



## Media Release

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### NAPSA Annual General Meeting

The Griffith University Association of Pharmacy Students (GUAPS) proudly hosted the recent NAPSA Annual General Meeting on the Gold Coast, this July. The three-day meeting was a great success as we welcomed many new faces to the Council and farewelled good friends who we have worked closely with over recent years.

As the newly elected NAPSA President, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the incoming NAPSA Executive as Tristen Pogue from La Trobe University (BAPS) as the National Vice President; Emma Wilson from James Cook University (JCUPSA) as the National Treasurer and Stephen Squires from the University of South Australia (SAPSA) as the National Secretary. The executive will be working closely to achieve NAPSA's goals for the coming term, to support our branches and to provide benefits to our members around Australia.

Pictured below, the incoming NAPSA Executive: from left, Stephen Squires, National Secretary; Jacqui Carbines, National President; Tristen Pogue, National Vice President and Emma Wilson, National Treasurer.



The six NAPSA Committees were handed over to six eager pharmacy students, each ready with fresh ideas for their respective roles. I am pleased to introduce the new Committee Chairs:

- Education Committee Chair, Melissa Acton, Queensland University of Technology (QUTSPA)
- IPSF Committee Chair, Geoffrey Chai, University of Sydney (SUPA)
- Pharmacy Awareness Committee Chair, Rachel Rhodes, James Cook University (JCUPSA)
- Industrial Affairs Committee Chair, Ashleigh Coome, Queensland University of Technology (QUTSPA)
- Rural and Indigenous Health Committee Chair, Sean Dodd, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga (Pharmers Society)
- Publications Committee Chair, Sarah Sinclair, Sydney University (SUPA)

This AGM saw the successful affiliation of a new branch, Orange Pharmacy Students Association (OPSA). The presentation given by representatives from OPSA

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was well prepared and thought out. I look forward to working with these enthusiastic student representatives and welcome them to the NAPSA family.

Each year, the National Council vote on the branch to host the following NAPSA Congress. This year's stand out bid was proposed by the students at the University of South Australia. As such, the 2011 NAPSA Congress will be hosted in January by the South Australian Pharmacy Students Association (SAPSA) in Adelaide. Anna Cooter and Jennifer Gordon will be co-chairing the Congress Organising Committee and I'm sure that they will put together a fantastic week for the delegates.

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