

NZSE President's Report 2014

NZSE has maintained a stable membership over the last year and has even had enquiry about overseas membership of our Society.

The 2012 AGM provided the opportunity for Specialist Endodontists in New Zealand to establish a group to formalise a structure for organising regular meetings and representing Endodontic issues to entities such as ACC and Medical Insurers. This representation should have flow-on benefits for general dentists as well. The Endodontists met in Dunedin in April 2013 for a varied and worthwhile meeting and will meet again in Auckland in March 2014.

NZSE has two representatives on the organising committee for the Trans Tasman Endodontic Conference. The next meeting in June 2014 in Melbourne has a stimulating programme with excellent international, New Zealand and Australian speakers. This will be a very informative Endodontic Conference which I recommend highly and Melbourne is a great place to visit.

NZSE ran a pre-NZDA 2013 Conference Endodontic course in Rotorua on "Legal and Ethical Issues in Dental Practice and in Endodontics", presented by Dr Stephen Harlamb from Sydney. This excellent half-day course covered Consent, Duty of Dentists to Patients, Negligence, Causation and Endodontics and NZ/Australian Law comparison.

Our Journal continues to provide a stimulating and informative read thanks to the efforts of our editor Tina Haumann.

The majority of NZSE members are general dentists and we constantly need new members – especially general dentists on the Committee, to represent the interests of our wider membership. Participation is rewarding and not onerous. Dentists are asked to give some thought to making a contribution to the Society and the profession by participating and contributing to the activities of NZSE.

Mike Jameson, President.