



Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Society

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (2007)

2007 Annual General Meeting of AMMS Inc. held during AMAS IX at The Brighton Savoy, Melbourne, on Thursday 15th February, 2007.

5:00 pm. Meeting declared open by Alex Hyatt. The members were informed that the meeting was being recorded to assist in the preparation of the minutes.

1. Appologies

Ric Wuhrer, Martin Saunders, John FitzGerald, Meredith Wallwork,
Trevor Hinwood, Steve Hinckley, Angus Netting.

Alex Hyatt confirmed with the Secretary that there was a Quorum of 22. 20 members required for quorum (Clause 13.1 of the Constitution), A full list of those present is available from the Secretary.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion Alex Hyatt
That the minutes of AGM (2006) have been read and accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Seconded Mark Blackford
Carried unanimously

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 ACMM Conference Registration Fees

Peter Miller reported on this matter. This matter was discussed at some length at the Executive Committee meeting. The conclusion of the Committee was that there was not much scope to reduce the registration fees for ACMM conferences without seriously reducing some of the key events at the conferences. In addition, the society membership gets to review and vote on proposals which include the registration cost from the

organising committee of upcoming conferences. The conference fee has not increased significantly over the last 4 conferences. The Executive meeting agreed that the current costs are reasonable. The feeling of Executive Committee was that the main issues with the registration costs were to do with students and early career scientist being able to attend the conference. The Executive Committee's view is that this could best be addressed by offering bursaries to both students and early career scientists to assist them in attending the conferences.

Motion Brendan Griffin

That travel bursaries to ACMM conferences which AMMS currently offer to students be extended to include early career researchers who are members of AMMS.

Seconded Kath Smith

Carried unanimously

Motion Brendan Griffin

That the AMMS secretary forward electronically the proposed registration costs for proposed ACMM conferences as soon as possible prior to the AGM at which the location of ACMM conferences are decided.

Seconded Peter Miller

Carried unanimously

4. **Correspondence**

Presented by Dougal McCulloch.

Correspondence this year included:

- Correspondence from FASTS. FASTS correspondence is forward on to the Executive Committee. Any member who would like to receive all FASTS bulletins should contact the secretary.
- Correspondence on the David Goodchild award.
- Various communications from members and others.
- Many communications between the administrative committee of the society.

There were no questions on correspondence.

Motion Alex Hyatt

That the Correspondence has been received and accepted

Seconded Kath Smith

Carried unanimously

5. **President's Reports**

Presented by Alex Hyatt.

The reports from the Past President (Kath Smith) and current President (Alex Hyatt) will be published in the newsletter.

Highlights from the Past Presidents report include:

- NCRIS update.
- Exchange of Presidents between MSA, AMMS and AMAS. Kath recommends we consider maintaining this exchange program in the future.
- The last Administration Committee did a wonderful job in generating a manual that maintains a corporate memory and also details procedures for new Committee members.

As a result of an initiative from the previous committee, there will be several travel bursaries awarded each year for student members to attend international conferences. Details will be made available in the next newsletter.

Highlights from the Presidents report include:

- The new Administrative Committee has formed a Science Subcommittee made up of three early career scientists. One has been identified, Peta Clode, who will be the Education Officer and will work with two other scientists. In the upcoming newsletter we have asked for expression of interest for the remaining members. This sub-committee will be given projects such as forming graduate and postgraduate programs at upcoming meetings, to identify and service the needs of younger members and to interact with the state and special interest groups to make sure the great science achievements of members of the Society are advertised around Australia.
- The Executive Committee created a position of Past President (Kath Smith) who will join the Executive Committee to provide a continuation of memory to the benefit of the Society. This a 12 month appointment made by Executive Committee and can be renewed if required.
- Brendan Griffin was congratulated for being elected as a member of the Executive Committee of IFSM.
- Marion Steven-Kalceff has agreed to become an AMMS IFSM representative.

Motion Sally Stowe

That the president's reports be accepted

Seconded Nester Zaluzec

Carried unanimously

6. **Treasurers Report**

Presented by Peter Miller.

The audit statement for the financial year ending 30th September 2006 was prepared by the previous Treasurer (Mark Blackford). Correspondence this year included:

- The audit report has been signed by the auditor and an abridged version will appear in the EM Newsletter.
- The significant figure is the operating result for 2006 which was a deficit of approximately \$20,000. This figure is not unusual due to fluctuations caused by whether it is an ACMM year or not.
- The most significant change in our income was that income from the EM Newsletter was down approximately \$10,000.
- The outcome of ACMM19 was \$17,421 after payment of all liabilities which is a good result. The ACMM19 Committee are commended on this result.

Motion Alex Hyatt

That the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 2006 be accepted

Seconded Colin Macrae

Carried unanimously

7. **Report from ACMM-20 Convenor**

Presented by Brendan Griffin.

- A report will be published in the newsletter.
- A local Organising Committee and International Advisory Committee has been formed.
- A web site has been established.
- The Organising Committee is in the process of finalising the secretariat arrangements.
- The society members are invited to suggest workshops topics and potential invited speakers.
- The registration fee is unchanged from the original proposal.
- Both the University of WA and IUMAS have provided sponsorship.
- AMAS and MAS are both sponsoring students to attend.

<p><i>Motion</i> Dougal McCulloch That the report from the ACMM-20 Convenor be accepted <i>Seconded</i> David Steel <i>Carried unanimously</i></p>

8. Other Business

8.1 Calendar

The committee would like to thank Brendan Griffin for all his efforts in putting the calendar together.

8.2 FASTS AGM

- FASTS offer bursaries to students and early career researchers to attend meetings. If anyone is interested in taking these up, please contact the secretary.
- Science meets parliament provides an opportunity for society members to meet politicians. We will be asking for nominations to select members to represent the Society. If anyone has an interest in attending, please contact the secretary.
- There was a workshop on societies, which are in decline worldwide. There is a need to advertise the benefits of belonging to societies such as AMMS.

9. Meeting Closed at 5:40 pm.