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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Australian Society of Specialist General Surgeons
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Michael Donovan, FRACS

In 2015, the Directors continued working towards meeting the primary strategic objectives of the Company, particularly through the promotion, development, and support of education and training programs for Trainees and members.

A highlight of the Company's achievements in 2015 was the successful delivery of the Provincial Surgeons of Australia 2015 Annual Scientific Conference, the first external meeting to be managed by the GSA Events Department.

A further achievement was the successful implementation of the Future Ways of Working IT program, designed to provide all GSA staff with a modern technology toolkit that embraces a "Cloud First" approach.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Some of the key indicators of success measured in 2015 include:

INDICATOR	TARGET	2015 RESULTS
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership increase >5% p.a. New membership amongst Fellows >10 years post FRACS >25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 new members; 4% overall increase 60 new General Surgery Fellows in 2015; 30 of these joined GSA 10 new members were Fellows >10 years post FRACS (17%)
Website Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of active members listed on Find a Surgeon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49.5% of active members listed on Find a Surgeon (344)
Selected Trainees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention >90% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96% retention in 2015 (3% Withdrawn; 1% Dismissed)
Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of General Surgery Supervisors as members of GSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 59% of General Surgery Supervisors (74) were active members of GSA
Fellowship Examination pass rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% by second attempt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall pass rate: 70% Of those that passed, 94% (84) passed within two attempts Trainee pass rate: 76% IMG pass rate: 40%
CPD compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% compliance with existing RACS CPD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of GSA members compliant for 2014 CPD Program
GSA ASM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% growth of practicing surgeons at GSA ASM in 3 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 ASM: 50% of delegates were surgeons 2014 ASM: 52% of delegates were surgeons 2013 ASM: 66% of delegates were surgeons 2012 ASM: 61% of delegates were surgeons
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All scholarships awarded annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Pacific Island & South East Asian Travel Grants awarded John Ham, Noel Newton, GSA Research Prize, GSA Poster Prize, and Hernia Prize awarded
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop co-badged or co-located scientific meetings and workshops with sub-specialty groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined one-day Scientific Program held with ANZHPBA at 2015 GSA ASM in Cairns; 77 ANZHPBA members attended
Budget performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +/- 5% of budget annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total expenditure 2.0% over budget
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodgement of Statutory Accounts four months after EOFY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Submission lodged 27 April 2015

The 2015 training year saw the financial impact of the SET Transition, with reductions in both Partnering Agreement and Selection revenue for the year, as had been anticipated and planned for by the Board. Combined with a low return on investments, these factors saw the surplus of the organisation decrease significantly from the previous financial year.

The Directors agreed to invest a further \$300,000 of surplus funds from the 2014 financial year, split across the RACS Small Scale Offering and ANZ Bank OneAnswer portfolio. Global market performance was again poor in 2015, with the overall return on investments 32% lower than the previous financial year. Despite this, the Directors remain committed to a long-term investment strategy, with returns used to fund annual grants and research scholarships. As at 31 December, the total amount invested with the RACS Small Scale Offering and ANZ Bank OneAnswer was \$1,927,898.00.

Total expenditure remained steady for the period, and the Board was pleased to note that the organisation continued to achieve its strategic goals, despite the challenges presented by the changing landscape of Surgical Education & Training and the poor performance of global financial markets.

In early 2015, GSA participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop held by the RACS Board in General Surgery, which reviewed current practice and future goals in the areas of Supervision, Assessment of Performance, Training Requirements, Operative Experience, and Accreditation of Training Posts. The meeting provided an important opportunity for our organisation to help determine the future direction of General Surgery training in Australia.

A major achievement for the organisation in 2015 was the implementation of the Future Ways of Working (FWOW) IT program. The FWOW program was designed to remove GSA's reliance on IT infrastructure provided by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), and has created an integrated, secure, cloud services model accessed by GSA staff across all regions. The program has empowered GSA staff to become more autonomous and less constrained by the RACS IT Standard Operating Environment, as well as providing a more realistic gauge of actual IT spend per user; costs that were previously hidden in College overheads. The introduction of the FWOW program met one of the organisation's strategic priorities for 2015, by investing in contemporary technologies to help maintain an efficient and sustainable organisation.

Another strategic goal achieved in 2015 was the expansion of GSA's Event Management services for core General Surgery meetings, through the successful management and delivery of the Provincial Surgeons of Australia (PSA) 2015 Annual Scientific Conference in Lismore, and the provision of event support for the Advanced Hernia Masterclass and Cadaver Workshop in Sydney. These Event Management services, as well as Post-Fellowship Education & Training opportunities, are assisting the organisation to create sustainable non-membership based revenue streams, which will build capacity for future investment in surgical education and training.

