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Member Prospectus

The Australian and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Surgery Association (ANZGOSA) was formed in 2006, to provide a vehicle for improving the surgical management of diseases of the stomach, oesophagus and upper gastrointestinal tract. The Association was registered in late 2006, and its Secretariat is currently based in Adelaide. Membership of the Association is now available.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

The goals of the ANZGOSA are to:

- further develop and promote the specialty practice of upper gastrointestinal surgery within Australia and new Zealand
- organise appropriate educational activities
- promote multidisciplinary engagement
- organise fellowships and other post-FRACS fellowship training opportunities for surgeons seeking additional training in upper gastrointestinal surgery
- promote, and potentially coordinate, research (particularly clinical)
- interact with government and other professional organisations
- construct and publish clinical guidelines

STRUCTURE

The inaugural Board of ANZGOSA comprises nine members. A further three will be elected at the 2007 AGM bringing the total Board to twelve. Full ANZGOSA members elect representatives to the Board, which elects its own office bearers. Board members serve for terms of three years. The maximum length of service on the Board is nine years (three terms), while the President serves for one term. Members may stand for re-election after one term of the Board but cannot be re-elected to the Presidency.



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The current Board is:

President	David Watson (Public Officer)
Vice President	Mark Smithers (Qld)
Hon. Secretary	Garett Smith (NSW)
Hon. Treasurer	Ahmad Aly (Vic)
Board members	Jon Gani (NSW)
	Gary Crosthwaite (Vic)
	Stephen Archer (WA)
	Rob Bohmer (Tas)
	Ross Roberts (New Zealand)

The Membership sub-committee of the ANZGOSA comprises the following members:

Gary Crosthwaite(Chair)
Rob Bohmer
Ross Roberts
Jon Gani

Other sub-committees (training, research etc) within the ANZGOSA will be established as the organisation grows; participation by ANZGOSA members in establishing these groups is invited and encouraged.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ANZGOSA is open to all surgeons with an interest in diseases affecting the upper gastrointestinal tract, including diseases of the stomach and the oesophagus.

Benefits of membership - current

- Discount of Annual Scientific Meeting registration fees
- Subscription to a bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- Development of multi-site clinical projects
- Access to the *Members Only* section of the website
- Eligibility to attend the AGM, stand for election, and participate in Association activities
- Opportunity to network with peers



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Benefits of membership - future

- Subscription to an appropriate journal
- Eligibility to apply for research funds from the Association
- Eligibility to apply for international Fellowships

Information privacy

ANZGOSA complies with Australian National Privacy Principles and Legislation. All members are given the opportunity to update their personal information on the annual subscription form; however, members are encouraged to verify that their personal details are accurate and up-to-date when necessary.

Authorisation

The ANZGOSA lists contact details for current financial members on its *Members Only* section of the website. Members are requested to indicate if they do not wish their details to appear by marking the *Privacy* box on the Membership Application Form.

Membership categories

Those who join the ANZGOSA in the first 12 months (2006/07) will join as *Founding Members*.

Full member

Medical practitioners with an interest in Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office.

Associate member

Trainees or retired Upper Gastrointestinal surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal practice.

Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office.



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Fees 2007

Fees and subscriptions are set by the ANZGOSA Board. GST is payable on all fees.

Founding member annual subscription (inc. GST)	\$AUD250
Founding associate member annual subscription (inc. GST)	\$AUD125

(A discounted subscription is available to members who are also financial members of ANZHPBA; \$400 for full membership of both Associations.)

How to apply

Simply complete a Membership Application Form and submit it to the Secretariat.

For the 2007 year, applicants must be approved by a member of the Membership sub-committee. In future years, applicants must be nominated by a current member of the ANZGOSA and approved by the Membership sub-committee.

Membership of the ANZGOSA can be cancelled at any time by submitting a request in writing to the Secretariat.