

SHAPE Annual Report – 2019

President and Secretary

It is a pleasure to present the 2019 annual report of the President and Secretary together with the Treasurer's Report at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th July, 2019, Melbourne.

Symposium

The 2018 Symposium held in Brisbane was a well-attended and collegiate event. The continuation of the Wednesday program for academics, researchers, and doctorate and other higher degree research students provided great opportunities for sharing ideas, experience and research findings in the areas of health service research, training and development. The main program held in the following two days also included operational health managers and interested relevant stakeholders was again a success with 46 participants. At the AGM 2018 and the Symposium, the efforts and contribution from Ms Sheree Lloyd, Chair of the Symposium Organising Committee was recognised.

The 2019 Symposium will be held in Melbourne with a well-planned program including three main guest speakers and a facilitated panel discussion session with five healthcare leaders. Thirty-nine participants have registered to attend the Wednesday program with an additional 12 participants for the main program in the following two days.

Publications

The SHAPE e-book on health service management research edited by Professor Sandra Leggat was launched in both the SHAPE Symposium and ACHSM annual international congress in 2018. It has been available for purchase via the platform hosted by ACHSM.

Recognition of Professor Judith Dwyer's distinguished contribution

Former member of SHAPE, Professor Judith Dwyer was appointed the Member of the Order of Australia in January 2019 for her significant service to health service management, aboriginal health and policy reform.

On behalf of SHAPE, A/Professor Janny Madden and Professor Mark Mackay presented a beautiful bunch of flower and a card full of well wishes from members of the Executive Committee to Judith in Adelaide in February.

The use of social media to promote SHAPE and related events

With support from the SHAPE executives, Zhanming Liang has been using Facebook and LinkedIn to promote SHAPE related activities in the past year. Efforts in using social media and new SHAPE website to promote SHAPE and related activities will continue.

Establishment of a SHAPE Student Network

A special meeting with postgraduate and higher degree research students were held immediately after the Symposium in 2018 to discuss the possibilities of establishing a SHAPE student network. Ms. Monisha Sandhu, PhD candidate of La Trobe University agreed to take on the role of leading this process. She drafted the purpose of the student network and has commenced the process of establishing a Facebook Group as a social

communication platform. A special student session has been scheduled on the last day of the Symposium 2019 allowing the continuation of the discussion and details of the network to be established.

Developing a new SHAPE Website

We spent significant efforts in developing a new website for SHAPE with the help from a Web-developer as the existing website no longer meets the needs in the modern age. After a prolonged development period for various reasons, the website is ready to transfer to SHAPE.

The website will need to have the existing domain directed to it, but this is a straightforward matter. The finalisation of the website has been slowed by the extensive effort required to develop the MOU. It is expected that the website will be operational in the next 2 weeks.

Developing a partnership arrangements re: APJHM

In June 2018, the National President of ACHSM, Professor Neale Fong, wrote to the Chairperson of SHAPE, Dr. Zhanming Liang asking SHAPE to consider the following:

1. Co-badging APJHM with SHAPE, thus producing the journal in partnership
2. SHAPE taking responsibility for the role and payment of Chief Editor, the editorial committee meetings and for arranging peer reviewers
3. ACHSM to continue responsibility for administration and publication costs, management of the website and bundling articles into editions for the 'publish when ready' format.

The Management Committee supported this initiative and believed that the Journal would provide a valuable platform for health practitioners and junior academics / researchers / research students in publishing their work. The Management Committee also determined that a more formal Memorandum of Understanding was required to manage this relationship and so engaged, and is paying for, Marsh & Maher lawyers to advise and assist with this process.

ACHSM has requested a number of changes to the initial drafts, which have been incorporated. A final draft was then sent to members of the Executive Committee in early July for input. They were also invited to vote for or against the signing the MOU at the SHAPE Symposium 2019. After the deadline, 5 votes (a minimum of 4 votes were required) were received who were not involved in the MOU development and negotiation process. Therefore, the MOU signing will be officially approved at the AGM and a MOU signing session has been arranged on Thursday, July 25th. Both the National President and CEO of ACHSM will be attending the signing ceremony.

Management Committee

The management committee has met five time in the past financial year with an additional four Executive Committee meetings completed. I would like to extend my appreciation to all of those involved in the management and executive committee on behalf of all members.

Zhanming Liang

President

Mark Mackay

Secretary