



# Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Society Inc.

(Formerly The Australian Society For Electron Microscopy Inc.)

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (2006)

2006 Annual General Meeting of AMMS Inc. held during ACMM-19 at the AJC Convention Centre, Sydney on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

5:30 pm. Meeting declared open by Kath Smith. The members were informed that the meeting was being recorded to assist in preparation of the minutes.

56 members present. A full list of those present can be obtained from the secretary.  
20 members required for quorum (Clause 13.1 of the Constitution)

### 1. Apologies

Jacinta White, Gordon Thorogood, Steven Hinckley

### 2. Minutes from Previous meeting

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were presented on overhead projector by Vicki Keast.

*Motion* Peter Miller

That the minutes of the 2005 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

*Seconded* Sally Stowe

*Carried*

### 3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

### 4. Report on Correspondence

Presented by Vicki Keast

Correspondence this year included:

- Correspondence from FASTS. FASTS correspondence is forwarded on to the Executive Committee and some items are published in the newsletter. Any member who would like to receive all FASTS bulletins should contact the secretary.
- Correspondence regarding Fresh Science & Innovators.
- Correspondence from the AIP regarding the Einstein Year of Physics.
- Correspondence with MSA regarding the Hawaii meeting and journal subscriptions.
- Correspondence with Mrs. Patricia Farrant regarding the John Farrant Memorial Award.
- Various communications from members and others.
- Many communications between the administrative committee of the society.

## 5. **Presidents Report.**

Presented by Kath Smith.

- Mark, Vicki and Kath are standing down from their positions and we will be calling for nominations for these positions later in the meeting.
- The current AMMS Inc. administration committee has compiled a manual for the society, now standing at 72 pages. It is meant to be a living document, which passed on by the executive and contains details of how the society is run, the current responsibilities of various roles, the various society awards (how they are funded and judged, the responsibilities of the award panel and the recipients etc.) and so on.
- The Australian MicroBeam Analysis Society (AMAS) held AMAS VIII in Melbourne in February 2005.
- Also in February 2005 the society was represented at Science Meets Parliament by Valeska Ting. At the coming Science Meets Parliament we will be represented by John Fitzgerald and Alex Hyatt.
- Microscopy and Microanalysis 2005 was held in Honolulu and was wonderfully successful. Australia was very well represented by with 7 session chairs or co-chairs and 41 first author presentations. There were student bursaries provided by AMMS and by AMAS.
- The current conference is going very well. There are three items of note. The president of MSA, Jay Jerome, has been sponsored by AMMS to come along to this meeting. There are approximately 20 student bursaries have been handed out by the society. In 2005, Mrs augmented her donation to the society to honour her husband's memory. The society is now able to offer two student awards, one in the physical sciences and one in the biological sciences.
- M&M in Chicago abstracts are due shortly.
- A brief description of NCRIS was given.

*Motion* John FitzGerald  
That the Presidents report be accepted.  
*Seconded* Nestor Zaluzec  
*Carried*

## 6. **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Mark Blackford. A detailed report will be published in the newsletter.

We were unable to submit our 2004 accounts to the Register Generals Office in Canberra because we did not comply with their newly enforced requirements. All the SIG accounts must also be presented and accepted at the AMMS AGM, as well as at the individual group meetings. Therefore the 2004 accounts need to be presented and accepted at this meeting.

From 2005, all AMMS and SIGs will be audited by the same auditor.

The 2004 accounts and auditors reports were presented on overhead projector.

*Motion* Guy Cox  
That the 2004 financial reports be accepted.  
*Seconded* Colin MaCrae  
*Carried*

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*Motion* Graeme Aucterlonie  
That the 2005 financial reports be accepted.  
*Seconded* Kath Smith  
*Carried*

## 7. Election of Office Bearers

### **President-Elect**

John Ward nominated Alex Hyatt

*Seconded* Joanne Etheridge

Alex Hyatt accepted the nomination

There were no other nominations.

Alex Hyatt was declared as president-elect.

