



Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Society

2014 AMMS Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th February 2014 between 17:00-18:00
Riverbank Room 4, Adelaide Convention Centre

Start: 17:09 hs

Finished: 18:07 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. 50 were present and their names duly recorded.

2. APOLOGIES

Ray Withers, Dougal Mcculloch, John Fitzgerald

3. MINUTES

Motion: Minutes from the 2013 AGM be accepted

Proposed: Mark Blackford

Seconded: Karsten Goemann

Carried: unanimously

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

- Promotional activities
 - Booth at 2013 M&M a success (costs shared with Sydney Convention Bureau)

- Bursary sponsorship (totally A\$5000) of FEMMS a success with several new members and newsletter articles (and the conference organisers have offered to reimburse AMMS their sponsorship money as a result of the final conference budget running a surplus)
- Website
Plans to develop a new website actioned by the previous President had not produced a satisfactory outcome. The AMMS Executive had therefore approached Nestor Zaluzec to ask if he would be willing to return to the role of website manager that he had undertaken previously. Nestor agreed to do this and was thanked by the Society. The AMMS Executive has decided to propose that a new website Coordinator Officer be generated as an *Ex officio* AMMS Executive member (see later in these minutes).
- IMC 19 bid
Preparations for the Society's bid to host IMC19 were under control with excellent support from Business Events Sydney. The President issued a call for members to attend IMC18 to demonstrate strong Australian involvement in the meeting.

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

This is the AMMS Treasurer's Report as at 31st January, 2014

Membership update

Society membership numbers as at 31st January, 2014 are summarised in the tables below.

Membership types

| Membership type | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 (YTD) |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Full | 247 | 254 | 187 | 175 | 44 |
| Junior Tech | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Retired | 16 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 4 |
| Student | 37 | 57 | 44 | 19 | 16 |
| Total Paid | 304 | 332 | 249 | 206 | 70 |
| Honorary MSA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Life AMMS | 7 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Life MSA | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Newsletter Only | 12 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| Total | 328 | 359 | 263 | 226 | 91 |
| Lapsed | 98 | 43 | 6 | - | - |
| Resigned | 7 | 8 | 7 | 1 | - |

Special Interest Group numbers and AUSTEM subscriptions

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| AMAS | 167 | 4 | 156 | 133 | 30 |
| ASPMS | 110 | 2 | - | 74 | 16 |
| MSA | 190 | 6 | - | 128 | 39 |
| AUSTEM | 246 | 5 | 215 | 186 | 44 |

The Treasurer has been working on the database to reinstall the appropriate member Special Interest Groups, as this information had been deleted from the database by the previous Treasurer.

In 2012 ASPMS and MSA were not fields in the database so no data exists for those years.

Non-renewals

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 24 | 5 | 0 |

Renewing Members by Year:

| 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | >2013 |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 291 | 249 | 170 | 15 |

Financial Update

All Trust and Fund Accounts were consolidated into two accounts by the previous Executive, but need to be separated back into their respective funds according to the AMMS Constitution. There is an issue with the "trust" as the bank has informed me that the Society requires the Original Trustee signatories. If any member knows of the details, could they please pass these on to either Jin Zou or myself. The accounts are summarized as below:

| AMMS Balance Sheet | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets as at 31 st Dec, 2013 | 31Dec13 | 31Dec12 |
| Business Transaction Account | 25261 | 51401 |
| On-line Saver Account | 319322 | 300617 |
| Total | 344583 | 352018 |
| Net Profit/Loss | -7435 | |

A breakdown of these figures is provided below:

| Balance Sheet Breakdown | | Totals |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| | | |
| AMMS Revenue | | |
| Memberships cash | 100 | |
| Memberships credit | 6000 | |
| Memberships chq | 541 | |
| memberships EFT | 100 | |
| GST refund | 1139 | |
| Newsletter advertisements | 16699 | |
| Investment Interest | 8705 | |
| Transfer to on-line account | 10000 | |
| Total Revenue | | 43284 |
| | | |
| AMMS Expenditure | | |
| account Fee | -120 | |
| audit | -1815 | |
| registrar lodgement fee | -69 | |
| Bookkeeping fees | -3084 | |
| FASTS subscription | -2066 | |
| FileMaker Pro Purchase | -60 | |
| Public insurance | -1973 | |
| M&M 2013 | -2930 | |
| merchant fee | -267 | |
| newsletter costs | -21376 | |
| archive delivery | -138 | |
| transfer to on-line account | -10000 | |
| website | -6820 | |
| Total Expenditure | | -50719 |
| | | |
| Net Profit/Loss | | -7435 |

Current Funds

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| • Goodchild "Trust" Fund | \$18,000 |
| • Farrant Award Fund | \$107,000 |
| • International Conf. Fund | \$39,000 |
| Total | \$164,000 |
| • AMMS Funds | \$182,000 |
| Current AMMS Balance | \$318,000 |

MOTION: The treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Nestor Zaluzec

Seconded: Brendan Griffin

Carried: Unanimously.

