

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010

Held via teleconferencing, on Thursday 25/8/10 at the University of Wollongong (room 15.113) with nodes at the University of Melbourne and Curtin University.

## **1. Present**

*Wollongong:* Stephen Blanksby, Todd Mitchell, Shane Ellis, Martin Paine, Adam Trevitt, Tony Ly, Huong Pam, Jinguo Kang, and Tom Griffiths

*Melbourne:* Richard O'Hair, George Khairallah, Andrew McAnoy, Alex Donald

*Curtin:* Mark Buntine

## **2. Apologies:** Noel Davis, Paul Greenwood, Sam Neils, Kliti Grice, Adrian Lam

## **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11/8/09)**

The minutes of the previous AGM have been circulated and are available on the society website. Blanksby moved that these be accepted as an accurate record. Seconded by Paine.

## **4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

- A travel grant in the memory of Carolyn McKinlay has been proposed to allow general staff aiding in mass spectrometry to attend conferences. (see presidents report)
- Society medals for academy of sciences- Richard O'Hair has approached Jene Fletcher from the Australian Academy of Science with an offer for ANZSMS to donate a set of medals (ANZSMS, Morrison and Bowie) to the academy's collection. The medals were shipped in mid-august and an email was sent to Richard O'Hair on 20 August 2009 confirming the medals were received (see attachment #4).

## **5. Presidents Report**

S. Blanksby presented his presidents report outlined below with details of subsequent discussions

- Prof. John DeLaeter passed away earlier this year and will be sadly missed. ANZSMS has expressed its sympathies to John's family, colleagues and friends
- The following 2011 awards have been decided
  - Morrison medal and lecture, A/Prof Evan Bieske was nominated by Prof Mark Buntine and unanimously endorsed by the board.
  - For ANZSMS and Bowie Medals the committee members Professor Helmut Schwarz (Technical University of Berlin), Professor Hilkka Kenttamaa (Purdue University), Professor Barney Ellison (University of Colorado), Professor Ryan Julian (University of California, Riverside), A/Prof Stephen Blanksby (*chair*) and Sam (*in absentia*) held a meeting in Telluride Colorado on 22/7/2010, the following people have been nominated and unanimously endorsed.
    - ANZSMS Medal- Professor John Bowie (Adelaide)
    - Bowie Medal- Professor Gavin Reid (Michigan State)
- The winners have been notified and indicated their availability for presentation of awards at ANZSMS23 and have also been invited to present talks at ANZSMS23. It has been proposed that Gavin Reid will talk at the awards ceremony while John Bowie will talk at the conference dinner.
- ANZSMS has agreed to pay Gavin Reid's travel costs and Evan Bieske's total cost for the conference. In effect ANZSMS will act as guarantor to the conference for these costs (i.e., ANZSMS will make up any short-fall in funding if required)
- Presentation Format for ANZSMS23
  - A presentation format for ANZSMS23 has been proposed to include 7 plenary speakers followed by keynote speakers. The Bowie and Morrison medals will be presented at the conference with Gavin Reid (Bowie Medal) and Evan Bieske (Morrison Medal) to also talk at the presentation.
  - It has been proposed to present 1 award per session with each containing an award and lecture.
  - The ANZSMS medal has been proposed to be presented at the dinner, followed by a talk by the recipient (John Bowie).
- New Awards
  - Draft guidelines for the Carolyn McKinlay travel award for staff in non-research roles up to \$500 were presented (attachment 3). It has been proposed any recipient must be employed in a technical or research role, although applicants outside this criteria will be accepted upon discussion. The recipient must be engaged in supporting research through mass spectrometry techniques. The applicants must also be a financial member of ANZSMS. Other minor corrections were suggested by those present and Blanksby was authorized to make changes in-line with these suggestions and present a final version to the Executive committee for approval ahead of ANZSMS23.