The 2015 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), "Complex General Surgery", was held at the Pullman Cairns International hotel in September, and achieved a surplus of almost \$50,000.00. The meeting was a great success, with strong attendance from over 410 members, trainees, and other medical professionals. The 2015 ASM saw the first delivery of a single day combined scientific program, with GSA and ANZHPBA joining forces to provide a highly engaging, educational, and thought-provoking program.

Over 40 national and international speakers contributed across the four days, including Keynote Speaker Professor Kemal Deen - President Elect of The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka - and international guests Dr Sivasuriya Sivaganesh from Colombo, ASGBI President Mr John Moorehead from Belfast, and renowned Vascular Surgeon Dr John Swinnen from Médecins Sans Frontières.

The 2015 ASM program again included a number of educational workshops for consultants, presented by a range of our industry partners. The workshop program included 'Acute Rural Trauma Management', 'The Use of Biosynthetic Mesh in Hernia Surgery and Abdominal Wall Reconstruction', 'Maximising Your Earnings While in Private Practice', and 'Practice Managers: Tax Structures - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly'.

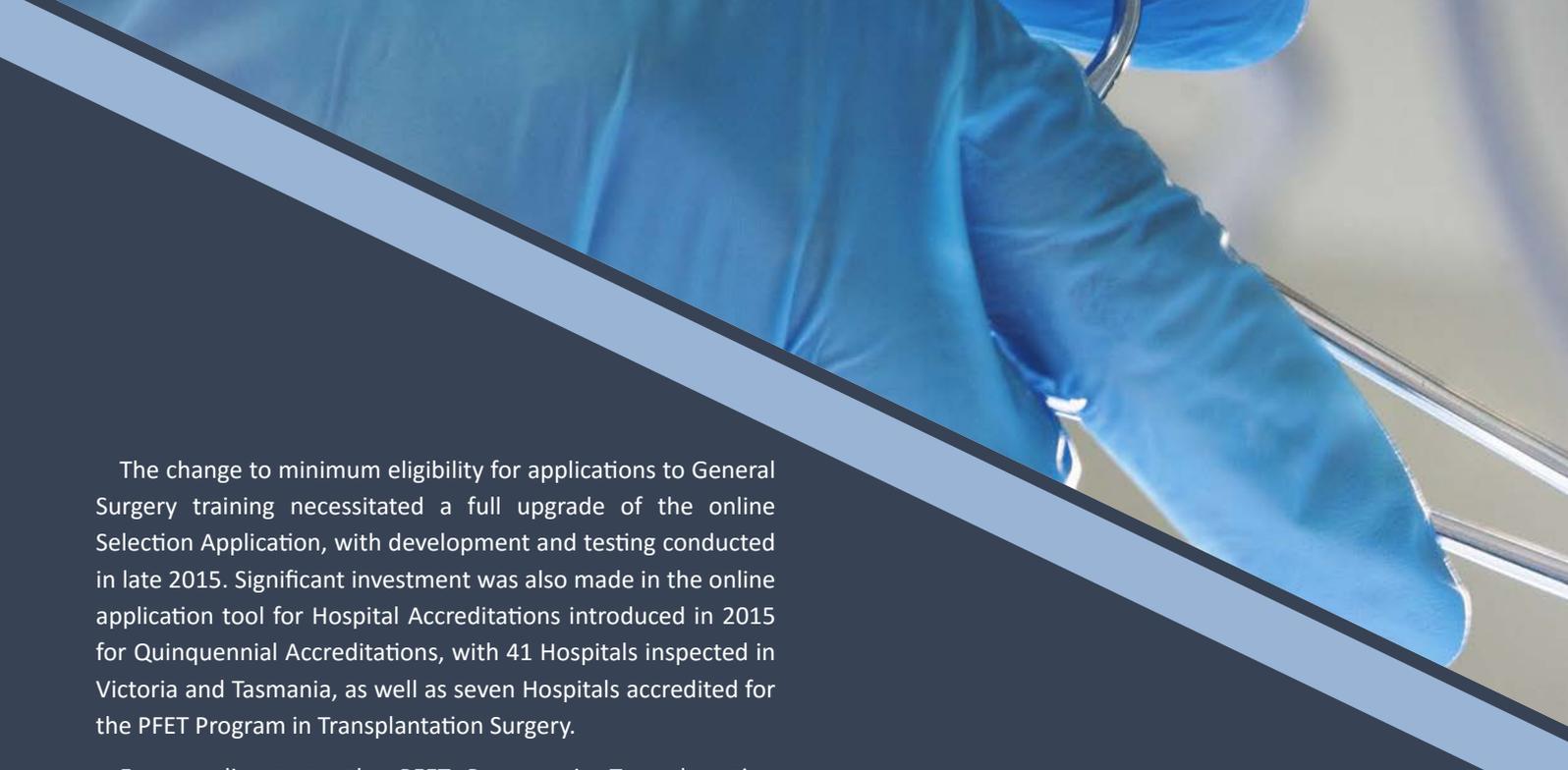
The 2015 sponsorship campaign saw the engagement of numerous industry partners, with Applied Medical and Cook Medical providing Major Sponsorship, and W L Gore and Bongiorno's National Network providing Workshop Sponsorship. A further 12 industry partners participated in the meeting at various levels.

