



The Australian and New Zealand
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held 31st of August 2012 at the
University of Wollongong, School of Chemistry**

In attendance:

University of Wollongong:

Martin Paine, Stephen Blanksby, Benjamin Kirk, Berwyck Poad, Christopher Hansen, Todd Mitchell, David Marshall, Alan Macarrone, Rachael Kozlowski.

By telephone:

Perth (Buntine) (08) 9266 7265 – Mark Buntine, Kliti Grice

Brisbane (Sam) (07) 3862 1477 – Sam Nelis, Michael Karkkainen

Adelaide (Tara) (08) 8313 5497 – Tara Pukala

Melbourne (George) (03) 8344 2401 – George Khairallah, Andrew McAnoy, Alex Donald, Linda Feketeova, Richard O’Hair, Krista Vikse

Canberra (Hocart) (02) 6125 5071 – Charles Hocart, Thy Truong

1. Welcome (President)

Blanksby welcomed all present in person or via telephone

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Noel Davies, Jinguo Kang, Ben Cummings

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 31/8/2011

Blanksby noted that these have been available on the society website

- It was moved that these be accepted as a true and accurate record (Blanksby/Nelis)
- Motion carried with no objections

4. Business arising

None

5. Presidents report (Blanksby)

General Comments:

Blanksby noted a very positive response to ANZSMS presentation at ASMS2012

Blanksby acknowledged previous ANZSMS travelling speaker – Prof Steen Bronsted Neilson and noted that his travel reimbursement was still outstanding

Blanksby tabled a proposal from Olaf Drummer of the (Australasian) Forensic and Clinical Toxicology Association (FACTA) for ANZSMS participation in an international conference (**Attachment A**).

- A concern was raised about timeframe relative to the Society's commitments to AOMSC 2015 (Nelis). Discussions indicated there was potential for ANZSMS involved in a session, but would require a champion to pursue further with Stewart Walker (not present) suggested.
 - Blanksby to contact Stewart Walker regarding championing a Session
 - Blanksby to invite Olaf to ANZSMS24 speak to that general meeting

Blanksby tabled a Sponsorship offer received from Wiley (**Attachment B**).

- Khairallah noted potential to build fighting fund through advertising company. McAnoy noted that links already on the website (though some may be out of date). It was suggested that logos could be added and links maintained (Khairallah/Blanksby). Buntine suggested this be pursued on case by case basis and there were no objections in principle.

Upcoming Mass Spec conferences:

- ANZSMS24 (Melbourne 2013)
- AOMSC committed to joint meeting with ANZSMS25 (Queensland 2015)
 - Nelis indicated willingness to be involved in committee.
 - Blanksby to report back following back following Kyoto
- IMSC2012 – Blanksby to attend meetings as ANZSMS representative (see Other Business) and invited comments via email on the following
 - AOMSC steering committee meeting (18th Sept 12:00pm)
 - IMSF Affiliates meeting (16th Sept 12:00pm) discussing
 - conference bids from Spain/Canada
 - proposal (Italy) for 1st International Mass Spectrometry School in Sienna in 2013
- Buntine (RACI President-Elect and Member of ANZSMS Executive) discussed that 2017 marked 100 years of RACI with major events planned in Melbourne and raised for discussion possible ANZSMS involvement. An MS symposium was discussed and it was noted that this aligned with ANZSMS Biennial conference (Mitchell). No firm commitment was required and discussion was deferred to a subsequent ANZSMS meeting.

6. Ongoing Business (Blanksby/McAnoy)

Guilhaus “innovations in MS” Subcommittee yet to meet to discuss proposals (Mark R., Steve B, Richard O’H)

Post-nominals subcommittee (A. McAnoy, N. Davies, G. Khairallah) has convened.

- McAnoy provided draft documents for discussion at the AGM. Two possible problems (i) first round of fellows and (ii) coming up with a potential point system for non-academic experience.
- Buntine suggested the Executive to list first round of fellows. These fellows to be part of the decision process for future fellow applicants. It was also discussed that it may not be necessary to reveal a point system as this should only be a guide.
- It was proposed only two levels (i) Member and (ii) Fellow (McAnoy/Butine).

