



The Australian and New Zealand  
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

**General Meeting Agenda**  
**Held 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2013**  
**at ANZSMS24, Trinity College, Melbourne**

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In attendance:

Krista Vikse, Linda Feketeova, George Khairallah, Athanasios Zavras, Michael Leeming, Stephen Blanksby, Noel Davies, Hio Kin Kam, Halah Al Sharif, Charles Hocart, Thy Truong, Mark Raffery, Naama Karu, Alex Oglobline, Todd Mitchell, Berwyck Poad, Alan Maccarone, David Marshall, Darren Creek, David Harman, Marten Snel, Steve Wilson, Gavin Reid, Denise P. Tran, Tara Pukala, Geoff Nette

**1. Welcome (President)**

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The President welcomed members to the General Meeting starting at 4:40pm

**2. Apologies**

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Apologies were noted from the following:

John Bowie, Richard O'Hair, Alex Donald, Sam Nelis, Simone Rochfort

**3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 31/8/2012**

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It was noted that the Minutes of the Previous AGM had been available on the society website.

McAnoy moved that these be accept as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Blanksby and the motion carried with no objections.

**4. Business arising**

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See Presidents Report and On-going Business

**5. Presidents report (McAnoy)**

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**ANZSMS24:**

- The President thanked the ANZSMS24 Organising Committee (George Khairallah, Krista Vikse, Linda Feketeova, Berin Boughton, Patrick James, Alex Donald, Richard O'Hair) and Student Event Staff. It was noted without a Professional Conference

Organiser there was a significant effort by all who volunteered, but in doing so costs were reduced which will return the Society to a better financial position.

- Feedback on the conference was sought with some IT concerns noted and the absence of readily available abstracts (provided on a USB drive) advised against in the future. D. Harman praised the organisers for the iPad competition that encouraged members, particularly students, to visit corporate booths. The President encouraged further feedback via email to help improve future conferences.
- A call out for ANZSMS Travel Awards was advertised in emails from the President and a number of student/non-research staff applied. The Executive Committee agreed to support all applications that included students from Adelaide, Wollongong and New Zealand. A McKinlay travel award was also awarded to a non-research staff member from New Zealand.

### **Membership:**

- McAnoy noted that all ANZSMS memberships were due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2013 (and cease after 6 months of non-payment). Following the AGM, membership rates for 2013-14 were set and made available in the lead up to the Conference. It was also noted that -
  - ANZSMS24 provided substantial discount to encourage members to re-join.
  - An email campaign by the President reminded members to re-join.
  - There is now a new members list and new passwords issued (see webmaster report).
  - The 2010/12 members list ended with ~150 emails and was ~100 at the time of the conference.

### **Corporate Members:**

- McAnoy noted that only one corporate financial membership has signed/renewed for 2013/14. It was discussed that incentives for individuals (reduced conference fees) do not have the same effect for corporate members. There was also general agreement that corporate membership is important to maintain strong links with companies.
- There was a discussion on the inclusion of company logos on the Corporate Members website page. It was agreed that providing greater promotion of corporate member was a positive benefit (McAnoy/Poad).
- It was noted that ANZSMS24 sponsors had supported the conference and in recognition it was agreed that ANZSMS would offer a 50% discount of ANZSMS Corporate Membership (Mitchell/Blanksby) in 2013.

### **Website Sponsorship**

- McAnoy noted that other companies (eg. Wiley email to Blanksby) are also interested in advertising on ANZSMS website. This was discussed that the 2012 AGM and decided to be considered on a case-by-case basis. It was noted that while ANZSMS is non-profit additional revenue would allow ANZSMS to expand activities

(travel/research grants) and reduce risk with large conferences. This followed Treasurer concerns of financial status at AGM2012 based on recent expenditure vs revenue.

### **Conferences:**

#### **ANZSMS25 (Blanksby):**

- Blanksby discussed that the Asia Oceania Mass Spectrometry Conference (AOMSC) was committed to a joint meeting with ANZSMS25 (Queensland 2015). Nominations were sought for ANZSMS25 Convener and Blanksby indicated a willingness to take on the role.
  - McAnoy moved that Blanksby be appointed ANZSMS25 Convener. This was seconded by Davies and passed with no objections.

