Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Society

2013 AMMS Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 7th February 2013 at 13:00
Aerial Function Centre, Level 7 | 235 Jones St (UTS, Building 10) | Ultimo NSW

Start: 1307 hs

Finished: 1357 hs

1. ATTENDANCE

Meeting declared open by the President of AMMS Martin Saunders. The meeting was declared open following confirmation of a quorum - Clause 13.1 of the Constitution states that a minimum of 20 members are required, the names of 41 were present and recorded.

2. APOLOGIES

Colin Veitch, Ray Withers, Mark Nave, Dougal McCulloch, Frank Brink

3. MINUTES

Motion: Minutes from the 2012 AGM be accepted *Proposed: Mark Blackford* *Seconded: Angus Netting* *Carried*: unanimously

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. *(Martin Saunders)*

Statements and discussions of note include:

- Congratulations were offered to the AMAS-XII team for organising this wonderful conference.

- The executive committee has decided to reverse the decision of the previous executive to transfer management of the web site to an external consultant because of delays in delivery of the new site. The executive has asked Nestor Zaluzec if he would be willing to resume as the AMMS Webmaster. Nestor has agreed. Thanks Nestor!

- AMMS bid to host IMC-19 in 2018 is under control. The bid is being led on AMMS's behalf by Simon Ringer and Paul Munro. As AMMS President I have been co-opted onto the bid committee.

- The executive committee have decided that the existing arrangement with Special Interest Groups (SIG) be continued, subject to their reports to the next EC meeting. One SIG, MSA, has proffered a survival plan for their survival. As President I propose to work with them and other SIGs to assist them in their endeavour to prosper.

- The current executive took office in October 2012. The incoming executive thanks the previous executive committee for their efforts.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT. *(Graeme Auchterlonie)*

AMMS Treasurer's Report February 2013

- This Treasurer's Report shows the unsigned audited financial statement for 2011-2012, not the signed statement. The full signed statement will be uploaded to the website.

Membership update

- Society membership numbers are summarised in the tables below.

- Overall the Society has witnessed a small decline in membership in recent years, similar to that experienced by similar societies.

- Data for 2013 is incomplete as membership reminders were delayed due to the transition from the old to the new executive.

Membership type	2013 to 5/02/13	2012	2011
Full	89	201	
Honorary MSA	0	0	
Junior Tech	1	4	
Life AMMS	7	5	7
Life MSA	4	2	4
Newsletter Only	10	4	
Retired	1	13	
Student	5	44	
Total	**117**[1]	**273**	**296**[2]

[1] 25 currently processing

[2] unsure of accuracy

Special Interest Group numbers AUSTEM subscriptions and Newsletter subscriptions

SIG membership data is incomplete, as full data has not been kept since the executive voted previously to rescind the status of inactive SIGs. The decision of the new executive to work with the SIGs to seek a positive outcome will require SIG membership data to be updated.

	2013	2012	2011
AMAS	[3]	227	186
ASPMS	[4]	[4]	121
MSA	[4]	[4]	[3]
AUSTEM	[3]	[3]	[3]
Newsletter	[3]	10	18

[3]unsure of accuracy

[4]fields were deleted from database in 2012

Non-renewals by Year

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
6	5	3	47	55	156[1]

Renewing Members by Year:

2010	2011	2012	2013	>2013
	291	249	90[1]	15

[1]25 currently processing

Financial Update

The AMMS Secretary and Treasurer have been appointed co-signees to the societies funds.

All Accounts have been consolidated into two accounts as summarized below:

Accounts	Balance as at 04/02/2013
Business On-Line Save	$302,176.49
Business Transaction	$50,308.59
Seed Funds for ACMM23	-$25,000.00
Profit share returned from ACMM22 – Perth	$39,0018.70
AMMS bursaries for ECRs/Students ACMM22 – Perth	-$46,150.00
Overall	-$7,141.30
Newsletter Advertising Revenue	$17,600.00
Newsletter Costs	-$24,692.00
Overall	-$7902.00
Note: - postage costs are not included	
Website Costs:	-$6,820.00
- website needs updating	

Graeme John Auchterlonie, AMMS Treasurer

Notes:
Society Award fund holdings should be listed separately not bundled into one or two accounts. Brendan Griffin commented that after an award is closed, the funds must be returned, hence the need to maintain the current balance of each Society Award.

Motion: Treasurer's Report be accepted
Proposed: Nestor Zaluzec
Seconded: Mark Blackford
Carried: unanimously

6. NEWSLETTER REPORT. *(Flame Burgmann)*

Newsletter Advertising Revenue	$17,600 (2012)	$23,100 (2011)
Newsletter Costs	-$24,692 (2012)	-$25,498 (2011)
Overall	-$7902 (2012)	-$2398 (2011)

Note: - postage costs are not included

Due to a decline in advertisements over the past 12 months, the newsletter has become a significant cost to the society. As a result, we will look into possible changes to the frequency and/or format of the newsletter moving forward. Members who would like to provide input into the future of the newsletter are asked to do so by contacting the newsletter editor, or other members of the executive.

7. ACMM-23 Report *(Angus Netting)*

Angus Netting outlined the preparation of the ACMM-23.
ICONN requires earlier registration dates than typically used for previous AMMS meetings, and a set of submission and registration dates was presented for information.

ACMM-23 will be held from 2-6 February 2014 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

There was some discussion from the floor regarding the 50:50 profit sharing agreement between AMMS and ICONN for the joint conference. It was agreed that the existing arrangement had worked well for the Perth meeting and that, with the approval of the AMMS Admin Group, the organisers of the Adelaide meeting would work with the same arrangement.

On behalf of the AMMS executive, the President congratulated the ACMM-23 organisers on their efforts to-date and encouraged all members to plan for their attendance at what promises to be an excellent conference.

8. Other Business

Membership:
Member numbers are declining.
The President is asking Society members to look into ways to boost Society numbers.
Brendan Griffin will send the Treasurer the ACMM22 conference registrants' email addresses.

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