

# Australian Society for Biophysics

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009 of the Australian Society for Biophysics, Charles Napier Hotel Sovereign Hill Ballarat Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

Meeting Opened 6.24pm Chair Angela Dulhunty Minutes Paul Smith  
In attendance 22 Members

**Apologies** Nicky Beard, Warwick Hillier, Tom Wydrzynski, Trevor Lewis, Jane Carland, Jennie Cederholm, Ron Pace, Fred Chow, Jan Anderson, Elmars Krausz, Cris Dos Remedios, Brett Hambley, Ron Clarke (13 Apologies), (2 Proxies).

**Minutes of the Previous General Meeting of the ASB:** Were presented by the Society Secretary for reading and discussion.

Motion to Accept the Minutes of the Previous meeting Nominated Jamie Vandenberg, Seconded Glenn King. Motion carried by Floor of meeting.

No Business arose from the Minutes.

### **Presidents Report.** Angela Dulhunty

Discussed Meeting of interest to the Society that had occurred during the year.

Asian Biophysics Association 2009

US Biophysical Society in Boston Feb. 2009

Curtin Conference Canberra April 2009

Discussed assistance to Curtin Conference from ASB

Praise given to ASB Treasurer and Web Master for organisation with Financial and Registration components of conference and for future capabilities of Registration through the ASB Home Page.

Discussed ASB Newsletters

A Report was to be forwarded for the records of the society.

### **Financial Report.** Adelle Coster

Discussed ASB Membership position 2009 Total Members 169.

Presented Profit and Loss Statement to be listed in Treasurer's Report.

Discussed Banking concerns for society with turnover of Executive Positions.

Discussed Financial Outcome of ASB 2008. Congratulated Organisers (\*Blush\*)

Discussed Sponsored Events Curtin Conference 2009, Fluoro Workshop 2009

Offered support and ideas for organisation for Biophysical Chemistry Workshop 2010.

Discussed Travel Support

Students requesting Travel support need to provide post event report- discussed length and formality of Reports

Discussed fund gift from remnants from Photosynthesis 2001 via Christa Chritchley for use for IUPAB 2014.

Ray Norton – Funds could be invested in high interest AC

Adelle Coster – attempting such investment despite Bank hindrance and the logistics of two ASB Executive officers being present to set up

Glenn King – proposed vote of thanks to Christa Chritchley.

Motion for this forwarded by Ray Norton – Seconded Ian Newman Carried by floor

### **Business Arising From Presidents and Financial Reports:**

Peter Barry proposed vote of thanks to Adelle Coster for her efforts.

Newsletters: Apologies were forwarded from Newsletter editor. Guidance on format and content and assistance should have been sought.

Treasurer raised: Newsletter content should include missives from President

Content could also include information from Federation of Australian Scientific and Technical Societies and meeting notices

Should be one major and others smaller through the year

Suggested from Peter Barry – Newsletters onto Web.

Other content – Fasts Updates as to be distributed to Executive and through Society

Lists of upcoming Meetings of interest through the Society membership.

Notices about Science Meets Parliament – encouragement of State Reps / Post Docs within ASB as representatives of the Society – placing younger career ears and views.

No other Business arising from Reports.

### **IUPAB 2014**

Tender processes were set up. The Companies were to be selected by invitation rather than open process as per ASB AGM 2008. ASB IUPAB committee chair was awaiting reports from Mike Pickford and Sally Jay.

Both Company Invitees were supported by ASB members through prior experience via other Scientific Societies.

Input to Committees for IUPAB – ASB were invited to contact Brett Hambley.

Glenn King voiced the urgency to work on the Committees. Ray Norton voiced that the Committees needed to be selected and have advanced by AGM 2010. A section in ASB 2010 will follow this up. Advances and organisation will need to be developed for IUPAB 2011.

Brett Hambley sent message to be asked by email for a report.

### **Representatives and Life Memberships.**

Executive stays as are and accepted continuing nominations.

State Representatives – New:

Adam Hill from the Victor Chang institute NSW

Alan Marks – University of Qld – Qld.

John Gehman – University of Melbourne – Vic.