The GSA Research & Scholarships Committee reviewed and ranked 85 abstracts submitted for consideration by SET Trainees in General Surgery (28), Interns/PGY2 (15), Medical Students (7), Non-accredited Registrars (30), and Fellows/IMGs (5). The top eight abstracts were selected for verbal presentations, and 18 abstracts were selected for poster presentations. Additionally, two abstracts were selected for the combined GSA-ANZHPBA Program, both of which had an HPB theme.

Winners of the 2015 ASM prizes and awards included Dr Matthew Read (SET Trainee - VIC) - John Ham Award; Dr Janindu Goonawardena (PGY2/Intern - VIC) - Noel Newton Award; Dr Rahul Mehrotra (SET Trainee - NSW) - GSA Research Award; Dr Havish Srinath (SET Trainee - QLD) - Hernia Award; and Dr Adam Cristaudo (Non-accredited registrar QLD) - GSA Poster Award. At the ASM Gala Dinner, five exceptional General Surgery Supervisors were awarded the Excellence in Surgical Teaching Award, including Dr Carina Chow (QLD), Dr Dean Fisher (NSW), Mr Graham Hool (WA), Assoc Prof Francis Miller (VIC), and Dr Marina Yeow (SA). Also attending the 2015 ASM were four worthy recipients of the GSA Pacific Island and South East Asian Travel Grants, including Dr Bwabwa Mereki Oten (Republic of Nauru), Dr Maloni Bulanauca (Fiji), Dr Truc Thanh Nguyen (Vietnam), and Dr Doreen Lee (Malaysia).

Activities related to the administration of the SET Program in General Surgery in Australia continued in 2015, with the development and launch of the final four online Surgical Education & Assessment Modules (SEAM) - Nutrition and Peri-Operative Care in Term 1, and Critical Care & Trauma and Post-Operative & Palliative Care in Term 2. Two Standard Setting and Question Writing Workshops were held with fourteen subject matter experts participating in the process, designed to ensure the reliability and validity of SEAM Summative Assessments. Satisfactory completion of modules is recorded via the TMS database, with the first two cohorts expected to complete the SEAM program by mid-Term 2, 2016.

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The change to minimum eligibility for applications to General Surgery training necessitated a full upgrade of the online Selection Application, with development and testing conducted in late 2015. Significant investment was also made in the online application tool for Hospital Accreditations introduced in 2015 for Quinquennial Accreditations, with 41 Hospitals inspected in Victoria and Tasmania, as well as seven Hospitals accredited for the PFET Program in Transplantation Surgery.

Four applicants to the PFET Program in Transplantation Surgery were assessed in 2015, with three candidates appointed to the training program for the 2016/2017 training years. The GSA Transplant Training Committee also launched a process for Recognition of Prior Learning, where evidence of at least two years training equivalent to the PFET Program in Transplantation Surgery was completed between 2012 and 2016.

The IMG Clinical Assessment and Management System (ICAMS) database was launched in 2015, to manage the supervision oversight requirements of 37 IMGs in General Surgery, post initial clinical assessment by the RACS.

Over 180 educational webcasts were added to the GSA Educational Resources in 2015, covering sessions from the Regional Educational programs held in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia, the two national Trainees' Day programs held in Perth and Cairns, and the 2015 GSA ASM. Analysis of statistics shows that the webcasts added in 2015 were accessed over 3,400 times by GSA Members, Trainees, and IMGs, confirming that the program continues to provide an invaluable online educational resource.

GSA again coordinated the delivery of Fellowship Examination Preparation Courses in New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and the Surgical Sciences Examination Preparation Course in Victoria. In 2015 the SA Registrar's Paper Day was held in Adelaide in July, and the GSA Trainees' Weekend was held in Torquay, Victoria in November. Over 350 Trainees and IMGs were in attendance across the two national 2015 GSA Trainees' Days, which focused on Trauma Surgery (May, Perth) and Vascular & Transplantation Surgery (September, Cairns), and the three MOSES programs held in Melbourne, Perth, and Cairns.

In 2015, GSA processed 311 applications to the SET Program in General Surgery, via the online General Surgery Selection Application. Six applicants did not meet minimum eligibility criteria; 305 candidates proceeded to the Referee Report stage, and 152 candidates proceeded to the Interview stage of the

Selection process. Interviews were held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide in June and July 2015.

