

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting ASB 2008

September 30th 2008

Marcus Clarke Centre

Australian National University

ASB Conference General Meeting

Meeting Opened 5.39pm by Chair

In attendance :

Chair: B. Hambley

Minutes: P. Smith

26 ASB Members in attendance

7 Apologies were submitted.

The Minutes of the ASB Annual General Meeting at the Newcastle Town Hall were presented

Motion to accept the minutes moved: C. Dos Remedios

Seconded: F. Separovic

Motion carried by Floor.

No Business arising from the Minutes.

Summary of Treasurer's Report presented by A. Coster.

Discussed financial position of Society and the current state of Membership. Balance Sheet included Donation by A. Hope for the purpose of an Award for Novel and Innovative Biophysics.

Proposed changes to Banking system – one working A/C with Cheques and signatures in the Banking system.

Report to be forwarded to the Incorporations Audit Vic.

C. dos Remedios and P Smith moved motion to thank Adelle for effort as Treasurer over the past year

Acclaim From Floor

Motion to accept Treasurers Report B. Martinac

Seconded F. Separovic

Carried by Floor.

President's Report presented by B. Hambley

Discussed the efforts of the Executive Council and Working Committee on IUPAB bid effort and support.

Discussed IUPAB Meeting with vote for 2014 IUPAB Bid

ASB Successful, IUPAB 2014 to be hosted by ASB in Brisbane.

Discussed Science Meets Parliament

Discussed Establishment of MacAulay – Hope Prize

– Alex Hope made financial Donation to ASB.

- Committee to be formed for assessments of nominations

Discussed Fluoro / Optical Meeting

- Support of ASB
- Support and encouragement of Students to Meetings

Discussed Asian Biophysics Association

Association of Asian Societies

Meetings to be held Biannually

First Meeting Hong Kong January 2009

Discussed travel support opportunities

F. Separovic Discussed support from Asian Societies

Business arising from reports:

No Further business from President's and Treasurer's Reports.

Agenda Item 9.

Request from ABA for Euro 150.

Purpose support ABA Membership to IUPAB

Allocates a vote for ABA in IUPAB

2006 – no membership fees were proposed J. Vandenberg

Discussed role of AAS in IUPAB

P. Moens asked the role and influence of ASB in ABA

Response

ASB has 2 members on ABA Council – 20 total from around Asia

Membership to be allocated item in ABS Budget year by year

P. Barry Motion to pay the Membership to ABA

Seconded H. Coster

Carried by floor

IUPAB Bid for 2014

B Hambley

Discussed Executive Committee recommendations on Process of organisation

Discussed the Financial outcome for Delegate numbers

- Breakeven financially at 700 delegates
- Vote at IUPAB was successful.

Organisation Committee formation

B Hambley

Nominated himself as continuing Chair

- No other nomination from floor.
- Chair appointed on triennial time basis.

Committee Structure – 4 Subcommittees

- Program
- Social
- Finance
- Promotion / Liaison

Tentative Executive Nominations:

- Program R. Norton and B. Martinac
- Social C. Chritchley / G King as likely possible nominations
- Finance A Coster
- Promotion / Liaison F. Separovic

Additional to IUPAB Committee

C. Dos Remedios as President of IUPAB General Assembly.

Requires Ex Officio – Executive of ASB and others

- 10 required at present.

Interim report – Initial Document presented at Japan 2009

Site Visit by IUPAB in 2011 pre Beijing IUPAB

Discussion:

P. Smith Discussed Satellite Meetings, could be similar to organisation of IPRS 2001 in Brisbane

Conference Organiser Selection Process

- 6 approaches at present

Options: Select M Pickford w/o Tender

Select by Invited Tenders

Members of ASB nominate an Organiser – short list

Discussion made:

Needs to be open process by invitation of quotes

Input from BCEC

Need set out of Criteria for Quotes and nominations

Motion to have ASB process tender by Invited list of Quotes

Raised: B Hambley

Seconded D. Laver

Carried by floor

Discussed Invited Speakers

ASB 2009 Annual Conference:

A Clayton agreed to Chair Organising Committee

- Two times choice by organisers
- September last week or December first week

ASB 2010 Annual Conference:

Options:

Joining AuPS / ASB in Adelaide Late November / December 2010

P Smith Acclaimed D. Laver Role in 2007 Newcastle joint meeting
H. Coster had been approached that UNE could possible Organise ASB 2010
Discussed Organisation role and input to the Conference Financial Organisation
T. Lewis and A. Coster input.

-Need strong role in the organisation – account to include Prizes in Conference organisation.

P. Barry and H. Coster discussed importance of ASB input and need for ASB sole meetings.

To be decided at future ASB Meeting

Election of ASB Officials:

Nomination for Vice President

J Vandenberg accepted nomination

Elected by acclamation becomes President Elect.

The other Executive Council and the State / Territory Reps unchanged

Current Executive

President A. Dulhunty

Immediate past President B Hambley

Vice President JH Vandenberg

Treasurer A Coster

Secretary P. Smith

Public Officer F. Separovic

State Representatives are on the Web page, unchanged.

All details remain on the ASB Website.

Business of which Notice given to meeting:

No Business of which notices were sent.

General Business

Discussed News Letter appointment of position as Editor.

D Laver accepted nomination

Adelle Coster Discussed information pack for Conference Organisers

Check List for Organisation and Finances.

Used with other Conferences and Workshop associated with ASB

Adelle to Put Pack together.

Curtin Conference 2009-08-31

A Dulhunty, B Cromer and J Vandenberg to organise

Dedicated to Peter Gage

Requested support from ASB

Held around Easter 2009 In Canberra Grammar School ACT

C Dos Remedios suggested level of support set by Executive
Supported by floor of meeting

Fluoro Workshop 2009 Armidale UNE
To be held after Easter but before ANZAC Day 2009
Special Issue of European Journal of Biophysics for publishing Conference
Papers from ASB 2008
J Vandenberg to edit
Theme Membrane Proteins
Discussed organisation deadline and processes.
J Vandenberg will organise the Submission process.

Life Memberships
P Smith raised the discussion of a motion of nomination and awarding of ASB
Life Membership .
Will entail a Special Motion to the next (2009) ASB AGM.
A call for nominations and input to discussion through the year

F. Separovic motioned special thanks to the organisers of ASB 2008.
Meeting Closed 7.00PM.

NB

**A Sound recording of the 2008 AGM from the Marcus
Clarke Centre is available as an audio file, Email ASB
Secretary Paul Smith for a copy.**