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Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Inc

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 25 August 2005,
Sullivans Room, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

The President: Welcomed members to the AGM. The CEO explained: The eligible membership as at 9.00 am 25 August 2005 is 520. The quorum is therefore 52

The Secretary has been notified of 6 proxys David Bradford – appointing Liz Dax; Basil Donovan – appointing Liz Dax; Suzi Bernard – appointing Levinia Crooks; Martyn French – appointing Patti Martinez; Marilyn McMurchie – appointing Levinia Crooks; Linda Mann – appointing Levinia Crooks

Special Resolutions relate to changing the constitution and as specified in section 30 a. of the constitution are required to be passed by a majority of not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting membership eligible to vote

PRESENT:

Full Members: Debra Allen, Jonathan Anderson, Adrian Booth, John Chuah, Damian Conway, Erika Cox, Levinia Crooks, Paul Crouch-Chivers, Phillip Cunningham, Elizabeth Dax, William Donohue, Gregory Dore, Dominic Dwyer, Virginia Furner, Roger Garsia, Carla Gorton, Andrew Gowers, Andrew Grulich, Margaret Hellard, Jennifer Hoy, Mark Kelly, Janet Knox, Stephen Lambert, Richard Lawrence, Sharon Lewin, Deborah Marriott, Patti Martinez, Nicholas Medland, Kristine Millar, Adrian Mindel, Catherine Pell, Alan Pithie, Marian Pitts, Jeffrey Post, Andrew Redmond, Edward Reis, Gary Rogers, Norman Roth, Darren Russell, Joe Sasaduesz, Marjoree Sehu, Kevin Sesnan, David Shaw, Julie Silvers, Alison Ward, Jo Watson, Ian Woolley, Edwina Wright.

APOLOGIES: Martyn French, Anne Mijch, Don Smith, David Bradford, Sean Riminton, David Cooper

Moved: Andrew Grulich

Seconded: Virginia Furner

Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2 September 2004 were circulated and accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Steve Lambert

Seconded: Gary Rogers

Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by Liz Dax

I would like to:

- present the Annual Report and my report as President,
- thanked the staff, board and committee for their considerable work over the year
- draw members' attention to the Strategic Plan for 2005 – 2008 this will guide the Society in its work in the future

- one of the particular achievements of the society in the last 12 months has been the securing of our partnership grant from AusAID, this reflects the effort that the Society has put into its international program. This was achieved by planning, resourcing and working toward our goals
- another area where the Society has developed is in strengthening its primary care team and further developing its treatment policy work. ASHM now employs three medical practitioners and a clinical nurse consultant working in the HIV and viral hepatitis areas. This greatly enhances our capacity to respond to the demands of complex treatment and management areas. The primary care team members are here, along with a number of other ASHM secretariat staff, I would encourage members to take the opportunity afforded by the conference to visit the booth and meet with the staff
- our conference team continues to excel. The idea of coming to Hobart, in winter, was one that we were unsure the members & conference attendees would support. Nadine, Nicole and the team have again excelled in putting together an excellent meeting on our behalf
- lastly, in 2007 ASHM will be hosting the International AIDS Society Pathogenesis and Treatment Conference in Sydney. Sharon Lewin, our incoming President and John Kaldor are deputy Chairs to David Cooper and Pedro Kahn, the incoming president of the IAS. Australia will finally host a major International meeting, I hope you all join behind the conference and make it a truly memorable event.
- As members may know this is my last term as President. I have really enjoyed my time in this position, it has been very rewarding working with the secretariat,

Moved: Gary Rogers

Seconded: Jo Watson

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT: Presented by Joe Sasaduesz

I would like to present the Treasurer's report and draw members attention to a couple of significant matters.

- The Society is solvent and in a healthy position. But this security must be considered in the context of our size. Ren Vorne is a great asset to the Society, he is able to provide the CEO and Board with the financial management and advice which we need to perform our tasks and to plan for future activities and liabilities. I would find my task as Treasurer impossible without his input and that of the secretariat
- We set out in our last Strategic Plan to try and broaden our income base. In our 2001/02 Annual Report we reported 57% of our income coming from our combined commonwealth HIV and HCV grants last year grants from the Australian Government accounted for 37% of our income, the introduction of our funded International program now means that 12% of our income comes from AusAID. NSW Health, is our single largest funding source accounting for almost 30% of our income and reflecting the scope of our primary care programs. The Society is considerably more secure as a result of this diverse funding.
- Last year we reported a slight increase in income over expenditure. This is a result of the benefits we reap from running the Conference in house, our securing AusAIDS funding, thus freeing up some of the funds previously allocated to our international program. This is a very good achievement given we have also relocated the secretariat during that period. But this not a generous reserve, the majority of funds are allocated to continuing education & support programs or designated for maintaining the secretariat and our society functions.
- I agreed to again stand as Treasurer because I feel that it is a reward contribution to be making to the sector and I am very pleased to be associated with ASHM.

Moved: Roger Garsia

Seconded: Jenny Hoy

Carried

Special Resolution 1:

The motion is:

That the Society's Constitution be amended by: replacing the word 'once' with 'twice' in rule 19. (1)

Moved: Liz Dax **Seconded:** Kelly Tank

The motion was: Carried unanimously

Special Resolution 2:

The motion is:

That the Society's Constitution be amended by adding:

"2. (v) Ordinary Member (Retired)

Any former ordinary member who has retired permanently from the workforce shall be eligible to request membership renewal as an ordinary member (retired).

- (I) To be eligible for this category of membership the ordinary member must have been a financial ordinary member for a period of not less than five consecutive years.
- (II) The fee and conditions for this category of membership will be equal to that of Associate Member.
- (III) In recognition that the Society is a professional society representing members employed in the sector, the retired member will not have the right to hold any office."

Moved: Liz Dax **Seconded:** David Bradford

The motion was: Carried unanimously

Special Resolution 3:

The motion is:

That Section 2 (i) II be amended to:

Any non-medical graduate who holds a qualification considered appropriate by the Board and who has worked in the field of HIV for no less than three consecutive years.

Moved: Lix Dax **Seconded:** Kelly Tank

The motion was: Carried unanimously

SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION ON NOTICE

Motion on notice 1

To ensure medical authority at least one of the President or Vice President of the Society be a medical graduate.

Moved: Liz Dax Seconded: Nick Medland

The motion was: Lost

Motion on notice 2

Annual membership fees remain unchanged: \$100+GST for Ordinary Member or Sustaining Member, or \$60+GST for Associate Member

Moved: Levinia Crooks **Seconded:** Liz Dax

The motion was: Carried unanimously

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD

Three members of the board stood down this year they are.

- Andrew Grulich who preceeded me as president
- Kelly Tank who as been our first nursing member of the board
- Janet Knox who will, as a member of the Indigenous Australian's Sexual Health Committee, continue to provide advice to the board on indigenous health matters

The President thanked them personally for their considerable contribution and hope to remain in contact in the future.

Three new members have joined the board they are:
Jonathan Anderson who fill the Vice President position
Greg Dore, from NSW and
Mark Boyd from South Australia

I would like to welcome these people to the board.

I will now take up the position of Immediate Past President and Sharon Lewin takes over from me as president.

Moved: Edwina Wright **Seconded:** Joe Sasaduesz

Sharon Lewin thanked, Elizabeth Dax, took the chair, welcomed the new Board and thanked members for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed

13:30