



The Australian and New Zealand
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held 22nd of September 2014
at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne**

Members in attendance:

University of Melbourne:

Andrew McAnoy, Richard O'Hair, George Khairallah, Gavin Reid, Athanasios Zavras, Darren Creek, Michael Leeming.

By Telephone:

Melbourne: Simone Rochfort.

Adelaide: Tara Pukala.

Perth: Mark Buntine.

Wollongong: Berwyck Poad, Todd Mitchell, Alan Maccarone, David Harmin.

Canberra: Charles Hocart, Thy Truong.

Brisbane: Stephen Blanksby, David Marshall, Peggy Williams, Sam Nelis.

1. Welcome

The President (McAnoy) welcomed all members present in person or via telephone to the AGM starting at 3:15pm (EST).

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Kliti Grice.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (Annual General Meeting 31/8/13)

McAnoy noted that the Minutes of the previous AGM had been available on the website and moved that these be accepted as a true and accurate record. The motion was seconded by Poad and was carried with no objections.

4. Business arising

Recent advice from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) indicated that the current wording of the ANZSMS Constitution, specifically the Powers (Section 3) and Winding Up Procedures (Section 35), do not sufficiently reflect our non-profit status. In response, the ANZSMS Executive drafted two amendments to the Constitution which were communicated to the membership on 21/5/2014 for vote at this 2014 AGM.

The first amendment involved addition of a new paragraph (part f) under Section 3 of the Constitution (Powers) to read as follows:

(f) apply the assets and income of the organisation solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

McAnoy read out the above amendment before inviting discussion. O'Hair motioned for a vote to approve the above change to Section 3 of the Constitution. The motion was seconded by Buntine and, with no objections, the motion was carried.

The second amendment involved addition of a 2nd paragraph under the Section 35 (Winding Up) of the Constitution to read as follows:

35 Winding up

In the event of the necessity to wind up the society, the procedure must follow those set out in the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

All funds and/or property of ANZSMS remaining at the time of winding up the association will be transferred to The Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc., 1/21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia (ABN: 69 030 287 244).

McAnoy read out Section 35 with the proposed amendment before inviting discussion. It was noted (McAnoy) that the receiving group must be a similar not for profit group with similar objectives and that the Executive considered The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) to appropriately meet these criteria. McAnoy motioned for a vote to approve the above change to Section 35 of the Constitution. The motion was seconded by Reid and, with one abstention* and no objections, the motion was carried.

* Buntine chose to abstain due to his perception of a conflict of interest arising from him serving as a current member of the RACI Board.

5. Presidents report (McAnoy)

McAnoy presented the Presidents Report highlighting the Society's continued support of Mass Spectrometry in Australia and New Zealand over the past year.

ANZSMS Fellows

Inaugural ANZSMS fellows were appointed early 2014. As agreed at previous AGM, non-members were offered complimentary membership to encourage involvement. All fellows were honoured and accepted the invitation for their appointment as Fellows.

An open call for nominations will be made in due course. This will likely involve a simple application process with appointment by ANZSMS President with guidance from a panel of experts to include a number of current Fellows.

- Buntine asked if the ANZSMS Fellows could be prominently added to the website. Poad indicated this was easy to do and McAnoy commented this was a good idea. McAnoy and Poad agreed to organise this content to be added to the website. [ACTION - Poad / McAnoy].

ANZSMS Travel Awards

A number of student travel awards were awarded to our young researchers to present their research at international conferences/forums.

ANZSMS Traveling Lecturer 2014

Philippe Dugourd has accepted an invitation to be the ANZSMS travelling lecturer for 2014. Dugourd will also present an ANZSMS-sponsored keynote at the RACI Congress in Adelaide.

McAnoy gratefully acknowledged Adam Trevitt for organising visit.

- Buntine [RACI President] thanked ANZSMS for its support of the RACI Congress.

Guilhaus Award

Corporate Sponsor recently approached for contribution to the award/grant to be added to the \$5k previously allocated by the Executive. Sub-committee [Raftery, Blanksby, and O'Hair] drafted wording of the award/grant.

IMSC20

I represented ANZSMS at the IMSF Affiliates Meeting held during the 20th International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC) in Geneva. Key outcomes were that Florence, Italy won the bid for the 2018 IMSC and Brazil's bid to host the 2nd International Mass Spectrometry School (IMSS) was approved. Congratulations to Blanksby who was elected to the IMSF Executive Committee as the Regional Representative.