- A Guilhaus award for innovation in mass spectrometry has been proposed and a discussion paper was presented (attachment #5). There was extensive discussion about this and O’Hair suggested making the award more like a grant for future research (similar to the ASMS research awards scheme). This idea received wide support and it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look at this (particularly financial implications). Blanksby was to undertake formation of the sub-committee with a view to report back to the Society at the General Meeting in January.
- The Charles Hocart had requested \$550 sponsorship to for the ANU one day symposium (dedicated in Carolyn McKinlay’s memory). This was approved.
- 2010 travelling lecturer (Scott McIndoe) has been reimbursed by ANZSMS for travel.
  - Invoices will be generated to recoup local costs as appropriate.
- Changes to the membership fee structure
  - The realignment of membership and conference cycles was discussed and it was agreed this would help ensure the Society did not lose track of members during non-conference years. It was also agreed that offering discounts to members at Society Conference’s would encourage members to join prior to registering.
  - It was proposed to offered special (2 x 1yr) memberships to encourage members to join until the end of 2012 and that this membership would be required for a “member rates” at ANZSMS23.
  - A motion for the fee structure for 2011 to remain unchanged at \$20 full member, \$15 student/retired member and \$50 corporate membership, with the “special membership” rate being twice each membership type, was passed unopposed (moved: S. Blanksby, 2nd A. McAnoy).
- The titles of “Member of ANZSMS” and “Fellow of ANZSMS” have been proposed for members.
  - Noel Davies has devised a points system to determine eligibility of members (re. attachment 1 of AGM). It was agreed to further circulate this to gauge how effective it is and to see if the levels need alteration.
- Participation in first Asian MS conference
  - The idea was presented for ANZSMS to host the 3rd Asia Oceania MS conference will in Australia (Cairns?) in 2013 in parallel with ANZSMS24.
  - Blanksby reported on the possible involvement of ANZSMS in and asia-oceania based mass spectrometry journal based discussions at a meeting of the presidents of the Asia-Oceania Societies held in Japan in 2010.

## 6. Treasurers Report

Mitchell presented the audited financial statements for financial year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

## 7. Conference convenors report ANZSMS23

Buntine presented on positive progress with preparations for ANZSM23. The website was up and running through the professional conference organizer ASN at [www.anzsms23.org](http://www.anzsms23.org) and members were encouraged to circulate this to their contacts. Buntine agreed to prepare a flyer in pdf format for wide circulation.

## 8. Website subcommittee report (Andrew McAnoy/George Khairallah)

- The ANZSMS Society's website was moved from servers at La Trobe to a commercial provider (Crazy domains) with the account opened by A. McAnoy.
- The webmaster role was transferred from J. Traeger to G. Khairallah, aided by the purchase of Dreamweaver software by the Society to reside with the Webmaster.
- The effort of J. Traeger and G. Khairallah to achieve an independent and self-sufficient website was acknowledged.
- A. McAnoy asked if the Webmaster role needed to be officially defined. It was decided that this issue would be considered further and discussed at a later stage if needed.

## 9. Election of office bearers

Nominations were considered as received (see below) all office-bearers were elected unopposed. Blanksby congratulated the elected office-bearers.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	Agreed
President	Stephen Blanksby	Mitchell	O'Hair	Yes
Public officer	Charles Hocart	Blanksby	Mitchell	Yes
Vice-president	Andrew McAnoy	Blanksby	O'Hair	Yes
Member	Kliti Grice	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Member	Noel Davies	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Member	George Khairallah	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Treasurer	Todd Mitchell	Nelis	Khairallah	Yes
Secretary	Sam Nelis	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes

12. Other Business

There was no other business

13. Thanks and close

Blanksby thanked all those who attended.



Attachment #2:

Nominations received as of 25/8/2010:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Second	Agreed
President	Stephen Blanksby	Mitchell	O'Hair	Yes
Public officer	Charles Hocart	Blanksby	Mitchell	Yes
Vice-president	Andrew McAnoy	Blanksby	O'Hair	Yes
Member	Kliti Grice	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Member	Noel Davies	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Member	George Khairallah	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes
Treasurer	Todd Mitchell	Nelis	Khairallah	Yes
Secretary	Sam Nelis	Mitchell	Blanksby	Yes

Attachment #3:

## **DRAFT guidelines for**

### *Carolyn McKinlay Travel Awards*

#### **Background:**

This travel grant is named in honours of Carolyn McKinlay (16th April 1963 – 28th May 2009). Carolyn was a much loved and admired member of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Mass Spectrometry (see biographical sketch below) who made enormous contributions to the operations of the Society acting as a member of the executive committee and its public officer.