With the introduction of the second phase of the SET Transition Project, including the requirement for 26 weeks' experience in General Surgery, a total of 89 offers were made; 70 offers were accepted, 13 offers were declined, and 6 applicants requested deferral in 2016. SET Orientation Workshops were held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth during November 2015.

This year, members of the GSA Board continued their involvement in a number of reviews and projects related to General Surgery, including recommendations for the NPS MedicineWise Choosing Wisely Australia initiative and the Rapid Review process for the Medicare Benefits Schedule Reform.

While overall expenditure was steady, employment costs for this financial period decreased. The total number of full-time and part-time staff employed by GSA during the 2015 financial year was twelve. Expenses related to Selection, Research & Travel Grants, PFET, and the implementation of the FWO program all increased. The GSA ASM recorded a surplus, and revenue from membership subscriptions, SEAM Administration, IMG Services, PFET, and GSA meetings all increased in this financial period, contributing towards the surplus for the year.

Likely Future Developments and Expected Results 2016

In 2016, GSA will continue delivering activities under the Partnering Agreement with the RACS, including further Standard Setting Workshops for the SEAM Program, and the development of non-mandatory organ specific modules for SEAM II, aimed at mid-SET Trainees and those preparing for the RACS Fellowship Examination.

As part of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, work will commence on the development of a program of educational, skills, and career resources for Junior Doctors interested in General Surgery. Services provided to IMGs in General Surgery will also expand, particularly in the area of Fellowship Examination preparation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



GSA will continue to expand its Event Management services, including the inaugural Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute Advanced Melanoma Meeting in August, a Clinical Ultrasound Workshop for Endocrine Surgeons in May, the PSA 2016 Annual Scientific Conference in Albany in August, and the Hernia Forum in Sydney in October.

The 2016 ASM will be held at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne from 29 September to 1 October. The theme for the meeting will be “Tales of the Unexpected”, with keynote international speakers Mr Brendan Moran of Basingstoke and Mr Nick Maynard of Oxford invited to participate. The two national GSA Trainees’ Days in 2016 will be held in Brisbane (May, Breast & Endocrine Surgery) and Melbourne (September, Surgical Oncology). GSA will again deliver three commercial MOSES programs in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. Regional education activities and the webcasting program will also continue.

Recommendations from the RACS Board in General Surgery Strategic Plan Working Parties will commence implementation, including the possible development of revised online In-Training Assessment tools. The triennial review of the General Surgery Curriculum will occur in October, and will include a corresponding review of the General Surgery logbook.

The Board will continue to monitor the financial impact from the final phase of the SET Transition; reductions in SET Program and Selection revenue are expected to resolve by the end of the 2016 training year. Continued improvements to the functionality of the TMS and ICAMS databases will occur in 2016, with a transition to a new database developer.

Mr Michael Donovan FRACS
President



TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr A Sayed-Hassen

This Treasurer's Report highlights the financial position for General Surgeons Australia (GSA) for the 2015 financial year, and highlights performance from some of our core business activities. I am pleased to report that while the organisation demonstrated continued sound operational performance, global market performance was again poor with the return on investments lower than the previous financial year.

Despite weaker investment performance and the expected reduction in Selection and Partnering Agreement revenue due to the SET Transition, our corpus of funds again increased. The Board of Directors remains committed to ongoing funding of scholarships, research, and travel grants. Our continued investment in educational activities highlights the organisation's commitment to promoting both high quality training and continuing medical education for our members.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Total operating revenue (excluding investment returns) was \$2,450,639 in 2015, compared to \$2,513,292 in 2014. Total expenditure in 2015 was \$2,216,183, compared to \$2,215,348 in 2014. The overall surplus for 2015 was \$335,263 (2014: \$446,238), which was due primarily to the surplus from the 2015 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), SEAM Administration income, and Event Management income.

Key Revenue and Expenditure Items for 2015

- Partnering Agreement income was \$1,253,161 in 2015 (2014: \$1,373,976)
- The surplus for the 2015 GSA ASM was \$49,635 (2014: \$25,965)
- The return on investments for 2015 was \$100,808 (2014: \$148,386)
- Personnel costs remained the dominant expense and included an annual salary increase of 3.6%

Statement of Financial Position

Key movements in assets included a 1.9% increase in cash and cash equivalents, and an increase of 24% on investments in 2015.

Statement of Cash Flows

In 2015, the Statement of Cash Flows indicated a net cash inflow from operating activities of \$318,673 (2014: \$328,276), and a net increase in cash held of \$11,744 (2014: \$23,901).

Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion

The Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion of BDO East Coast Partnership is included with the Annual General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2015, which is available for download from the GSA website.