- Reid asked when bids for the 3rd IMSS are expected and, based on his involvement in the IMSS, indicated that it is something the ANZSMS should consider bidding for in future. Blanksby noted the intent for the IMSS to be held in years between IMSC's and so the 3rd IMSS will likely be voted on at the 2016 IMSC and held in 2017.

6. Ongoing business

Olaf Drummer (FACTA President) previously sought ANZSMS involvement in an international toxicology conference. McAnoy noted that he will follow up regarding potential ANZSMS engagement with FACTA noting that their members utilise mass spectrometry. [ACTION - McAnoy].

7. Conference Convenors report (Blanksby)

A Professional Conference Organising Committee (PCO) has been appointed with consultation with the Executive Committee of ANZSMS. Agreement signed by Blanksby (Conference Convenor) and McAnoy (President ANZSMS) with Carillion Conference Management (ccm.com.au). The conference will be convened at the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre (Brisbane, South Bank) with some events likely at QUT. The website and logo are now online at anzsms25.com or aomsc6.com and dates have been set for July 19-22 with the Young Scientist Forum to immediately precede the main event.

Local organising committee for ANZSMS25

- Sam Nelis (QLD Racing)
- Brett Williams (QUT)
- David Kvaskoff (UQ)
- Sally-Ann Poulsen (Griffith)
- Berwyck Poad (UOW)

Local Organising Committee for Young Scientist Forum:

- Berwyck Poad (UOW)
- David Marshall (QUT)
- Peggy Williams (QUT)
- Lucy Ann Woods (Griffith)

8. Treasurers report (Neils)

The Treasurer presented the Audited Financial Report for 2013-14. It was noted that the Society remained in a good financial position following the return of seed funding from ANZSMS24 and surplus revenue from the Conference. The effort of Khairallah and the ANZSMS24 Organising Committee were gratefully acknowledged.

- Khairallah indicated that a further \$1.4k (approximately) was to be transferred to the main ANZSMS bank account acknowledging Simone and Krista for their contribution to oversee the conference finances.
- McAnoy opened discussions regarding the current rate for membership fees and duration. Reid suggested that with the Society being in a good financial position there was no foundation to raise membership rates. McAnoy motioned for the rates to remain the same with two year memberships to be offered starting 1st Jan 2015 when all memberships are due for renewal. Mitchell seconded the motion and, with no objections, the motion was passed.

9. Website Report (Poad)

Poad briefed the meeting on the website indicating that a number of jobs have been advertised on the website.

- McAnoy acknowledged Poad contribution to improving and maintaining the website.

10. Election of ANZSMS Executive Committee for 2013-14

The following members were nominated for Officer and Member positions:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	McAnoy	Pukala	O'Hair
Vice-President	Pukala	McAnoy	Khairallah
Secretary	Grice	McAnoy	Pukala
Treasurer	Nelis	Blanksby	O'Hair

Member	Mitchell	Nelis	McAnoy
Member	Rochfort	Khairallah	McAnoy
Member	Reid	McAnoy	Blanksby

The following members will hold ex-officio and co-opted positions:

Position	Member
Past President	Blanksby
ANZSMS25 Convener	Blanksby
Public Officer	Hocart
Webmaster	<i>Poad</i>

- All members present accepted these nominations and nominees were appointed to the committee.
- Grice was elected to the position of *Secretary in absentia*
- McAnoy thanked outgoing Executive Committee Member Khairallah for his service to the Society over a number of years including as previous Conference Convener.

11. Other business

Blanksby suggested a call for nominations for Society Medals be made soon to allow sufficient time for responses and subsequent assessment by the panel of experts. It was noted that the deadline needs to be determined and the website updated accordingly (currently wording is 12 months prior to the next conference). McAnoy indicated a call for nominations will be made shortly by email to members. [ACTION - McAnoy].

O’Hair spoke about Nico Nibbering’s support to mass spectrometry in Australia and New Zealand over many years through attendance at ANZSMS conferences to examining numerous PhD thesis’s from the Bowie research group. Nico was a friend of the Society and will be dearly missed.

12. Thanks and close

McAnoy thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4:20pm.