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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# COMMUNIQUÉ

Summary of discussion at Board Meeting, Thursday, 3 September 2009 at GPSA  
Chair: Dr Mike Beckoff

### 1. Network Engagement

The Board discussed the meeting to be held with the SA Divisions Network Chairs and CEOs following the GPSA Annual General Meeting on 18 September 2009. The Board agreed on the need to approach the meeting with a positive framework on how to progress key issues facing general practice resulting from the National Primary Health Care Strategy and NHHRC reports, and the need for unity in seeking a way forward.

### 2. Pandemic Issues

The Board noted that a meeting had been held with the State Minister for Health and key general practice organisations on 26 August 2009 to take forward pandemic planning issues. The meeting included representatives from GPSA, AMA(SA), RACGP and the Rural Doctors Association of Australia. Following the meeting with the Minister, it was agreed that pandemic issues also be progressed through GP Forum.

### 3. GPSA Board of Directors

#### a. Retirement of Board Director

The Board expressed its appreciation of the valuable contribution by Dr Laureen Lawlor-Smith, who will step down as Director at the AGM on 18 September 2009 after two years on the Board.

#### b. Board Elections

The Board noted that Dr Alison Edwards and Mr Kim Hosking had been re-elected unopposed to the positions of Rural GP Director and Senior Divisional Management Director respectively. An election for the two Urban GP Directors position was being conducted with the urban Divisions.

*Note:* The Board election results were subsequently announced at the GPSA Annual General Meeting on 18 September 2009. Dr Cathy Sanders was re-elected and the Board welcomed new Director Dr Girolamo (Roly) Vinci. At the Board meeting immediately following the AGM to elect office bearers, Dr Mike Beckoff was re-elected Chair, Dr Cathy Sanders re-elected Vice Chair, and Mr Kim Hosking re-elected Treasurer.

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