

19th October 2006

ASB AGM 2006
Dept of Physiology
Uni of Sydney

Opened 4.00 pm
Chair Dr Brett Hambley

Present: Cyril Curtain
Chris Dos Remedios
Ron Clark
Peter Barry
Adelle Coster
Paul Smith
Hans Coster

Proxies Sent: Boris Martinac, Frances Separovic

Apologies: Ray Norton, Livia Hool, Pierre Moens, Philip Kuchel, Jamie Vandenburg, Fred Chow, Boris Martinac, Frances Separovic

1. Financial Report – Treasurer’s Report

Presented by Adelle Coster.

Business arising from the Treasurer’s Report:

Membership is increased over the year 2005.

Meeting was called as the Financial Report was required to be presented to an AGM within 12 months of last AGM. The Financial Report will be needed to be presented to the Full ASB society AGM at the Annual Conference for full discussion and acceptance by the whole society.

Adelle Coster noted that a better reporting and accounting process is sought and required for the running of Joint Meetings. The processes from the 2005 Joint Meeting with the AuPS were insufficient for the Treasurer to follow the accounting process. The Society needs to ensure that an ASB member is part of the Joint committee and is able to gain a full accounting report. More control by the ASB over the budget lines in Joint Meetings required.

A.C. suggested a push to get recalcitrant members to rejoin and pay membership fees due.

Motion to accept moved by A. Coster
Seconded by R Clark

2. Office bearers.

C. Curtain stepped down as ASB Secretary. The Meeting held a motion to thank C. Curtain for his tireless efforts as Secretary for the Society

Moved B. Hambley

Seconded: P Barry

Motion carried with acclaim.

P. Smith replaced C. Curtain in the position of Acing Society Secretary. The position of Society Secretary will be filled at the ASB Annual Conference Meeting AGM.

P Barry noted the ASB needs nomination of Vice President. Need a call or Nominations before the Conference AGM.

3. Other Business:

IUPAB.

The meeting discusses the development of a bid by the ASB to host IUPAB 2014.

CdR: Bid will be in likely competition with Graz Austria

Timing will likely be for an August / September / October meeting

Suggested that either Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane for such a meeting

BH - The Society needs to put together a strong scientifically based bid.

CdR – Melbourne and Brisbane have both a wide diversity of local Research Institutes – a big local scientific base to attract local attendees

Australia was still seen as “Isolated” geographically

Could bring in Asian based Biophysics societies as Australia “local” to Asia

Only trans Pacific to West Coast USA

Should encourage contact and input of Japanese Biophysical Society

In support of scientific capability of Australian Biophysics, ASB should forward Cameo Research summaries for three or four prominent researchers in Biophysics to IUPAB.

PS and PB suggested that the weather in Brisbane would be attractive for August September meeting, in winter.

BH and CdR – Brisbane has offered much local input – Christa Chritchley organised ICPR 2001, so has experience, and also Qld Govt advanced possible assistance.

BH Form a working party, nominated to be part of local Organising Committee
Shift further discussion to the Annual Conference AGM

Motion to adjourn to ASB Conference AGM forwarded by BH
Seconded CdR

Motion carried

Meeting ended 5.05pm