Nomination for Sergey Shabala – Tasmania – Ian Newman confirming

Full Listing of Executive Officers and State Reps are updated every year and available on Web Page

## **Life Memberships**

Proposal for the development of the status of Life Member of the ASB – should be based on Service to the Society and Active involvement in Society and its activities.

Names were forwarded :

Cyril Curtain, Hans Coster, Christa Chritchley, Bill Sawyer, Mary Bielby, Peter Barry, Alan Walker, Jan Anderson

Discussed the Criteria and whom could be proposed on the list of nominees.

A Nomination system and form should be developed - the ASB needs to develop a formal criteria. Ray Norton impressed the notions of Activity, Involvement, Long Term Contribution, and Service for the criteria. Benefits should be Defined.

Meeting decided that the motion of nominations of Life Members be held off until such Formal Criteria were developed,

The meeting further discussed other names for consideration including from Retired membership list. Whence Criteria are developed, these should be circulated across the ASB membership for consideration.

Adelle Coster suggested a Committee for Consideration of Life Membership Proposals. This should draw on ASB Society experience.

Glenn King suggested the Committee be also a Formal process with a structured 3 year term of service within the ASB. Mood of the meeting was to await the formation of the Criteria and Formal Committee.

Motion Proposed: “That the ASB Society should have the power to set up a committee with the ability to receive nominations for and adjudicate on Life Memberships.”

Initial discussions and further input should be through the ASB Executive. Motion proposed by Ray Norton, Seconded Glenn King, Motion carried by floor.

## **Other Business:**

**Support Request Forms.** Travel Support and Meeting Support.

For Meeting support, not only request but input of greater information of the Meeting needed input both before and especially after meeting had occurred. Society needs a formalised process with developed Form system. Initial contact and considerations could be through the State Reps – developing a specific role for the State Reps.

Adelle Coster discussed the development of the Travel Support Form and processes and such could be reworked and developed for Scientific Meeting support requests.

Such meeting would be termed ASB Supported Meetings.

Travel Support could be requested for such meetings

Support payments would be forwarded after receipt of Reports by the students on the meeting

Initial Support request forms for Travel Support need further development with one form for student and one for supervisor.

Pierre Moens discussed the use of the forms for other meetings –

Bill Sawyer Workshop Symposium

Fluorescence Techniques Workshop

Discussions and proposed motions need to be developed for ASB 2010 AGM for formality.

### **Asian Biophysical Association Meeting**

Opens 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011. New Delhi

Suggestion forwarded from ABA - ABA member societies could nominate people suitable to give talks – get Free Registration, with Plenary Speakers also gaining Airfare support.

Name lists could be discussed and forwarded.

Organiser needed support to urge Government support of large meeting.

### **Roles of the State Representatives.**

A more defined role for State Representatives was discussed. Possible roles include suggestions: Contact points for Meetings that could apply for support from ASB, Science Meets Parliament Representatives for the ASB, Organise Student associations or activities, look after invited speakers of the ASB for Meetings and Conferences, be part of Organising Committees for annual conferences,

### **Future Meetings.**

Discussed were locations for meetings.

2010 locked in as joint meeting in Adelaide ASB and AuPS.

Suggestions for years

2011 Brisbane – possible organising people Glenn King, Megan O'Mara, Graeme Hanson

2012 Sydney – possible organising people Jamie VandenBerg, Boris Martinac

No initial suggestion was forthcoming for 2013.

### **Other Business.**

Meeting discussed desire to get as much of previous meeting and organisational notes in electronic form – PDF's preferred – as a reference source. Could be posted on ASB Web site.

Jamie van den Berg volunteered as a Special Publications Editor – allowed Conference papers from 2008 ASB – motion of thanks forwarded by Peter Barry – carried with acclaim by floor of meeting.

Glenn King raised a vote of thanks to the Organisers of ASB 2009, carried with acclaim by floor of meeting.

No other business

Meeting closed 7.20pm

NB

A Sound recording of the 2009 AGM from the Sovereign Hill Resort is available as an audio file, Email ASB Secretary Paul Smith for a copy.