The Carolyn McKinlay travel grants scheme was instigated to provide financial support for mass spectrometrists employed in research support or technical roles to attend the biennial conference of the ANZSMS and to thus promote engagement in research.

#### **Eligibility:**

- “Carolyn McKinlay Travel Awards” are open to employees of Universities, Government, commercial or industrial laboratories who are actively engaged in mass spectrometry-based research.
- Applicants must be employed in a technical or research support role (e.g., General staff member at a university) and NOT be employed for self-directed research (e.g., staff scientists are not eligible) or in a purely administrative role.
- Applicants must submit an abstract for consideration as a poster or oral presentation

#### **Guidelines:**

The Central Committee will provide a travel subsidy, called a "Carolyn McKinlay Travel Award", for mass spectrometrists employed in a research support or technical role to present scientific data at an ANZSMS conference. These awards will be paid on attendance at the conference. Each award will be subject to a maximum (normally \$500), depending on location, with a standard amount awarded to attendees from the same location.

Applicants must complete the downloadable application form and send it to the Secretary together with:

(i) an abstract for presentation by the application at the conference.

(ii) a letter (or E-mail) from their employer or line-manager indicating any other financial support provided and confirming the applicant is employed in a research support or technical role.

Funds are generally provided for the travel-only component of expenses, i.e. accommodation costs are not normally covered by the award. Funds are available to both local Australian/New Zealand and overseas students. Where funds are limited, preference will be given to Australian/New Zealand students.

Completed applications with supporting documentation must reach the Secretary at least two months prior to the conference. Late applications will not be considered.

**BIOGRAPHY of Carolyn McKinlay (written by Charles Hocart and Margaret Sheil)**



Carolyn's professional life started with her employment by BHP (Port Kembla) as a trainee chemical technician. Here she learned the finer points of wet chemical analysis and was introduced to the joys of instrumental analysis while she completed her Chemistry Certificate at Wollongong TAFE in 1981. She continued to work for BHP, as a Technical Officer, in a number of different capacities, gradually assuming more responsibility as she gained in experience, through to 1992. She then spent a few months in the EAST Laboratories, as a relief laboratory manager, before moving to work in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Wollongong (1993-1997).

In the Department of Chemistry she assisted with the running of the analytical, physical and environmental laboratory classes. Staff and students alike benefited from her commitment and extensive knowledge of the practical aspects of these courses. She was also enrolled in her Bachelors degree at this time and in her final year research project most importantly received her initial exposure to mass spectrometry. She was an excellent student and developed her expertise in mass spectrometry to the point where Professor Margaret Sheil offered her a chance to do a PhD. Unfortunately, this coincided with her husband, David, being offered the job of heading up the TV broadcast unit at New Parliament in Canberra. So at this point in her life fate intervened at this point and the family moved to Canberra

In Canberra, Carolyn had a long association with the ANU, almost twelve years, starting with her employment at JCSMR (1997 – 1999), then Biotron Pty Ltd (2001 – 2004). This association was broken by 16 month spell as a Professional Officer with the ACT Government Analytical Laboratories (1999 – 2001). For the last five years she worked at RSBS in the Mass Spectrometry Facility (MSF). Carolyn made a major contribution to the successful operation of the MSF and played a very active role in the organization and running of the Analytical Workshops and the Annual Symposium put on by the MSF. She was a worker with considerable initiative in the Facility and it was at her instigation that a successful collaboration with the conservationists at the Australian War Memorial, investigating firstly the chemistry of canvas wing coverings and, most recently, paint on steel helmets, was established. Carolyn was also happy to volunteer a helping hand in the RSBS store and in manning the front desk if needed.

