the total membership and that voting be by Postal Ballot".

This motion was lost.

(b) It was moved by Dr. Isbister and seconded by Dr. Taft that sub-clause 4(b) read as set out in the proposed constitution, except for the deletion of the word "unanimous". Carried.

(c) It was moved by Professor Robinson and seconded by Dr. Hawker that this sub-clause remain as set out. Carried.

The Chairman suggested that sub-clause (d) and (e) be dealt with after paragraph 7 - "Office Bearers" had been considered.

5. COUNCIL.

Discussion of this section centred around state representation on Council. It was finally moved by Dr. Hetzel and seconded by Dr. Hawker that after the words "eight members" the insertion be made "including at least one from each of four states, exclusive of any ex-officio member." This was carried.

6. ELECTION OF COUNCIL

Discussion in extenso took place regarding the intention of section 6 with respect to the obligatory retirement. Misunderstanding centred around the ambiguity of the draft constitution in relation to possible length of service on council. Numerous suggestions were made about the possible re-wording of this section until it was finally moved by Dr. Kerr Grant, seconded by Dr. Hudson, that the sections read "Election of all members of Council shall be made every two years. Two members of Council shall retire each two years in

rotation and shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of at least two years". The remainder of the section was to be unaltered apart from the substitution of the word "ineligibility" for "retirement", and the alteration of wording to read "..... discretion of the council for a period not exceeding.....". This was carried.

7. OFFICE BEARERS.

Dr. Isbister moved that the first paragraph be amended to read:-"There shall be a Secretary and a Treasurer who will be members of Council and who shall be elected by Council, provided that the two offices may be held by one member of Council". He also moved that the word "Secretary-Treasurer" be appropriately amended wherever else it appeared in the draft constitution. Seconded Dr. Hudson.

Carried.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Professor Robinson suggested that the words "unless all arrears are paid" be added to the second sentence of this paragraph after the word "resignation". Dr. Harrison moved that this

clause, as amended, be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Stawell.

Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS.

The second sentence of this clause was amended to read "The audited accounts" and a further sentence added reading "The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of subscriptions".

Dr. Harrison moved that this Clause, as amended, be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Isbister. Carried.

10. MEETINGS.

In order to conform, the word "Treasurer" was deleted from the first and fifth lines of the Clause, and the words "He shall be responsible for collection of subscriptions" deleted as they now appear in Clause 9.

In the first line of the second paragraph the word "shall" was deleted and "may" inserted.

It was pointed out that although the formation of the Society was originally planned by members of the College of Physicians, there were now many members who were not medical practitioners. Dr. Hudson moved that the following addition be made to the paragraph "or at such other time and place as Council shall determine".

This was seconded by Dr. Taft. Carried.

Dr. Hetzel asked whether in view of the great interest shown in the Society a quorum of 10% of members was sufficient. He suggested a quorum of 20%. This was seconded by Dr. Stawell. The motion was carried with two dissensions.

The word "Treasurer" was deleted wherever appearing in the paragraph.

It was moved by Dr. Hetzel and seconded by Dr. Roman that a further paragraph be added to the Clause reading "Other meetings may be held from time to time as the Council shall determine".

Dr. Bornstein moved that the paragraph as amended and the additional paragraph be adopted. This was seconded by Dr. Harrison. Carried.

11. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

In order to conform the word "Treasurer" was deleted wherever appearing, and the words "twenty-one" amended to read "twenty-eight".

Dr. Stawell moved that this clause, as amended, be adopted. This was seconded by Dr. Hawker.

Carried.

12. GENERAL

Dr. Taft moved that Clause 12 as it appears on this paper be deleted. This was seconded by Dr. Hudson.

Carried.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Interim Committee and in particular Dr. Hudson for the work they had done in connection with the formation of the Society.

From the Chair he moved an expression of the meeting's gratification and thanks.

7. ADOPTION OF A CONSTITUTION.

Dr. Taft moved and Dr. Hetzel seconded the adoption of the amended draft Constitution as the Constitution of the Endocrine Society of Australia.

Carried unanimously.

8. ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

The Chairman called for nominations for the Council, stating that should there be more than eight names submitted, a ballot would take place.

The following names were submitted:

	<u>State.</u>
Dr. Downie	Vic.
Dr. Hudson	Vic.
Dr. Taft	Vic.
Dr. Hetzel	S.A.
Dr. Harrison	N.S.W.
Professor Emmens	N.S.W.
Professor Robinson	N.S.W.
Dr. Hawker	Q'land.
Dr. Hunt	W.A.
Dr. Bornstein	Vic.

Dr. Hudson thanked his proposer but declined, as he leaves shortly for overseas.

Dr. Bornstein declined in order to avoid a ballot.

Dr. Hunt said that if his proposer was agreeable, he would like to withdraw in favour of Dr. Bornstein who had more time to devote to the Society and was more in touch. Dr. Hunt's proposer agreed to his withdrawal.

These withdrawals left the following eight members, who were duly elected to Council.

	<u>State</u>
Dr. Bornstein	Vic.
Dr. Downie	Vic.
Professor Emmens	N.S.W.
Dr. Harrison	N.S.W.
Dr. Hawker	Q'land
Dr. Hetzel	S.A.
Professor Robinson	N.S.W.
Dr. Taft	Vic.

The Chairman then charged this newly elected

9. GENERAL BUSINESS.

Dr. Hudson moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Downie, commending the skill and dexterity with which he had handled the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.