Directors' Declaration

The directors of General Surgeons Australia declare that the summarised financial report set out on pages 10 and 11 have been derived from and are consistent with the full General Purpose Financial Report of The Australian Society of Specialist General Surgeons (trading as General Surgeons Australia) for the year ended 31 December 2015.

On behalf of the Directors:

Mr A Sayed-Hassen FRACS
Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income - For the year ended 31 December 2015

Revenue	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Members' subscriptions		151,438	146,738
Advertising income		3,524	3,425
Administration income		-	455
GSA Trainees Day - May 2015		14,094	-
GSA Trainees Day - May 2014		-	13,880
Partnering Agreement income		1,253,161	1,373,976
SEAM Administration income		137,600	-
IMG Services income		47,000	39,125
Hospital Inspection income		131,400	146,100
Selection income		200,330	270,254
Regional Training Courses income		159,091	175,702
MOSES income		21,670	45,700
Post Fellowship Education & Training income		4,140	840
2016 GSA ASM income		18,014	-
2015 GSA ASM income		290,216	11,727
2014 GSA ASM income		-	270,772
Event Management income		14,050	14,500
PSA 2016 ASM		4,800	-
Merchandise		112	200
Cost of Sales - GSA Ties		-	(102)
		2,450,640	2,513,292
Other revenue - interest	2	31,081	45,098
Income on investments	2	69,727	103,288
		2,551,448	2,661,678
Expenses from Commercial activities:			
- RACS ASC 2016		(8,000)	-
- RACS ASC 2015		(6,563)	(7,000)
- RACS ASC 2014		-	(4,073)
- 2017 GSA ASM		(2,442)	-
- 2016 GSA ASM		(29,226)	(3,062)
- 2015 GSA ASM		(235,130)	(14,126)
- 2014 GSA ASM		-	(270,026)
- Event Management services		(2,624)	(4,230)
- GSA Trainees Days - 2014		-	(63,154)
- GSA Trainees Days - 2015		(63,841)	-
- MOSES		(43,743)	(59,426)
- Selection		(122,625)	(117,643)
- Regional Training Courses		(112,071)	(112,843)
- Research & Travel Grants		(16,431)	(7,195)
- PSA Education Grants		(3,273)	(6,600)
- GSA Awards		(6,130)	(7,301)
Employee benefits expense	3	(835,927)	(856,365)
Administrative expense		(685,897)	(637,864)
Finance costs		(13,634)	(14,562)
External professional services expense		(18,720)	(20,533)
Depreciation expense	3	(9,906)	(9,346)
Surplus for the year		335,263	446,328
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		335,263	446,328

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position - For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	617,887	606,143
Trade and other receivables	5	33,460	18,808
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	8	1,927,898	1,558,171
Inventories	6	4,873	4,873
		2,584,118	2,187,995
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	7	6,083	9,060
		6,083	9,060
TOTAL ASSETS		2,590,201	2,197,055
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	37,822	19,977
Provision for employee entitlements	10	153,467	78,832
		191,289	98,809
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for employee entitlements	10	33,749	68,346
		33,749	68,346
TOTAL LIABILITIES		225,038	167,155
NET ASSETS		2,365,163	2,029,900
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus		2,365,163	2,029,900
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		2,365,163	2,029,900

