Candidate Weekly Updates Thursday 17 April

Election of RACP Member Director

Professor Jeanette WARD

As we are a binational membership-based College, this third weekly Candidate Update explains how, if elected to the Board, I would approach that which we hear repeatedly are in short supply - namely *time* and *resources*. You already know how much you pay annually to the College in your membership fee. There are many ways to find out if this is perceived as value-formoney by the membership. Well-designed enquiries are the way for management to tap into the strategic priorities and, can I say, zeitgeist of member mood. I am aware how poorly targeted member surveys eliciting miniscule response rates can mislead decision-making. Turbo-charging the time contributions from Fellows and trainees in structures and functions that are meaningful are also top of my 'to do' list. If elected as your Board Director, I would scrutinise key performance indicators to evaluate our efforts against our purpose. Resource allocation and performance can only be judged against results. My preference for organisational performance indicators is clearly quantitative, codesigned with the membership and relevant for responsive decisions. If elected, I would also always be accessible to Fellows and trainees for feedback. Because your fees are better spent elsewhere, I would never seek remuneration as a Member Board Director and state at the outset my position that, as a registered charitable entity, our Board Directors should not be paid. To conclude Statement 3, I also reassure you that my own time commitment to this critical responsibility as a Board member is secure. My term as AFPHM President ends within weeks and your vote means my focus will expand College-wide to serve your interests.

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Election of AChSHM: Fellow

Dr Fraser DRUMMOND

For a number of personal reasons I have asked to withdraw from this election but have been instructed by the RACP Returning Officer that the date for that has passed so it is too late.

I thank any Fellow who have already cast their vote for me but encourage all who are yet to vote to support Dr Yen Li Lim who I believe is, at this time, the most appropriate candidate to represent the hard working Sexual Health Physicians across Australasia on the Leadership Committee.

This decision has not been made lightly and I am not closing the door on a future application to run, it's more that I do not feel I have the time to dedicate to this at this time.

I intend to vote for Yen as she has my full trust and support especially at this point in time when the Presidency moves to my dear friend and long-term colleague Professor Louise Owen.

Thank you for your understanding and for the support many of you have and continue to give me at this time.

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