

Minutes of the 2007 Special Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society for Biophysics Inc.

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Meeting Opened at 10.06am

Chair: Brett Hambley

Present at the Meeting:

B Hambley, P Smith., M Beilby, A Coster, A Larkham, L Brown, RJ Clarke.

Apologies 13 apologies were received.

H Coster, L Hool, A Dalhanty, P Barry, R Norton, P Kuchel, D Laver, A Clayton, G Krishnan, C Curtain, C Chritchley, C dos Remedios, F Separovic.

Proxies: 7 Proxy Voting forms were submitted.

H Coster, L Hool, P Barry, R Norton, A Clayton, G Krishnan, C Curtain.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the School of Engineering University of Sydney December 2006 were read and moved to be accepted. Moved A. Coster 2nd M. Beilby. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes: No business arising.

Financial Report: A. Coster

The Chair gave acclaim for all the work the Treasurer had done through the year.

Renewals of Lapsed Members. Many members have had their membership for the ASB lapse in the past year. Renewal is important when undertaking a Co-Conference with AuPS, as a Membership status is required to enable Registration. Lapsed Members attending the Conference will need to renew. Profit and Loss Accounting; Years of accounting for income and expenditure are usually staggered expenses out one year, income for the event the next. ASB is in a good financial position.

Report from ASB Conference 2006.

Good profit from University of Sydney ASB 2006 meeting.

A. Larkham: Good formula for meeting, close interaction.

A. Coster: Moved a motion of congratulations for the organisers,
Seconded B Hambley, carried with acclamation.

Report from IBRO Symposia - made a loss.

Discussion concerning manner of sponsorship and underwriting. The

Manner of sponsorship / underwriting did not currently satisfy
accountability, but not a policy in place yet with ASB Inc.

Based on this, need to set up a Pro Forma arrangement for Sponsorship and /
or underwriting a meeting. Needs formalisation. Will be raised at the
Conference AGM for more full discussion.

With Sponsorship, need to define the actual amount being for the
sponsorship, this to be a set amount. If further funds are required a
secondary application to the ASB needs to be made.

Pro Forma sets out accounting.

Suggestion for further Forms for ASB Inc: Form for application of Travel
Grants for Students to attend Conferences.

Based on Travel, registration, accommodation. Not restricted to the ASB
Annual Conference, but could include other Conferences associated with
Biophysics. Secretary to formulate Application Form and send to Executive,
and further discussion and summarising at Annual Conference AGM.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report L. Brown

Seconded: R. Clarke.

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report:

Request for upgrade of accounting software for use with ASB Inc
accounting.

QuickBooks for Accounting, Estimate cost \$400.

If concerns, could discuss at Annual Conference AGM.

Was necessary for latest accounting requirement by Incorporation.

Approved by meeting.

President's Report: B Hambley

Discussed IUPAB Bid progress and interactions with various societies
associated with support and lobbying.

As this is a work in progress, the process is still subject to confidentiality.

Discussed Dates for IUPAB possibly 3rd week of August, prior to end of northern hemisphere summer.

Discussed Registration estimates, based to return a profit to the Society whilst still affordable as an International Congress.

Discussed support from various groups;
University of Qld.

Remnant funds from a prior International Congress ICPR – Photosynthesis Research

Government Grants

Looking at ~\$1.5million budget

We need to ensure the Society is not open to a major loss.

Other Groups: Commitment for support

ANSTO

The Australian Synchrotron

ANZMAG

The Fluorescence Network.

Good Scientific Community support.

For Future ASB Conferences, looking towards cross meetings with other Societies to expand the base of Scientific Support. Build alliances.

Office Bearers:

Put forms out to enquire for new office bearers, and check if current are satisfied with continuing roles.

Other Business: no other business

Motion to adjourn meeting to December AGM at Newcastle meeting

Moved B Hambly

Seconded A. Coster

Carried

Meeting closed 11.20am.