TOTAL ASSETS
\$2,590,201
 2015

TOTAL LIABILITIES
\$225,038
 2015

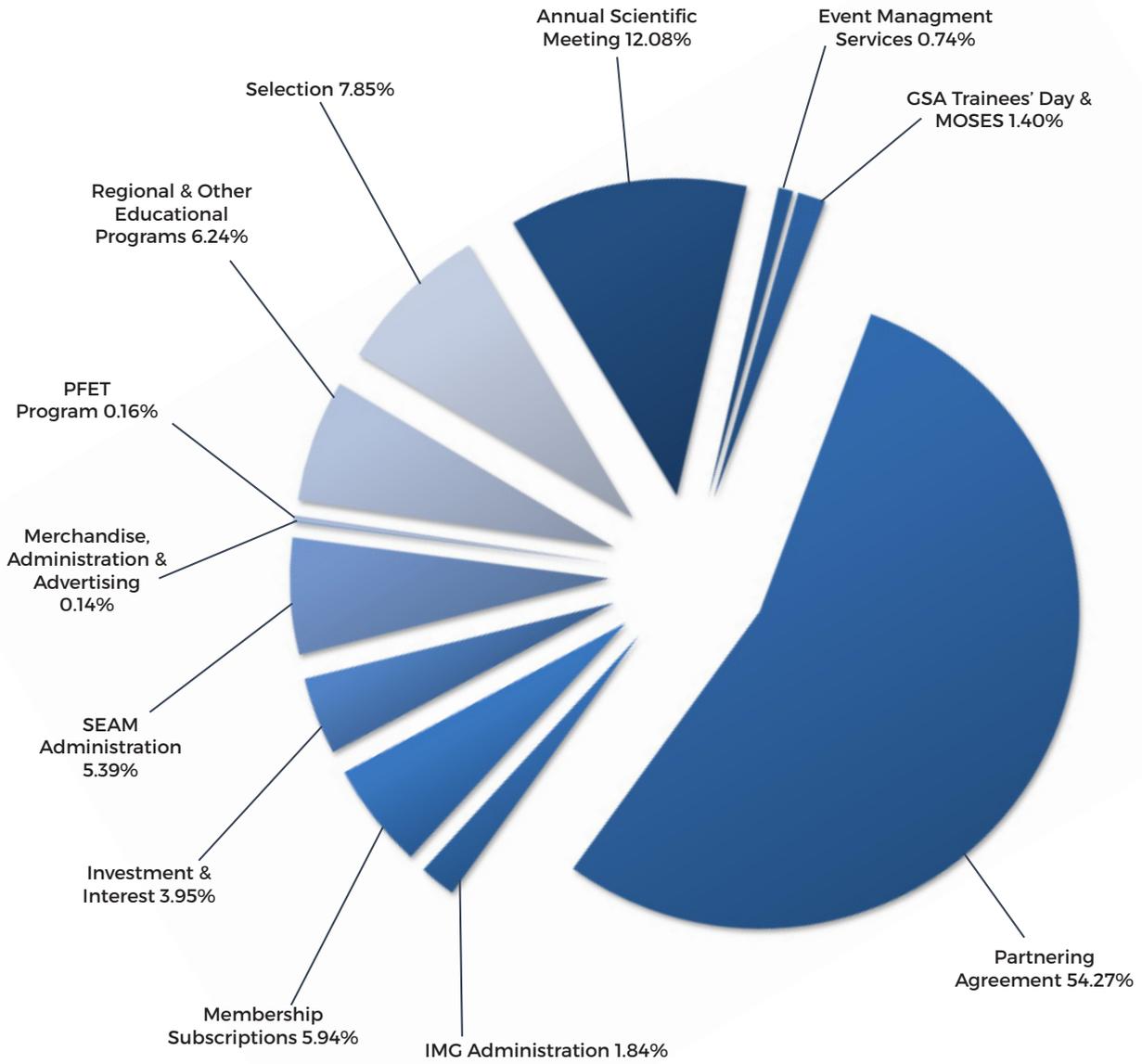
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS
\$2,365,163
 2015

Statement of Cash Flows - For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
- Receipts from members and customers		2,135,987	2,211,387
- Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,834,761)	(1,913,647)
- Interest received		31,081	45,098
- Interest expense		(13,634)	(14,562)
Net cash provided by operating activities	13(b)	318,673	328,276
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
- Payment for plant and equipment		(6,929)	(4,375)
- Payment for investments		(300,000)	(300,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		(306,929)	(304,375)
Net increase in cash held		11,744	23,901
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		606,143	582,242
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	13(a)	617,887	606,143