7. ANZSMS24 Conference Convenors Report (Khairallah)

Khairallah provided the Conference convenors report

- Confirmation for five plenary speakers - Gary Glish (UNC); Julia Laskin (PNNL); Gary Siuzdak (Scripps); Philippe Maitre (Paris XI); Steven Tate (ABSciex). A further one or two speakers will also be shared with the Australian Proteomics Society (APS to confirm names).
- A Preliminary Conference Budget (**Attachment C**) was provided and it was noted that it was on track and that there are options to cut down on expenditure if required.
- The Conference Website is ready and live with final registration costs to be confirmed following AGM decision on ANZSMS membership rates for 2013/14.

Comments from others:

- Blanksby flagged that the Executive still need to decide on the Morrison Lecturer
- O’Hair reminded everyone of nominations for Bowie and ANZSMS and that the ANZSMS24 program should be aware of this. Blanksby noted that nominations have closed and a committee will be convened to consider the nominations at the forthcoming IMSC meeting in Kyoto.
- A concern was raised over the limit of 200 people in lecture theatre and asked if overflow seating be considered in an adjacent room with CCTVs (Blanksby).
- Thanks were given to Khairallah and the committee for their efforts (Blanksby)

6. Treasurers Report (Mitchell)

Mitchell provided the Treasurers report and annual budget (**Attachment D**)

- Total funds are down about \$8.5K over three years from \$40k. Mitchell led discussions on the need to raise revenue and cut costs.
 - Mechanisms discussed:
 - advertising on website (see Presidents Report)
 - Grice suggested special courses/ workshops during or before or after conference and Pukula asked if user groups meetings before the conference could provide other revenue. Khairallah noted that he would check with ANZSMS Treasurer and Local Organising Committee.
 - O’Hair raised the option to consider reducing the number/type of awards for travel.
 - Mitchell suggested increasing membership rates to \$60 for 2 years. Pukula noted this was still inexpensive relative to other Societies.
 - McAnoy reinforced principle from ANZSMS23 in Perth of Conference discount for Members to encourage uptake and highlight benefits of Membership.
- Mitchell: Motion to have \$60 Individual, \$30 Student Retirees, \$200 Corporate. Seconded: Buntine
- Khairallah noted that some members joined recently based on an understanding that they would be eligible for reduced ANZSMS24 rates.
 - Blanksby noted that the Convenor could make discretionary decisions to ensure no disadvantage. McAnoy suggested that these people could also be offered 2013/14 membership for an additional \$20.

8. Website subcommittee report (McAnoy/Khairallah)

- The website link to ANZSMS24 is on Society’s home page.
- It was noted that the Membership page will need to be updated to reflect new 2013/2014 memberships rates.
- It was also noted that the Membership registry is out of date and will need updating.
- Berwyck Poad elected unopposed as new Web-Master.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Position (elected positions)	Nominee	Nominated by	Second
President	McAnoy	Blanksby	Paine
Vice-President	Pukala	Blanksby	Andrew
Secretary	Grice	Buntine	Mitchell
Treasurer	Mitchell	Buntine	O’Hair
Member	Nelis	Blanksby	McAnoy
Member	Davies	Blanksby	Grice
Member	Buntine	Mitchell	Grice
Ex-officio and co-opted positions			
Past President	Blanksby		
ANZSMS24 Conference Convenor	Khairallah		
Public Officer	Hocart		

These nominations were accepted by all.

10. Other Business

- Blanksby raised a motion of thanks to Richard O’Hair for long service on the executive committee. This was unanimous from all present.
- A motion of thanks to Blanksby for his presidential term and on-going representation of ANZSMS (Kliti/McAnoy).
- McAnoy moved for Blanksby to represent ANZSMS as both the delegate to the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation and the Asia Oceania Mass Spectrometry Society which are meeting in Kyoto in September.

11. Thanks and close

Meeting was adjourned with thanks from the President.