

Minutes of Australian Society for Biophysics Annual General Meeting held in Rm H6-12, The University of South Australia, City West Campus, Adelaide, SA, 5000.

Meeting opened at 13:30, 5th December, 2016

Chair: P. Moens

Minutes: A. Battle

Attendees: Andrew Clayton, Brett Hamble, Navid Bavi, Yury Nikolaev, Pietro Ridone, Jamie Vandenberg, Trevor Lawson, Glenn King, Alan Mark, Adam Hines, Matthew Perry, Adam Hill, Andrew Battle, Thomas Berry, Ingo Köper, Charles Cranfield, Frances Separovic, Marc Antonine Sani, Adelle Coster, Evelyne Deplazes, David Pgoer, Peter Barry, Mary Jane Beilby, Andrea Yool, Brett Cromer, Danny hatters, Renae Ryan, Toby Allen, Andrea Yool, Trevor Lewis.

Apologies: Gary Bryant, Ian Newman, Megan O'Mara

Minutes of 2015 AGM:

Move to accept minutes- B. Martinac, Seconded, A. Coster. Carried by meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes- F. Separovic - annual or bi annual ASB meetings- discussion to be held in afternoon general meeting session.

Financial Report: R. Clarke: Checking account \$58,778.33, term deposit, \$73,290.41, recently matured, and has been re-invested for another two years, overall \$132,068.74 funds.

Profit/Loss: ASB Armidale meeting 2015, meeting in profit, \$3350. R. Clarke thanked P. Moens for outstanding job of conference organisation, met with acclaim from floor.

Overall nett income \$7702.60. Last year, loss of \$5109.38, due to loss incurred from satellite mechanosymposium to IUPAB conference in 2015.

Membership: Peak membership- 2014, 209 members, 2015, 152 members, decrease in membership most likely due to IUPAB meeting (ASB annual conference held in conjunction with IUPAB) However ASB members had no reduced conference fees. This may have been a contributing factor in membership decrease. R. Clarke discussed the matter with T. Watts (chair of 19th IUPAB congress) and suggested he discuss with the British Biophysical Society about discounting conference fees for that society at the upcoming IUPAB meeting in Edinburgh, UK.

ASB member numbers have not recovered since then, and in the last financial year have further decreased slightly to 147 members.

M Beilby: Are life members included in this list?

R. Clarke: Life members will be included in future membership lists.

Closing remarks: Society is in a great financial position, but boosting biophysics in Australia and getting some more people into the Society would be very desirable- Acclaim from floor.

Election of Vice President(VP): P. Moens: Two nominations. Adam Hill, and Gary Bryant.

A. Coster: members are actually voting for VP in two year's time.

Conflict of Interest: F. Separovic: Informed the floor of her Nomination of G. Bryant.

G. Bryant not present at the 2016 AGM.

General discussion from the floor resulted resolution that members vote online for the two candidates for VP (eg doodle poll) as well as members receiving a statement beforehand from the two candidates.

A. Hill returned to the room.

NSW State Representative: P. Moens: Asked A. Hill if he is happy to give up state rep- A. Hill agreed. One candidate for the role, M. Perry. Accepted. Acclaim from floor. P. Moens resolved that all state reps play a larger role in the society. Suggestion for state representatives to organise a speaker at one University per state, during "Biophysics Week", an event that is organised by the American Biophysical Society. State representatives should also be involved in the ASB Conferences, judging panels, etc. Resolved also that the state representatives be involved in ASB Executive meetings.

President's address: Thanked all office bearers for last year's activities. F. Separovic as immediate past President, A. Coster as Vice President, R. Clarke as Treasurer, A. Battle as Secretary, and E. Deplazes (website maintenance). Acclaim from floor.

ASB website has been moved- previously sponsored by The University of Sydney, now privately hosted. Thanks to A. Hill and E. Deplazes. R. Clarke has been working to organise a paypal account, with the aim to pay membership dues through paypal and other expenses.

R. Clarke- We already have a business account, needs to be linked to website page.

Science Technology Australia (STA): P. Moens thanked J. Vandenberg for his role in representing ASB at STA. He has finished his term at STA, and therefore society will not have a direct representative at STA. STA will continue to inform the ASB president of their activities, which the President will pass on to members.

STA organises two major events- (1) Science meets Parliament- P. Moens thanked M. O'Mara and A. Hill, who represented ASB at this event. ASB supports early career researchers to attend this event, but only covers registration, and the dinner. (2) Science meets industry: F. Separovic and J. Vandenberg attended.

Joint ASB-Biophysical Society of Japan Symposium: I. Koper, B. Martinac, B. Hambly, P. Moens and E. Hinde represented the society. Meeting went very well, and the Japanese Biophysical Society is very interested to continue this joint symposium. P. Moens thanked attendees.

P. Moens thanked organisers of the current ASB-AuPS joint meeting. I. Koper and A. Yool also thanked as local representatives. Acclaim from floor.

A. Coster: Thanked P. Moens for his outstanding role as ASB President. Acclaim from Floor.

Business arising: None

P. Moens officially passed on the role of ASB President to A. Coster. Acclaim met from floor.

Meeting closed 13:55

