



The Australian and New Zealand
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

**Annual General Meeting Minutes
Held 31st of August 2013 at the
University of Melbourne, Melbourne**

Members in attendance:

University of Melbourne:

Andrew McAnoy, George Khairallah, Krista Vikse, Linda Feketeova, Alex Oglobline

By Telephone:

Adelaide: Tara Pukala

Perth: Mark Buntine

Wollongong: Adam Trevitt, Berwyck Poad, Todd Mitchell, Alan Maccarone, Martin Paine, Chris Hansen, Rachel Kozlowski, David Marshall

Canberra: Charles Hocart, Thy Truong

Brisbane: Sam Nelis

1. Welcome

The President (McAnoy) welcomed all members present in person or via telephone to the AGM starting at 3:00pm (EST).

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Stephen Blanksby, Kliti Grice and Noel Davies.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (General Meeting 5/2/13)

McAnoy noted that the Minutes of the previous GM had been available on the website.

Mitchell moved that these be accepted as a true and accurate record [seconded: Khairallah]. Motion carried with no objections.

4. Business arising

- Company logos now appear on ANZSMS website as an additional corporate membership benefit. [Poad/McAnoy]
- A corporate membership discount of 50% was offered to ANZSMS24 sponsors, although a low take-up of the offer was noted. [McAnoy]
- ANZSMS Executive allocated funds (with intent to match or better from corporate sponsor) for Guilhaus Award, in lead-up to ANZSMS25 [McAnoy]. Sub-committee establishing guidelines and processes [Blanksby, Raferty, O’Hair]
- A jobs section has been established on the ANZSMS website. To date, four local jobs advertised on ANZSMS website with positive feedback received. It was noted that other relevant positions have been circulated by email and that the awareness of jobs page on website needs to be encouraged. [Poad]

5. President’s Report

McAnoy provided the following Presidents Report.

Asia Oceania Mass Spectrometry Conference, Taiwan

- McAnoy attended the 4th AOMSC along with other ANZSMS members including students who also attend the preceding Youth Forum.
- The Conference was attended by 560 registrants (locals + international) plus invited speakers.
- High level of corporate support and participation noted.
- An Australian-themed gift from ANZSMS to the Taiwan Mass Spectrometry Society was well-received at the Conference Dinner.

AOMSC Steering Committee

- McAnoy and Poad attended the steering AOMSC committee meeting.
- Committee Membership was discussed and it was agreed that Current President and Past Presidents of each Society would be core members to allow for continuity and alignment with each Society.
- 5th AOMSC Conference confirmed for 2014 and hosted by the China Mass Spectrometry Society in Beijing, China.
- 6th AOMSC Conference confirmed for 2015 and hosted by ANZSMS in Qld, Australia.
- Conference will be biennial thereafter to off-set the International Mass Spectrometry Conference.
- Young Scientist Forum was considered a success. Poad nominated to be ANZSMS representative on AOMSC Young Scientist Forum Committee.

International Mass Spectrometry School

- The first IMSS was held this year and ANZSMS offered travel grants to attend (1 awarded)
- IMSF appreciated support given by ANZSMS to encourage attendance.

6. Ongoing business

- Action to seek champion for ANZSMS session at FACTA conference and report back to Olaf Drummer [Ongoing, McAnoy].
- Appointment of inaugural ANZSMS fellows will soon be announced. Issue of inviting non-members to be fellows was raised.
 - o McAnoy moved that fellows be awarded a 2 year complimentary membership to encourage involvement [seconded: Buntine]
- Possibility of Society Life Membership was discussed.
 - o Buntine noted how Life Membership is awarded in RACI
 - o Mitchell noted that Life Membership can erode the financial bottom line over the long term
 - o Overall, this was considered a separate issue that can be revisited at a later stage.

7. Conference Convenors Report

ANZSMS24

Khairallah provided a final ANZSMS24 Conference Convenors report.

