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## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th August 2023**

**Time:** 7pm.

**Venue:** via Zoom.

**Attendees:** Robyn Diener, Lisa Beattie, Caroline Reid, Bec Gray, Peter van Rens, Cheryl Parkins, Sue Cook, Tim Hardy, Michael Lim, Mike Smithson, Stephen Clively, Katherine Buchanan, Christine Crawford, Peggy Spratt, Robyn Morgan, Sue Reynolds, Bobby Graham, Ian Bignall, Shakir Rahman, Susan Bell, Denise Moule, Stuart Wiscombe, Richard Vickers, Oliver Cheng, Melissa Hammond, Bryan Kilgallin, Roger Hancock.

**Apologies:** Hideko Pentony, Lynn Nicholas, Vickie Hingston-Jones, Peter Dixon, Christine Jarrett, Jo Anne Pulko, Trish Dillon, Gillian Bellas.

### **Introduction**

Mike Smithson, Treasurer, hosted the Zoom meeting and briefly outlined the etiquette required for members while participating in the meeting.

Cheryl Parkins, Secretary, announced that in the absence of the President or Vice President, a Chair to preside over the meeting must be elected from the members present.

A motion was moved by Mike Smithson to accept Tim Hardy as Chair. This was seconded by Stephen Clively. It was approved by all members and Tim accepted the position.

### **1. Welcome:** Tim Hardy, Chair.

Tim welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the original custodians of Canberra and the region, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. He confirmed that all members present had been verified as financial members.

### **2. Minutes of 2022 AGM:** Cheryl Parkins, Secretary.

A copy of these Minutes was circulated by email to those attending the AGM and also made available on the ASOC website prior to the meeting. The Minutes were accepted as read.

**Motion to accept the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting:**

**Moved:** Katherine Buchanan

**Seconded:** Richard Vickers

**3. Annual Report 2022-2023 Financial Year:**

A copy of this report was circulated by email to those attending the AGM and also made available on the ASOC website prior to the meeting. It was accepted as read.

a) **Vice President's Report:** Tim Hardy on behalf of Vice President, Jo Anne Pulko.

The Vice President's Report was presented and discussed at the meeting.

- Tim made particular mention of the fact that all ASOC activities have now returned to pre-Covid levels and all members are once again fully engaged. ASOC's finances are sound and the future is promising.

- Peter van Rens congratulated Jo Anne on her excellent work in developing and managing the new ASOC website. A vote of thanks for her contributions as Vice President was moved by Bryan Kilgallin, seconded by Peggy Spratt and approved by all those present.

The Secretary to relay members' appreciation to Jo Anne.

b) **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements:** Mike Smithson, Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements for 2022-23 were presented and considered at the meeting.

- Mike reported that both ASOC's organisational and financial positions have strengthened in 2023 and there is potential to enhance benefits for members in the future.
- ASOC is compliant with the ACNC Act 2012.
- An independent review by Mr J. Little was included.
- Mike acknowledged the valuable contribution that Stephen Clively had made as former Treasurer. He also thanked Katherine Buchanan for her efficient work as Acting Treasurer before and during the Spring Exhibition 2022.

**Motion to accept Annual Report 2022-23:**

**Moved:** Caroline Reid

**Seconded:** Stephen Clively

**4. Election of Members to the 2023-24 Management Committee:** Tim Hardy, Chair.

Cheryl Parkins, Katherine Buchanan and Peter van Rens have retired from the

MC with their tenures completed. Dee Copeland has resigned.  
 All were thanked for their substantial and valued contributions to the Committee.  
 Esther Shelley was also thanked.

Nominations were received for the following positions:

- President: Jo Anne Pulko,
- Secretary: Stephen Clively
- Treasurer: Mike Smithson
- Ordinary Members: Robyn Diener, Hideko Pentony and Lisa Beattie.

There were no nominations for the position of Vice President.

It is anticipated that a committee member or ASOC member will nominate for this role in the future.

Caroline Reid nominated for position of Ordinary Member at the meeting.

All nominees listed were elected unopposed.

### ASOC Management Committee Nominations 2023

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Jo-Anne Pulko	Katherine Buchanan	Cheryl Parkins
Secretary	Stephen Clively	Richard Vickers	Robyn Morgan
Treasurer	Mike Smithson	Cheryl Parkins	Jo Anne Pulko
Ordinary Member	Hideko Pentony	Jo Anne Pulko	Dee Copeland
Ordinary Member	Robyn Diener	Cheryl Parkins	Katherine Buchanan
Ordinary Member	Lisa Beattie	Stephen Clively	Mike Smithson
Ordinary Member	Caroline Reid	Bryan Kilgallin	Lisa Beattie

### 5. Appointed ASOC Officers: Tim Hardy, Chair.

All continuing Officers were sincerely thanked for their service and mention was made of the importance of the role of volunteers in the Society.  
 The positions of Newsletter Editor and Librarian have been removed.

Public Officer:	Susan Reynolds
Activities Coordinator:	Robyn Diener
Communications Officer:	Bobby Graham
January Workshops Coordinator:	Hideko Pentony
Membership Secretary:	Sue Cook
Spring Exhibition Project Management Team:	Mike Smithson, Stephen Clively, Katherine Buchanan, Lisa Beattie
Social Media Officer:	Katherine Buchanan
Studio Manager:	Rebecca Gray
Webmaster:	Jo Anne Pulko
Webmaster (Assistant):	Katherine Buchanan

Workgroups Coordinator:

Stephen Clively

**6. Other Business:** Tim Hardy, Chair.

- a. The \$50 Eckersleys gift voucher prize was won by Richard Vickers.
- b. Tim thanked members for attending and concluded the meeting.

**Meeting Closed at:** 7.50pm

Stephen Clively  
Secretary

Mike Smithson  
Treasurer

(in the absence of  
Vice President, Jo Anne Pulko)