



The Australian and New Zealand
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

Minutes
2017 ANZSMS Annual General Meeting
November 6th, 2017
3.00-4.00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time)
Bio21 Institute, University of Melbourne

Members in Attendance, on phone or on-line via TeamViewer:

Gavin Reid, George Khairallah, Simone Rochfort, Berin Boughton, Richard O’Hair, Howard Ma, Fiona Bathie, Yep Rustan, Stephen Blanksby, Berwyck Poad, Alex Donald, Sarah Hancock, Morphy Dumlao, Muhammad Zenaidee, Alan Maccarone, Todd Mitchell, Adam Trevitt, Simon Brown, Tara Pukala, Martin Snel, Adam Carroll, Kliti Grice, Angus Grey, Nick Dumaris, David Harman, Julian Harrison

1. Welcome (President)

The President (Reid) welcomed all members present in person or via the TeamViewer session to the Annual General Meeting starting at 3:00pm.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Johan Gustafsson, Charles Hocart, Celine Kelso, Mark Raftery.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (Annual General Meeting 18/7/17)

Reid noted that the minutes of the previous AGM were provided via the ANZSMS website to the members for tabling at the AGM. Mitchell moved that these be accepted as a true and accurate record. The motion was seconded by Boughton with no objections.

4. Business arising

Fellows of the society

Reid discussed process for the appointment of new fellows. O’Hair, Blanksby and McAnoy were consulted. It was suggested that this be a formal process with self-nominations accepted. The call for fellows would be made by the President early in the new year.

JMS proceedings

It was previously suggested that the proceedings from the 23rd ANZSMS conference be published in JMS. Reid noted there were currently insufficient manuscripts to make this worthwhile and encouraged anyone interested in the proposal to contact him asap.

OMSIS (Oceanic Mass Spectrometry Imaging Society)

Reid noted that there had been no further contact from OMSIS regarding becoming an ANZSMS affiliate. Boughton to update in ‘other business’.

Abstracts of past conferences

Hard copies of all abstract books have been collected. Reid will scan and upload to the website.

5. Presidents report (Reid)

- Reid offered congratulations to Pukala and her team in Adelaide for organising an excellent conference.
- Ten student and two technician travel awards were presented at the conference (\$4625).
- The society provided financial support for two local meetings (a two-day 2017 Queensland MS Symposium at QIMR (2/3 Nov 2017) and one-day 2017 ACT MS Symposium (28th Nov 2017). A formal process has now been put in place whereby support of up to \$500 for a one day event and up to \$750 for a multiday event can be requested. The attendees should be strongly encouraged to become ANZSMS members.
- A call for nominations for a 2018 traveling lecturer will be made early in 2018 with the visit anticipated to occur in the second half of 2018.
- Upcoming events were noted: 2017 AOMSC Dec Singapore (<http://www.aomsc2017.org/>) where Reid will represent the society and IMSC 2018 Florence, Italy (<http://www.imsc2018.it/>). Reid encouraged attendees to remind all students that ANZSMS offers generous travel awards to attend conferences.
- IMSF (The International Mass Spectrometry Foundation) bids were raised with Reid suggesting a workshop or school bid might be a good place to start.
 - Mitchell voiced support, noting that if the society wants to run an IMSF conference later this is sensible beginning.
 - Reid suggested the location should be at a place where there is access to good infrastructure and could attract participants from Asia, possibly NSW or Brisbane
 - Blanksby agreed a workshop would be good and could focus on a particular area e.g. lipids to involve people beyond Aus/NZ e.g. Wenk from Singapore
 - Reid suggested it could also include metabolomics more broadly
 - Reid invited suggestions to be sent to him that outlined scope, location and potential organisational team members (i.e. where, what, who)

6. Treasurer's report (Donald)

Donald tabled the financial report and auditors report (attached) for the period ending in March 2017. It was noted that this was a non-conference year so the largest expenditure was in seed funding for ANZSMS2017. Mitchell motioned the reports be accepted, this was seconded by Khairallah with no objections.

7. 2017 ANZSMS conference convener's report (Pukala)

Pukala tabled the post event report (attached) produced by All Occasions Management, noting that there were 140 registrants, twelve major sponsors and nine invited speakers. The conference returned a profit of \$19,302, and feedback from survey indicated that the event was well received by attendees. Reid noted that the last three conferences (Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide) had made good returns to the society enabling the ongoing support of local events and student travel applications. Brown motioned the report be accepted and this was seconded by O'Hair with no objections.

8. Website subcommittee report (Poad)

Poad noted that there was no major updates from the general meeting in July although a few more jobs had been advertised on the site. Poad flagged intent to stand down from the position of webmaster.

9. Election of 2017-2018 ANZSMS Executive Committee

Reid had called for nominations for the executive. There were no new nominations for President, Vice President or Treasurer. McAnoy therefore retained as Past President. Rochfort stood down as Secretary but was invited (and agreed) to stay on as an ordinary member. Pukala nominated for Secretary. These changes were motioned to be supported by Khairallah and supported by O’Hair with no objections.

There were no new nominations for ordinary members and the current members were retained. Khairallah remains industry liaison.

Angus Grey has been added as an *ad hoc* member as conference convener for 2019.

Hocart stood down as public officer with Carroll taking up this position. This was noted by Reid with thanks to both Hocart for his past service and Carroll as this role requires the member to be a resident of the ACT.

Poad stood down as webmaster and Maccarone volunteered to take up this position. Reid noted that this is an important task since the website is the public face of the society and thanked Poad for his past service and Maccarone for volunteering.

The new Executive Committee for 2017-2018 is as below:

President	Gavin Reid
Vice-President	Todd Mitchell
Secretary	Tara Pukala
Treasurer	W. Alex Donald
Member	Berin Boughton
Member	David Harman
Member	Simon Brown
Member	Kliti Grice
Member	Simone Rochfort

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

Past President	Andrew McAnoy
ANZSMS27 Conference Convener	Angus Grey
Industry Liaison	George Khairallah
Public Officer	Adam Carroll
Webmaster	Alan Maccarone

10. Other business

- Grey noted that a local conference committee for the 2019 conference which will be held in New Zealand had been formed with five members (Grey, Buchanan, Demarais, Hartinger and Payne all from University of Auckland). Grey presented two options that were being considered for the timing and location of the conference. The preferred option was Auckland in January 2019 and the second option was in Queenstown, September 2019.
- Reid conveyed correspondence from the 2017 ANZSMS conference PCO, All Occasions Management, who have expressed interest in organization of future conferences and also offered on going secretariat support. The latter would include \$1500 to set up the

arrangements and a \$75 per hour average fee for activities with further details available. There was no support from members for this proposal.

- Brown suggested the society include a student coordinator role. Reid will investigate.
- Reid noted that he had been asked about the society's gender policy and statistics around gender participation in the society and at conferences. ANZSMS does not have a formal policy. Reid will organize the executive to develop a policy and keep Grey involved (as convener of the next conference).
- Boughton indicated that OMSIS would like to become a special interest group, affiliate or division of the society. The benefit of this would be that it would not further dilute ANZSMS membership. This led to discussion of other interest groups joining ANZSMS e.g. imaging/analytical labs/students/metabolomics/lipidomics/proteomics, with the potential of ANZSMS support being offered to local special interest events. It was noted that HUPO 2019 will be in Adelaide and this could represent an opportunity to bring joint speakers etc. to NZ/Adelaide.

11. Thanks and close

Reid thanked everyone for their participation (despite technical difficulties). The AGM was closed at 4:05 pm.