

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Wednesday at 5.30pm on 20th November 2019
Tonic House, 386 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Victoria.

Chair: Dr Vicki Arbes, AMSRS President
Company Secretary: Elissa Molloy, AMSRS CEO

Meeting Open

Vicki Arbes, AMSRS President, opened the meeting at 5.33pm with 13 members in attendance.

Vicki welcomed members to the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and asked if any members had any items to add to general business. No general business added to the meeting.

Apologies

Vicki noted that there were no apologies for the meeting.

Confirmation of Proxies

Elissa Molloy, Company Secretary advised the meeting that eight (8) eligible proxies were submitted by the required deadline and proxy holders were the Chair Vicki Arbes (5 proxies), Gail Thomson, Treasurer received (1 proxy), and Elissa Molloy, Company Secretary (2 proxies).

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2018

Vicki moved a motion that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2018 be received and adopted.

Moved: David Bednall **Seconded:** Leslea Clements **Carried**

Business arising from the Minutes

The Chairperson declared that there was no business arising from the minutes that had not been dealt with.

President's Report

The President's provided a report on the activities of the last 12 months.

Vicki advised that the current Board is a great Board to work with – inspiring, passionate and hardworking. The Board conducted a review from members and received some excellent feedback. The Board conducted a 2-day strategic planning meeting in April 2019 and is implementing a significant program of change for the benefit of members. The changes reflect the changing profession and industry and the aim is to provide additional value and benefits for all members.

The President advised that we are rolling out bold changes in first quarter of 2020 and will include a new platform for professional development and training; with more opportunities for members to engage, learn and network.

Other changes we have been implementing include a new Fair Data portal; updated our QPR accreditation program that now has ten new pathways for entry, making it more accessible to more people. We have also grown our successful Client and Company Partnership program and we are now partnered with over 70 commercial clients; government departments and research agencies.

Vicki thanked the Board for their hard work and the national office team, headed by Elissa. They undertake a lot of benefits for members with limited resources.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki invited Gail Thomson to present her Treasurer's report, Gail reiterated that the Board were very nice to work with and have achieved a lot over the past 12 months. Gail also thanked previous Treasurer Adam Allanson who left the accounts in such a good position.

In 2018-19 we budgeted for a deficit and the Society achieved a better than budget deficit by the end of June 2019. Drivers for this were National Conference, the Directory and we had a tight focus on management of expenses. Our investment portfolio is also performing well. In the last 12 months were increased our accumulated funds and reserves.

Gail advised that the full report can be found in the Annual Report and expressed her thanks to the Board and the National Office team, it has been a pleasure working with them.

A question was received from Philip Derham about the PD income being down. Gail and Elissa advised that the Board is currently conducting a review into professional development to determine the factors for this and what we can do to improve our financial results in this area. Professional Development is a very competitive area in an economic climate where companies are generally paying less for training and so many free training resources are now available online and on demand.

She then moved a motion that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted.

Moved: Vicki Arbes **Seconded:** Christine Walker **Carried**

Confirmation of Auditor

Motion: That the auditor, Lawrence Green of Shedden and Green Partners, be confirmed as the auditor for the coming year.

Moved: Gail Thomson **Seconded:** Christine Walker **Carried**

General Business - Confirmation of Board elections

Vicki presented the meeting with the outcome of the recent Board Directors election process and advised that the AMSRS received three nominated candidates for the three positions available on the Board.

The three successful candidates elected to the Board for the next two years are:

Sue Bell, re-elected for another two-year term

Peter Harris, re-elected for another two-year term

Tiina Raikko, re-elected for another two-year term

Vicki congratulated the Board members on their re-election.

Vicki acknowledged Con Menictas for his time on the Board and advised that he has resigned to move and work overseas and will be replaced by Simon Edwards from ANZ.

Vicki asked the meeting if there was anything further for discussion. There were/ weren't questions.

Close

Vicki thanked everyone for attending the AMSRS National AGM. She declared the meeting closed at 5.57pm.