The past 12 months has been one of readjustment and preceptoring. We said goodbye to 2 of our board members from WA and welcomed 2 new ACGENs who had just completed the examination. This was seen as a good way to succession plan with Qld and Tasmania now represented. Unfortunately our Qld girl had many issues to overcome and so has decided to leave our board at this time.

The committee has continued to review the question bank and ascertain that the current questions are relevant and remain best practise. Standards and guidelines have been closely reviewed for suitability, new techniques discussed and scenarios developed.

Feedback from the past few years has identified that the introduction of the scenarios has been well received. We are continuing to work more of these into the exam.

Review of the credentialling handbook was completed and has now replaced the older version of same. This was necessary with the inception of the new alternate academic pathway to credential. To date, we have only had one successful application for this pathway but there have been some enquiries generated as to how it works.

We also advertised that EENs are welcome to sit the examination and this resulted in one applicant for this year's examination.

After review of the previous 3 years examination results, it was determined to reduce the pass mark to 73%. This was based on an aggregate of all marks achieved both successful and non successful and this shall be reassessed in another 3 years time.

Recredentialing numbers were down last year. This was due to a number of factors - retirement, change of specialty and lack of enthusiasm to provide a portfolio submission. At the last AGM, suggestions of how GENCA could assist with encouraging ACGENs to remain credentialed, were tabled. These may need to be revisited moving forward.

I am always amazed how our ACGENs are able to come up with novel submissions for each category when recredentialing. This sends the Board back to the drawing board to review and, at times, expand the categories with inclusions from the applications. We also included a new recredentialing handbook, templates and application booklets for use this year. They are all readily available on the GENCA website in the credentialling section.

The templates were redesigned after listening to feedback from some ACGENs who advised the previous templates were too convoluted so they have been condensed. These are able to be downloaded to a desktop and completed as events occur. The categories are now able to be continually added to with max points or hours allocated. This allows an easier marking for the board as information remains within one category rather than being inconsistently reported.

We have continued to acquire sponsorship through the renewed 3 year contract with Olympus. The Device technology’s educational scholarships have also been successfully negotiated for continuance. At this time, COGEN is in a financially sound situation and new strategies are being explored to maintain the robustness of the examination process.

Thank you.