6. NEWSLETTER REPORT. (*Flame Burgmann*)

Advertisements per Issue

| Issue | Advertisers | Income | Cost | Balance |
|-----------|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Issue 113 | 4 (TSI - Skyscan, nTS - FEI, nTS - Fischione, TSI - Gatan) | \$4400 | \$6173 | \$1773 |
| Issue 114 | 5 (AXT - Tescan, AXT - Xradia, Bruker, nTS - FEI, Scitek) | \$4950 | \$6173 | \$1223 |
| Issue 115 | 4 (AXT - Tescan, TSI - Gatan, Newspec - Hitachi, Nanospec - Alicona) | \$4400 | \$6173 | \$1773 |
| Issue 116 | 3 (nTS - FEI, nTS - Fischione, TSI - Gatan) | \$3850 | \$6173 | \$2323 |
| Issue 117 | 7 (AXT, nTS - FEI, nTS - Fischione, Scientex, Scitek, TSI - Gatan, Tousimis) | \$7425 | \$6173 | \$1252 |
| Issue 118 | 6 (nTS - FEI, nTS - Kleindiek, Newspec, Tousimis, TSI - Bruker, Scitek) | \$6050 | \$5524 | \$526 |
| Issue 119 | 5 (Newspec - Hitachi, Scitek, TSI - Gatan x 2, Tousimis) | \$4400 | \$4704.82 | \$304.82 |
| Issue 120 | 2 (Newspec - Hitachi, Tousimis) | \$1650 | \$5020.08 | \$3370.08 |

Flame Burgmann requested that AMMS members should encourage vendors to advertise in the newsletter.

Richard Wuhrer proposed a vote of thanks to Flame for her contribution over the years, which was met with applause. Flame is retiring as Newsletter Editor at the end of this term of office.

A brief discussion ensued on whether future newsletters to be distributed electronically or as hardcopy. Comments and ideas are welcome and should be submitted to the Newsletter Editor.

7. ACMM-23

On behalf of AMMS, Martin Saunders thanked Angus Netting and his committee for their excellent work in organising ACMM23.

8. ACMM-24 bid (*Eric Gilles Hanssen*)

Eric Hanssen presented a bid for ACMM24, to be held in the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre from 31 Jan – 4 Feb 2016. The proposed early bird registration fee is A\$750. Eric responded to various questions raised from the floor of the meeting on his plans for the conference. The possibility of holding the meeting in conjunction with ICONN was also discussed. Eric indicated that he had made several attempts to contact Jagadish regarding this matter during the preparation of his bid but had received no response as to ANN's future conference intentions. The AMMS President advised that Jagadish had informed him on Monday morning that ANN hoped to convene their next meeting in Canberra but that both organisations were open to the idea of future joint meetings.

The AGM empowered the next conference organisers and the Executive to continue discussions with ANN to explore options for holding another joint meeting.

MOTION: The ACMM24 be held in Melbourne.

Proposed: Flame Burgmann

Seconded: Karsten Goemann

Carried: Unanimously.

9. AMAS-XIII (*Karsten Goemann*)

AMAS-XIII will be held in the University of Tasmania during 11-13 February 2015.

Karsten was bringing in related spectroscopic techniques to enhance electron microanalytical techniques to broaden the community.

10. IMC18 (*Brendan Griffin*)

IMC18 (<http://www.imc2014.com>) will be held in Prague during 7-12 September 2014.

IFSM will fund 50 IFSM young scholars to attend the IFSM School, covering their accommodation during the school and their registration fees for IMC18. Four distinguished speakers are scheduled for the school: Joe Michael, Paul Midgley, Dave Williams and Barry Carter.

11. Election of the Office Bearers

No nominations had been received for President. Andrew Johnson nominated Martin Saunders to continue as the **President**. This was seconded by Nestor Zaluzec. The nomination was accepted. There being no other nominations, Martin Saunders was duly re-elected to the position of President.

Jamie Riches (QUT) and Eleanor Kable (Sydney U) were nominated for the position of the AMMS Secretary. Jamie Riches declared that he had decided to withdraw his nomination. The nomination was accepted by Eleanor Kable. Eleanor Kable's nomination (proposed by Trevor Hinwood and seconded by Ric Wuhrer) being the only remaining nomination, Eleanor Kable was duly elected as the new **Secretary**.

No nominations had been received for the position of Treasurer. Brendan Griffin nominated Graeme Auchterlonie to continue as the **Treasurer**. This was seconded by Mark Blackford. The nomination was accepted. There being no other nominations, Graeme Auchterlonie was duly re-elected to the position of Treasurer.

Rhiannon Kuchel (UNSW) was nominated by Martin Saunders for the position of the **Editor** of the AMMS Newsletter, seconded by Bronwen Cribb. The nomination was accepted. This being the only nomination received, Rhiannon Kuchel was duly elected Newsletter Editor.

Matthew Field (RMIT) was nominated by Dougal Mcculloch for the position of the **VIC State Rep**. This nomination requires the approval by the AMMS VIC members, which will be sought at a later date.

Martin Saunders commented that the **WA State Rep** needs to be appointed and that the AMMS WA members will shortly meet to elect a new representative.

Martin Saunders proposed on behalf of the Executive that the Society create a new *Ex officio* AMMS Executive position of **Website Coordinator** to facilitate better communication between the Society and our website manager Nestor Zaluzec. This was seconded by Ric Wuhler and approved unanimously.

Flame Burgmann was nominated by Peter Miller for the *Ex officio* AMMS Executive position of **Website Coordinator**, seconded by Richard Wuhler. The nomination was accepted. This being the only nomination received, Flame Burgmann was duly elected Website Coordinator.

John Ward nominated Colin Veitch (CSIRO) for the position of the **Publications Officer**, seconded by Karsten Goemann. The nomination was accepted. This being the only nomination received, Colin Veitch was duly elected **Publications Officer**.

12. Other Business

None.

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