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MDA National welcomes new President

MDA National Limited held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 20 November 2020, announcing the results of the recent election.

The Board appointed Dr Michael Gannon as MDA National Mutual Board President.

Dr Gannon is a renowned Obstetrics and Gynaecology practitioner based in Perth, and an advocate for the medical profession. He is a Past President of the Federal Australian Medical Association (AMA) and the Australian Medical Association of Western Australia (AMAWA). Dr Gannon has served on the MDA National Mutual Board since 2018 and acted as Chair of Finance in 2020.

Dr Gannon said "I have been a Member of MDA National since 1995 and served on the Board since 2018. I understand the important role that a Medical Defence Organisation (MDO) plays for doctors, at all stages of their career. I am looking forward to taking on new responsibilities as President and advocating on behalf of all MDA National Members."

The AGM sees the retirement of long-standing Board Member and President, Dr Rod Moore. Dr Moore was first appointed to the MDA National Mutual Board in 1998, serving as Vice President from 2004 to 2007 and then as President from 2014 to 2020.

"We extend our sincere thanks to Dr Rod Moore, after many years of dedicated service to MDA National. Rod has shown unwavering commitment to the organisation and our Members, not only as President, but also serving on a number of committees." said MDA National CEO, Mr Ian Anderson. "He has worked tirelessly to advocate our vision, bringing exceptional medical knowledge to risk management. In addition, he has always been ready and available to meet with or communicate with our Members, holding their best interests at heart."

Dr Rod Moore said "I am proud to have served on the MDA National Board since 1998. I have worked alongside many remarkable doctors over the years. We have achieved a lot during the course of my time as Director and then President, but none more notable than the commitment and support demonstrated to our Members during COVID-19. I wish Dr Gannon all the best in leading the Mutual Board and continuing to show our unwavering support of MDA National Members."

Other changes to positions on the Board include Dr Mellissa Naidoo being elected as Vice President and Dr Simon Benson as Chair of Finance.

The election saw the re-appointment of two Directors, Dr David Gilpin and Associate Professor Michael Hollands and the appointment of one new Director, Clinical Associate Professor Anthony Bell.

Clinical Associate Professor Anthony Bell is an emergency physician and healthcare executive based in Western Australia. He has twenty five years experience in clinical practice, undertaking leadership roles in emergency departments, hospital medical services (public and private sector), state-wide clinical networks, research collaborations, strategic healthcare committees and clinical redesign programs.

MDA National is a Member-owned mutual medical defence organisation providing extensive professional indemnity insurance to over 54,000 medical practitioners, medical students and insureds across Australia. With a 'doctors for doctors' ethos since 1925, MDA National exists solely to support its Members in the moments that matter and promote good medical practice.

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