



General Meeting 2011

1. Present

Stephen Blanksby, Andrew McAnoy, Todd Mitchell, Mark Buntine, Richard O'Hair, Gavin Reid, Tara Pukala, Stewart Walker, Mark Raftery, Simone Rochfort, William Alex Donald, Linda Feketeova, Nicole Rijs, Hadi Lioe, George Khairallah, Geoff Chidlow, Paul Greenwood, Patrick James, Steve Wilson, Russell Pickford, Noel Davies, Duncan Wild, Robert Trengove

2. Apologies

- Sam Nelis, John Bowie, Kliti Grice

3. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

- The minutes of previous AGM (25/8/10) were accepted as an accurate record having been available on the society website (moved: S. Blanksby, 2nd - T. Mitchell).

4. Business arising

- None

5. Presidents report

- Thanks to ANZSMS23 organisers (Mark Buntine, Kliti Grice, Geoff Chidlow, Peter McCafferty, Paul Greenwood, Rob Trengove).
- Discussion on the location and timing of the conference.
 - S. Blanksby noted that a strength of the conference not being fixed in one location was that it allows previously less represented MS research areas to be highlighted with particular reference to the geological applications of MS at ANZSMS23.
 - It was noted that the Saturday evening start for ANZSMS23 was planned in consideration of the Lorne conference that started on the following Thursday. Negative aspects of arriving earlier were generally considered to be off-set by the earlier departure, although for sponsors/vendors this meant a longer time away from home. The earlier start was noted to benefit international visitors allowing their attendance at both events. Any additional feedback from members was encouraged to be provided via email.
- New awards – McKinlay and Guilhaus

- S. Blanksby detailed the McKinlay travel award for staff in “non-research” roles. The award guidelines were approved following discussions at the previous AGM. This award was advertised on the website and in the “Presidents newsletter” email late last year with two eligible members receiving this travel award for ANZSMS23.

- A Guilhaus award for innovation in mass spectrometry was discussed. The vision is for an ANZSMS grant scheme to help spark innovation by funding ‘forward looking’ ideas/research (similar to the ASMS research awards scheme). A \$10k award was deemed to be an appropriate minimum target and that both industry sponsorship and society funding would be needed. The targeted award recipients (eg. “early career researcher”) was discussed with the general feeling being that it should not be too restrictive. Overall, discussions were positive and the award concept was well supported by members present. A sub-committee (Stephen Blanksby, Richard O’Hair, Mark Raftery) was established to consider funding mechanisms, guidelines, reviewing and perpetuity of the award.
- ANZSMS Memberships levels
 - The implementation of membership levels (Associate Member, Full Member, Fellow and Life Member) was discussed. A points system for assigning membership levels has been developed by N. Davies and circulated for comment. It was decided to form a subcommittee (A. McAnoy, N. Davies, G. Khairallah) to consider the criteria for each level, the application process, the assessment mechanism and granting authority.

- Next ANZSMS conference
 - There was agreement that ANZSMS24 should be held in QLD with the potential for this to be held jointly with the Asian & Oceanic Mass Spectrometry meeting.
 - It was discussed that there is interest within the Asian MS societies for ANZSMS to host an AOMS meeting following our initial and on-going engagement with the AOMS meetings.
 - Concerns over the potential finance risk associated with holding a larger meeting was discussed, although it was also acknowledged that it could equally return a profit that could fund society awards/grants. There was general agreement that a joint ANZSMS/AOMS meeting would be attractive to international speakers and further increase the profile of the society. It was noted that a successful AOMS meeting would also support any

ANZSMS bid to host an International Mass Spectrometry Conference.

- A discussion on the next Organising Committee concluded that all members need not be based in QLD. This was based on the fact that the Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) for the Perth conference was based in Victoria. The removal of geographical constraints was seen to strengthen organisational support, including Executive Committee oversight, in the event of a joint ANZSMS/AOMS conference.
- It was decided that the joint conference option would be further pursued. S. Blanksby agreed to report back at the next AGM.
- Participation in the future international conferences
 - The society has been asked to provide input for AOMS Pusan Korea 2011, IMSC Kyoto 2012 and Pacific Rim ASMS 2012. Discussions regarding possible topics for sessions based on research in Australia/New Zealand included 'distonic ions', metabolomics, and geological MS.
 - S. Blanksby indicated he would encourage ANZSMS members to attend the 2nd AOMS meeting to be held in Pusan, Korea 17-19th August, 2011.
- S. Blanksby indicated that there has been a discussion amongst the Asian MS societies about starting new Asia Oceania MS journals. The Korean Society for Mass Spectrometry launched "Mass Spectrometry Letters" in Dec 2010 for which S. Blanksby sent a letter of support to the Editor on behalf of the ANZSMS.

6. Treasurers Report (Todd Mitchell)

- The Treasurer provided an update of the current financial status of the Society noting that the current balance was approximately \$45k and that the balance had been around that level throughout the year with relatively minor expenses being incurred.

7. Conference convenors report ANZSMS23 (Mark Buntine)

- M. Buntine presented a description of the conference finances and invited any specific questions from the membership. It was noted that the conference did not require seed funding and that the current estimate was for the conference to break even. A complete final report would be made available after finalisation of all accounts.

8. Website subcommittee report (McAnoy/Khairallah)

- A. McAnoy briefed the meeting on the transfer of the website to an external service provider and transfer of the Webmaster role to G. Khairallah.
- A question was asked regarding the maintenance of the membership list on the website and possible automation of the process to populate the membership list during the signup. It was discussed that the webmaster currently updates the membership list and uploads it to the server after receiving email notification of a new member. G. Khairallah indicated he would update the membership list and investigate potential for automation.
- A question was raised regarding communication of ANZSMS conferences to previous members (and medallists) that have lapsed memberships. It was suggested that previous members or conference attendees could be included on the email list to communicate upcoming meetings and it was generally accepted that this may be of some benefit. The subcommittee agreed to look into this option and, if required, write a general disclaimer statement with “unsubscribe” option to be included in emails.
- S. Blanksby discussed the scanning of older Society documents to include on website for historical purposes. It was noted that external companies that are able to digitise paper record and there was a general agreement to do so.

9. Other Business

10. Thanks and close