- 133 registrants (119 from Aus, 7 from NZ, 14 from further afield)
- Morrison Lecture/Award to Noel Davies, Bowie Medal to Andrew McAnoy
- 7 plenary sessions, 26 lectures (including 1 student session), 30 posters
- Corporate lunch seminars (ABSciex and Agilent)
- 15 sponsors (ranging from \$15,000 to \$400-500)
- Scientific and social program well received
- Approximately \$41,000 returned to the Society (\$51,000 surplus, including \$10,000 seed funding initially provided by ANZSMS)
- Thanks were given to Khairallah and the ANZSMS24 committee [McAnoy]

AOMSC6 / ANZSMS25

Nelis & McAnoy briefed on the next conference on behalf of Blanksby

- Final decision on venue still to be made.

- Conference likely to be held outside the usual ANZSMS Conference period, to better align with the AOMSC (July or August, 2015)

6. Treasurers report (Mitchell)

Mitchell provided the Treasurers report and annual budget.

- Mitchell provided financial statements and Treasurer's report
- Loss of \$9,600 for the financial year (2012/13), including the \$10,000 ANZSMS24 seed funding
- With ANZSMS24 returning a profit to the Society (see Conference Convenors Report), underlying balance has improved from approximately \$23,000 to \$70,000
- IMSF affiliation fees paid
- Mitchell noted low interest paid to the Society in current savings account. Mitchell moved to change financial providers to maximise interest received by the Society [seconded: McAnoy]. To be followed up by Mitchell and the incoming Treasurer.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted without objection [McAnoy/Khairallah]
- Thanks were given to Mitchell for service as Treasurer [McAnoy]

8. Website subcommittee report (Poad / McAnoy)

Poad briefed the meeting on the website and other e-media (Twitter/LinkedIn).

- Email accounts available for executive positions and webmaster (...@anzsms.org)
- Jobs page now live (see Business Arising)
- Limited engagement in social media resources was noted
- Khairallah to provide ANZSMS24 conference program for website

McAnoy thanked Poad for his contribution.

9. Other business

ANZSMS Travelling Lecturer 2014

Trevitt led a discussion on sponsoring Philippe Dugourd as a ANZSMS-sponsored keynote at RACI Convention in Adelaide, to increase ANZSMS exposure. Potential to integrate with ANZSMS travelling lecture tour.

Fluid situation of conference organizational structure noted, and therefore McAnoy proposed to sponsor Dugourd as a travelling lecturer (\$1000 for national travel), with decision on the RACI conference keynote was deferred [seconded O'Hair. Buntine noted conflict of interest with RACI and abstained].

ANZSMS Shirts

Nelis noted 2 boxes of ANZSMS shirts from 2007. Ideas welcomed and decision deferred.

ANZSMS Membership and Conference Attendance

There was a general discussion on membership numbers and conference attendance.

- Rochfort noted decline in conference attendance (133 in Melbourne 2013, compared to 180 in Sydney 2009). Possible factors discussed included cost and a small ANZSMS presence in Sydney.
- Oglobline noted that benefits industry laboratories could be looked at and noted the difficulty accrediting new MS methods due to pool of certified NATA assessors.
- Overall, it was agreed that wider relationships with other related societies, MS companies, industry, hospitals and other labs should be sought.
- McAnoy to continue to promote ANZSMS message in President's emails, and ensure contact list is complete and up to date.

ANZSMS History

O'Hair led discussions on how to best preserve the history of the Society (photos, website, conferences). A call for memorabilia and photos was actioned.

10. Election of ANZSMS Executive Committee for 2013-14

No formal nominations received prior to the meeting.

The following members were nominated for Officer and Member positions:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	McAnoy	Pukala	O'Hair
Vice-President	Pukala	Mitchell	Khairallah
Secretary	Grice	McAnoy	Buntine
Treasurer	Nelis	McAnoy	Mitchell
Member	Mitchell	Nelis	Pukala
Member	Rochfort	Khairallah	O'Hair
Member	Khairallah	Mitchell	Rochfort
Ex-officio and co-opted positions			
Past President	Blanksby		
ANZSMS25 Convenor	Blanksby		
Public Officer	Hocart		
Webmaster (new)	Poad		

- All members present accepted these nominations and nominees were appointed to the committee.
- Grice was elected to the position of Secretary *in absentia*
- Pukala noted a period of leave in 2014, and was reassured it would not be an issue to continue serving as Vice-President
- The President thanked previous executive members Buntine, Davies and outgoing Treasurer Mitchell for their service to the Society.

11. Thanks and close

The President thanked members for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5 pm (EST).