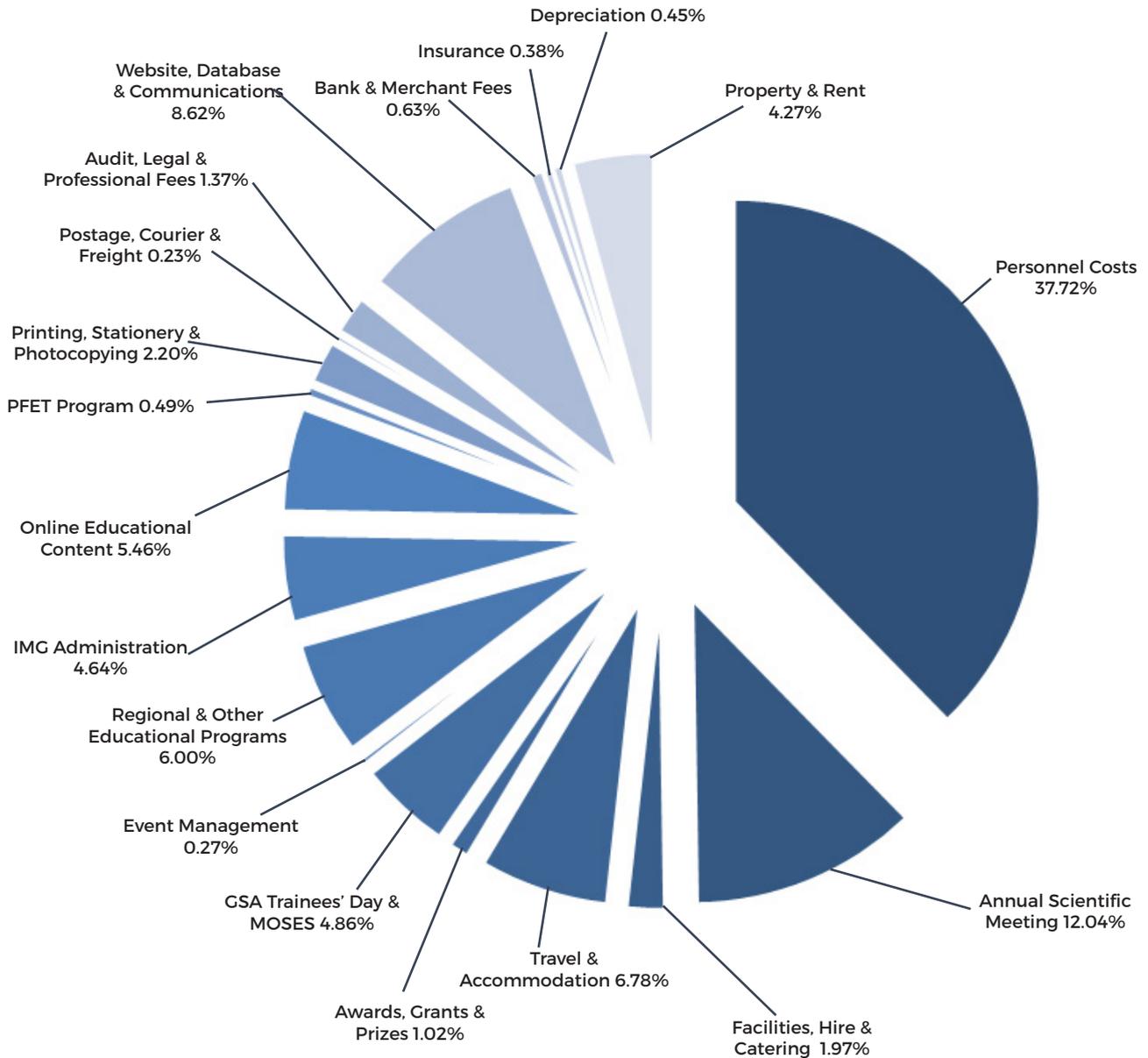
TOTAL REVENUE

2015 | \$2,551,448



TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2015 | \$2,215,889



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Mr Michael Donovan

Vice President

Mr Trevor Collinson

Treasurer

Mr Akhtar Sayed-Hassen

Directors

Mr Graeme Campbell

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Prof Michael Cox

Mr Gamini Premaratne

Mr Alan Saunder

Prof Richard Turner



President

Mr Michael Peter Donovan

MBBS, FRACS

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Endocrine, Laparoscopic, Upper-Gastrointestinal, and Bariatric Surgery
- Member of Executive, Sunshine Coast Local Medical Association from 2005-2011 • SMO, General Surgery at Nambour Hospital since 2002 • VMO at Nambour Selangor Private Hospital since 2006 • VMO Noosa Private Hospital since 2002 • RACS Basic Surgical Training Supervisor (Queensland) from 2006-2007 • Surgical Supervisor SET Program in General Surgery, Nambour General Hospital, from 2007-2014
- Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery 2007-2014 • Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery since 2012 • Coopted GSA ASC Brisbane 2010 Representative from 2007-2010 • GSA Secretary/Treasurer June 2010-June 2012 • GSA Vice President June 2012-May 2014.
- GSA President since May 2014 • Elected May 2010.



Vice President

Mr Trevor Graham Collinson

B Arch (Hons), BM BS, MS, FRACS

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Breast and Endocrine Surgery, Endoscopy & Colonoscopy • Research interests include Sentinel node biopsy, laparoscopic procedures, and abdominal wall reconstruction • Visiting General Surgeon St Andrews Hospital, Stirling, Mt. Barker, Murray Bridge since 1997 • General Surgery Convener ASC Adelaide 2011; co-opted member of GSA Board of Management 2010-2011 • Member Binational Colorectal Cancer Audit Steering Committee 2015
- GSA Vice President since May 2014 • Elected May 2012.



Treasurer

Mr Akhtar Sayed-Hassen

MBChB, BA, FRCS, FRACS

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Upper Gastrointestinal and HPB Surgery • Member of RACS Section of Upper GI/HPB Surgery • Member of RACS Victorian State Committee 2006-2010 • Member and former Chair of RACS Victorian Board in General Surgery • Coopted GSA ASC Hong Kong Convener 2006-2008 • Scientific Convener, 2014 Singapore ASC • Director of General Surgery, Eastern Health since 2012 • Chairman, SEAM Working Party
- Treasurer since June 2012 • Elected May 2012.