### **Treasurer**

Brendan Griffin nominated Peter Miller

*Seconded* Colin Veitch

Peter Miller accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Peter Miller was declared as treasurer-elect.

### **Secretary**

John Ward nominated Dougal McCulloch

*Seconded* Mary Walker

Dougal McCulloch accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Dougal McCulloch was declared as secretary-elect.

**Motion** Joanne Etheridge

A motion of thanks to Kath, Mark and Vicki for their efforts

*Seconded* Andy Johnson

*Carried by acclamation*

### **Current State Representatives**

The following Representatives were also filled:

VEMAS: John Ward (nominated by Kath Smith)

NSW: Rik Wuhrer (nominated by Mark Blackford)

QLD: Graeme Auchterlonie (nominated by Vicki Keast)

SA: Meredith Wallwork (nominated by Angus Netting)

ACT: Sally Stowe (nominated by John FitzGerald).

WASEM: Steve Hinckley

NT: Vacant

TAS: Vacant

### **Newsletter Editor**

Mark Blackford nominated Martin Saunders

*Seconded* Nestor Zaluzec

Martin Saunders accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Martin Saunders was declared as newsletter editor.

### **Representative on the Editorial Board for the M&M Journal**

Martin Saunders nominated Brendan Griffin

*Seconded* John Ward

Brendan Griffin accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Brendan Griffin was declared as Representative on the Editorial Board for the M&M Journal

### **Publications Officer**

Mark Blackford nominated Jacinta White

*Seconded* John Ward

There were no other nominations.

Assuming Jacinta accepts the nomination, she was declared publications officer

## 8. ACMM-20 Venue and Date

A brief presentation of Perth as a proposed venue for ACMM-20 was presented by Brendan Griffin. Brendan is the proposed conference chair.

- The meeting will be held on 9-15<sup>th</sup> February at the Perth Convention Centre.
- The meeting will be held in conjunction with IUMAS-IV.
- The meeting may also be held in association with the VPSEM roadmap meeting.
- Workshops will be held on the Saturday and Sunday before the conference.
- It is planned to hold a microscopy school in the week prior to the meeting.

*Motion* Mark Blackford

That the bid of the Perth group to hold ACMM-20 be approved.

*Seconded* Guy Cox

*Carried*

## 9. ACMM Meeting Costs

A motion had been forewarned and distributed before the meeting.

*Motion* Ray Withers

"That the Exec Committee analyse the costs of holding biennial conferences and develop a proposal for limiting registration fees for future conferences. This proposal should then be put to the members for voting upon at the 2007 AMMS Annual General Meeting"

*Seconded:* John Fitz Gerald

Ray Withers spoke to this motion. He noted that the costs of the annual meetings had risen considerably over recent years and that these costs prevented many younger researchers coming to the meetings. Some general discussion followed, in which there general agreement that the costs are too high and some changes need to be made. Marion Stevens-Kalceff pointed out that the registration fees represented the true costs of running the conference and that the current organising committee has tried to limit the budget as much as they could whilst still providing the best possible conference. It was discussed that it may be necessary for the society to have final say over the setting of registration costs. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should consult via the newsletter and email with members of the society and develop a proposal for future conferences.

*The motion was carried.*

## 10. Other Business

Guy Cox spoke regarding the casting of new medals for the John Sanders medal.

A new batch of medals need to be cast to reflect the change of the society name from ASEM to AMMS. The minimum order is for 50 medals, so there is a need to get it right. The medal currently states "Awarded is for outstanding contributions to electron microscopy". Guy would like to propose is that the wording be changed to match the society name. That is, to "Awarded for outstanding contributions in microscopy and microanalysis". It is not proposed to change the criteria for how the award is decided. Mrs Sanders agrees wholeheartedly with the change.

*Motion* Guy Cox

That wording on the John Sanders medals be changed from "Awarded is for outstanding contributions to electron microscopy" to "Awarded for outstanding contributions in microscopy and microanalysis"

*Seconded* Kath Smith

*Carried*

Two alternatives for a new society logo were presented. It is proposed to circulate these logos for voting on by the membership via email.

**Meeting Closed at 6:45 pm**