

Annual Report of the Honorary Secretary To The AOA AGM, 15 October 2008

David Hale had indicated his wish to resign as Honorary Secretary due to his other commitments. The President, John North, rang me in May and suggested that the Board might like to appoint me to the vacant position. He was aware of my commitment to Orthopaedic Outreach. After discussions with my wife and the Management Committee of Outreach I resigned as Secretary from that committee and I was appointed to the Board of AOA in July.

I attended the meeting of the Board in Canberra in July and participated in two telephone conferences since. I believe that I have a good working relationship with the Presidential line and Ian Burgess, the CEO of AOA.

The Board of the AOA is entering a transition phase, subject to Members approval of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, and I am aware that the position of Honorary Secretary will change. I hope to work closely with my fellow Directors on the Board and act as a conduit between the Board of the AOA and the Management committee of Orthopaedic Outreach to reflect our renewed spirit of cooperation.

I have also been asked to contact the Specialty Societies to canvass their views as to how they might best be represented in the new Board of the AOA. With the help of Roy Carey and Ian Dickinson I hope to report progress in this matter to the Board at the next meeting in October.

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Honorary Secretary