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Australasian Society for HIV Medicine

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 10 September 2009  
**Time:** 12.30 pm  
**Location:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

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**Apologies:** Christopher Bourne, Deborah Couldwell, Justin La Brooy, Marilyn McMurchie, Rex Melville, Louise Owen, Anne Robertson, Kevin Sesnan, John Ziegler

**Present:** Jonathan Anderson, Eugene Athan, Cherie Bennett, Barry Bland, Mark Bloch, John Chuah, Chris Chiu, Elizabeth Crock, Levinia Crooks, Philip Cunningham, Elizabeth Dax, William Donohue, Greg Dore, Liza Doyle, Fraser Drummond, Barry Edwards, Sian Edwards, Roger Garsia, Michelle Giles, Carla Gorton, Andrew Gowers, Trina Gregory, Andrew Grulich, David Herrich, Margaret Hellard, Sonja Hill, Jennifer Hoy, Hiba Jebeile, Adam Jenney, Stephen Lambert, Rodney Lovett, Stephanie McLean, Richard Milner, Richard Moore, Duc Nguyen, Richard Norris, David Orth, Cheryn Palmer, Catherine Pell, Janka Petravic, Patricia Price, Ross Price, Damian Purcell, Dick Quan, Tim Read, Gary Rogers, Diane Rowling, Darren Russell, Jan Savage, David Shaw, Julie Silvers, Tuck-Meng Soo, Mark Thomas, Russell Waddell, Brenton Wait, Jo Watson, Emily Wheeler, Marion Woods, Edwina Wright

**Proxies:** Dennis Altman, David Brockman, Mark Boyd, Leanne Burton, Ben Cowie, Marina Carman, Damian Conway, Ellie Freedman, Ken Hazelton, Sharon Lewin, Anna Pierce, Edward Reis, Tina Schmidt, Ettie Selep, Sally Spruce

**Quorum:** As of this morning ASHM has a financial membership of 663 full voting members. The constitution requires that 10% of the membership participate in the Annual General Meeting either by being present at the meeting or by proxy. Quorum for this meeting is therefore 66 people. There are 59 voting members present and 15 proxies so we reached quorum.

Jonathan Anderson declared the meeting open at 12:39pm and asked if the Minutes from the last AGM could be accepted.

**That** the Minutes as circulated are a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Fraser Drummond                      Seconded: Cathy Pell  
CARRIED

### **Presidents Report:**

The report is published in the Annual Report and was presented to members. The President asked the Members to recall that the annual report had been posted to the website since last week and hard copies of the report were available at this meeting.

Jonathan Anderson said that he did not want to rehash the report as it appears but there were a number of other matters he wanted to draw to members' attention.

At the last meeting members gave the Board direction to transition the organisation from an Association Incorporated in NSW to a Company Limited by Guarantee. We have done this and the first meeting of the New Company will be held tomorrow at lunch-time.

The transition has been supported by the NSW Department of Fair Trading. All of our government contract partners were happy with and supported the transition and so all our agreements will just transfer across to the new entity.

As a procedural matter, the Board members are listed as the members of the new company for the purposes of establishing the new company and then at the first Board Meeting, tomorrow, all members of the existing Association will be made members of the new Company.

That meeting will be held at lunchtime tomorrow should any members want to attend as observers.

The President commended the Secretariat in making the transition, particularly the work undertaken by Terry Fairclough and the Finance Team: Nadia Kristenko, Claire Koetsier and Kevin Doyle.

**That** the President's report be accepted:

Moved: Jo Watson

Seconded: Jenny Hoy

CARRIED

### **Treasurers Report:**

Philip Cunningham outlined how the financial report is included in the Annual Report and drew members attention to several important issues.

The Treasurer advised members that the Society is in a healthy financial position. Importantly given the size of our operation this is essential. It is not a luxury. Much of our funding is annualised and as a consequence we need to have sufficient operating funds to allow us to cover fluctuations in cash flow and to keep the organisation functioning while contracts are negotiated.

**That** the Treasurer's report be accepted:

Moved: Liz Dax

Seconded: Gary Rogers

CARRIED

Motions on Notice:

The President announced that there were no Motions on Notice at this AGM, which would ordinarily bring us to the election of the Board. The next AGM will be under the aegis of the Corporations Act and we will be operating as a company limited by guarantee.

As this was the last meeting of the Society as an Incorporated Association Jonathan Anderson asked the meetings indulgence to pass a motion by acclamation:

**That** the members commend all those who have contributed to the Society, who established it and who have served on its various Boards and Committees.

CARRIED

### **Election of the Board:**

Jonathan Anderson as outgoing President, thanked retiring members of the Board:

**Sharon Lewin** is leaving the board after a long and productive association with ASHM, including two years as President and two as Immediate Past President, although she will continue to keep in contact through a variety of avenues, including her liaison role to ASHM as a member of the MACBBVS.

**Stephen Lambert** also resigned from the Board shortly before the elections. Steve as many will know has been a longstanding member of the Board and the first non-medical member. Steve is an educator and is in the process of completing his PhD.

**Richard Hillman:** has also decided not to re-stand for the Board due to competing work demands. Richard will remain involved in a number of committees providing particular support to the Professional Education Division.

Nominations for the Board closed on 7 July at which time the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. Those people nominated were therefore elected unopposed. They are:

**Executive:**

Greg Dore – President  
Edwina Wright - Vice President (Secretary)  
Mark Boyd – Vice President (Treasurer)  
Jonathan Anderson – Immediate Past President

**Ordinary Members**

Mark Bloch – NSW  
Ben Cowie - VIC  
Philip Cunningham – NSW  
Michelle Giles – VIC  
Nick Medland – Vietnam  
Richard Norris - NSW  
Patricia Price - WA  
Darren Russell – QLD  
Russell Wardell – SA

**Setting of Annual Fees:**

A discussion of Annual Fees took place where it was proposed:

**that** for 2010:

- all membership categories remain at \$100, apart from
- students and retired member fees, which will remain at \$60

Moved: Levinia Crooks                      Seconded: Greg Dore  
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.09pm.