Director

Prof Michael Robert Cox



MBBS, MS, FRACS

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Upper-Gastrointestinal, Hepatobiliary, and Obesity Surgery
- Current Appointments: Professor of Surgery, Nepean Clinical School, University of Sydney; Clinical Director of Surgery Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District • Member of RACS Section of Upper GI/HPB Surgery • Member of Australian Medical Association • Member of RACS Surgical Education and Training Working Party from 2006-2007
- Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery 2004-2011
- Member of RACS Board of Specialist Surgical Training from 2005-2007
- Member of RACS Board in General Surgery from 2005-2010; Chair from 2005-2007
- GSA Board in General Surgery Representative (Ex-officio) 2006-2007
- Coopted GSA New South Wales State Representative from July 2007-May 2010
- GSA Vice President June 2010-June 2012
- GSA President June 2012-May 2014
- Elected January 2006 • (Retired May 2015)

Director

Mr Graeme John Campbell

MBBS, FRACS

- General Surgeon with interests in Rural Surgery, Breast Surgery, and Colorectal Surgery
- Member of RACS Divisional Group of Rural Surgery (DGRS) Committee 2003-2011
- Member of RACS Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient Committee since 2007
- Secretary of RACS Victorian State Committee from 2006-2008
- Ex-Officio member of RACS Victorian State Committee since 2008
- Member of RACS Council since 2007
- Chair, RACS Fellowship Services Committee 2008-2011
- GSA Vice President 2006-2010
- GSA President June 2010-June 2012
 - Director, Surgant Pty Ltd
 - Director, Scottbourne Pty Ltd
- Chair RACS Professional Standards Committee since 2011
 - Elected July 2006 • (Retired May 2015)



Director

Mr Graeme Wayne Clarke

MBBS, FRACS, FRCS (Ed).

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Colorectal Surgery and Research interest in Hernia Surgery
- General Surgeon St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital since 1992 and General Surgeon St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital since its inception 24 November 2015
- General and Colorectal Surgeon, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1992-2011
- General Surgeon at Swan District Hospital 1992 to 2015
- Chair, MAC Swan District Hospital 1994 to 2015
- Member, RACS Western Australian State Committee from 1993-1999; Chair from 1999-2001
- Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery from 2003-2011
- Elected May 2015.



Director

Mr W Gamini Premaratne

MBBS, FRCS (Eng), FRACS.

- Masters of Surgery, University of Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Thyroid and Parotid Surgery, Advanced Laparoscopy, and Colonoscopy / Endoscopy
- Research interests in Acute Diverticulitis and primary healing of abdominal incisions
- Head of the Academic Department of Surgery Caboolture clinical school since 2009, Director of surgery since 1993
- External Examiner for MD Part 1 & 2 Examination, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka since 1994
- Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery from 2005-2013 • Elected May 2012.



Director

Mr Alan Charles Saunder

MBBS, FRACS.

- General and Vascular Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Transplant Surgery • Unit Head, Vascular/Transplantation Surgery at Monash Medical Centre, and Supervisor of training
- Member of AusAID General Surgery service at Dili National Hospital, East Timor in 2002 and 2004; Nauru AUSAID Surgeon 2005-2014
- Member of RACS Section of Transplantation Surgery • Member of Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Surgery • Member of RACS IMG Interview Committee 2008-2010 • Member of RACS Victorian State Committee from 2004-2006 • Chair, Victorian Regional Subcommittee, Board in General Surgery from 2005-2007
- Member of RACS Board in General Surgery since 2003; Chair 2010-2011 • GSA Board in General Surgery Representative (Ex-officio) 2010-2011 • GSA Transplantation Representative May 2011-June 2012
- Member of GSA Transplantation Training Committee since 2014
- RACS Specialty Elected Councillor for General Surgery since February 2012 • Elected May 2009



Director

Prof Richard Clive Turner

MBBS, B Med Sc, PhD, FRACS.

- General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Rural, Trauma, Upper GI/HPB, Obesity, Colorectal and Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Multi-disciplinary interests include Academic Surgery, Professional Development and Research • Interest in epidemiology, as it relates to surgical diseases and procedures • Professor of Surgery and Director of Hobart Clinical School, University of Tasmania School of Medicine since 2009 • Previous Associate Professor in Surgery at James Cook University, Cairns. Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery from 2005-2008 • Member of RACS Rural Trauma Committee since 2006 • Chair, Northern Australia Surgeons Network Steering Committee from 2007-2010 • Deputy Chair of RACS Physiology Bank Subcommittee since 2008
- Member of RACS Examinations Committee since 2008 • Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery since 2008 • Member of RACS Board in General Surgery since 2007 • Elected May 2010





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