Her work in the MSF, as a First Aid Officer and as deputy Chemical and Radiation Safety Officer in RSBS broadened her network of friends and colleagues across the school and campus. This was greatly valued when needing to track down particular instrumentation or expertise.

Outside ANU, she served the Australian and New Zealand Society for Mass Spectrometry (ANZSMS) in the important role as Public Officer and a member of the Executive Committee of the society for many years. (or you could say taking this over from Roger Summons when he left for the US).

Carolyn was a very caring person who took a genuine interest in the people around her. She went out of her way to welcome new staff and students and to actively promote a community feeling within RSBS, regularly involving herself with school social events. The high regard in which she was held was evidenced by the very large attendance from across the campus at her memorial service on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Her combination of technical expertise and commitment to university life will leave a large gap that we will struggle to fill.

ATTACHMENT #4

From: Jene Fletcher <[Jene.Fletcher@science.org.au](mailto:Jene.Fletcher@science.org.au)>

Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 12:18:28 +1000

To: Richard O'Hair <[rohair@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:rohair@unimelb.edu.au)>

Subject: RE: Query on donation of ANZSMS Medals to the Australian Academy of Science

Dear Professor O'Hair,

The medals have just arrived quite safely, thank you. Formal letter of acknowledgement will be on its way to you soon. They are a very lovely - a very talented designer.

Kind regards,

Jene

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard O'Hair [<mailto:rohair@unimelb.edu.au>]

Sent: Monday, 10 August 2009 12:32 PM

To: Jene Fletcher

Subject: Query on donation of ANZSMS Medals to the Australian Academy of Science

Dear Jene:

I understand that the Australian Academy of Science has a collection of Scientific medals that have been donated by fellows or by other academies and institutions. The Australian and New Zealand Society for Mass Spectrometry (ANZSMS) recently commissioned Australia's leading medalist, Michael Meszaros, to create three different Medals for our society:

(1) The ANZSMS Medal (see:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/anzsms/Awards/ANZSMS.htm>).

(2) The Morrison Medal (see:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/anzsms/Awards/Morrison.htm>).

(3) The Bowie Medal (see:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/anzsms/Awards/Bowie.htm>).

Is the Australian Academy of Science interested in our society donating a specimen of each of these medals?

Looking forward to your reply,

Best regards, Richard

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## ATTACHMENT #5

### Discussion points for Guilhaus award:

- Sponsorship secured from AB Sciex (Frank Rooney) and Waters (Steve Wilson) at \$2000 per company/award for 3 awards (each worth \$4000)
- Awards to be presented at ANZSMS conferences (thus 6 calendar years)
- Award and Sponsorship to be reviewed in 2015
- Scope:
  - “for innovations in Mass Spectrometry by an Australian or New Zealander” and/or “significant development in mass spectrometry undertaken in Australia or New Zealand”
- Emphasis on instrumentation
- \$4000 to support further development or commercialization of technology with an emphasis on international travel (to be stipulated in application?)
  - How to be paid? Cheque to winner or through institution, reimbursement (other)?
- Also an engraved plaque to be presented
- Eligibility:
  - “graduates of any Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution” as per Bowie award
  - research substantively undertaken within Australia and New Zealand (physical location of laboratory?)
- Nomination should include
  - Research must be published as a research article (at least in press) or a granted patent
  - within the last 10 years?
  - Evidence of innovation and impact
- Nominations received by ANZSMS president and selected by awards committee convened by president (as per ANZSMS and Bowie Medals?) “A sub-committee nominated by the Executive of the ANZSMS and including at least 3 distinguished international mass spectrometrists will be formed as the "selection committee". Selection must be made by this committee and comprise at least 6 scientists. The ANZSMS President or Nominee will usually chair the selection committee.”
- Suggested nominees?
  - McEwan (SYFT?)

### Suggested subcommittee to be established to report back to executive:

Blanksby, Raftery, Sheil, Rooney, Wilson