#### **ANZSMS26 (McAnoy):**

- McAnoy asked for ideas for the location of ANZSMS26 (due 2017).
- At the 2012 AGM, Buntine noted this coincided with RACI 100yrs with major events planned in Melbourne and that there was potential for ANZSMS involvement (ANZSMS26 or symposium/workshops).
- Pukala also expressed interest in Adelaide holding the ANZSMS26 conference.

#### **FACTA (Blanksby/McAnoy):**

- Olaf Drummer of the (Australasian) Forensic and Clinical Toxicology Association (FACTA) discussed ANZSMS participation in an international forensics conference with McAnoy and Blanksby. A possible Mass Spectrometry session chaired by an ANZSMS member was discussed as a possibility and will be investigated.

#### **Next Asian Conference: (Blanksby)**

- Blanksby discussed that ANZSMS has close links with the next AOMS Conference and that ANZSMS members are encourage to attend.

## **6. Ongoing Business (Blanksby/McAnoy)**

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### **ANZSMS Membership levels**

- Sub-committee formed after ANZSMS23 (Davies, McAnoy, Khairallah). Initial focus on points system as per RACI and this does provide a good guide.
- AGM2012: It was discussed that RACI had issues with a points system and no longer uses one. The outcome was to discuss the following at the 2013 GM:
  - Two membership levels (i) Member and (ii) Fellow with the post-nominals MANZSMS and FANZSMS respectively.
  - The Executive appoints the first round of Fellows that would clearly meet any criteria. These fellows to be part of the decision process to appoint subsequent Fellows.

- There was a general discussion around the purpose and benefit of post-nominals with no benefit seen in the MANZSMS level. However, there was general agreement in the recognition of Fellows.
  - A motion was raised (Reid / Vikse) for the ANZSMS Executive to appoint the first round of Fellows and passed with no objections.

### **Guilhaus “innovations in MS” Award (Blanksby, Raftery, O’Hair)**

- The proposed ANZSMS grant scheme (the Guilhaus Award) that provides financial support to ‘innovative’ mass spectrometry research was discussed and again received support from all present.
- Blanksby indicated that there was still sponsor interest and McAnoy noted that the Society would have the capacity to co-contribute funding to the award with the projected surplus from ANZSMS24.
  - A motion was raised for the Executive to allocate funds (Blanksby / Khairallah) and passed with no objections.
- Concerns were raised regarding the award criteria, target audience and approval process. An ad-hoc (external) assessment panel convened by the President was suggested as providing appropriate oversight. There was general agreement in the establishment of clear guidelines and processes for this award such that it be open to as many members of the Society as possible.
  - A motion was raised for the Executive to appoint a sub-committee to develop the guidelines and seek sponsor support for this award (Blanksby / Snell) and passed with no objections.

### **7. ANZSMS24 Conference Convenors Report (Khairallah)**

Khairallah provided a brief Conference Convenors report and projected that ANZSMS24 was in a position to return a good surplus in addition to returning the seed funding provided by the Society. A full report will be issued at the next AGM.

### **6. Treasurers Report (Mitchell)**

Mitchell provided a brief Treasurers report. It was noted that current expenditure for the year has been off-set by membership dues that were all due on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

The current financial status was reported is similar to that reported at the 2012 AGM with the exception of the ANZSMS24 seed funding and predicted surplus. Mitchell thanked the Conference Organisers (in advance) for placing the Society into a good financial position.

### **8. Website subcommittee report (Poad / McAnoy)**

Poad briefed the meeting on recent changes to the website that included cleaning it up and changing from html format to php. This is improving performance and making it easier to maintain. Poad also expressed concerns over the Society’s limited web presence and that he had a number of ideas to improve the current status and functionality of the Society’s web

presence. This included a jobs section of the website and new ways to inform users of changes to website content (eg. jobs, latest news).

There was a general discussion regarding the jobs section and whether it should be in the public or private area of the website, with the potential benefit to promoting Mass Spectrometry in Australia and New Zealand to non-members outweighing an exclusive membership benefit.

- A motion was raised to include a jobs section on the open ANZSMS website (Mitchell / Blanksby) and passed with no objections.

Poad noted that the website was missing program and abstract information from ANZSMS23 conference in Perth.

- McAnoy indicated that this information was available and would provide this to the Webmaster to add to the website for historical purposes.

McAnoy thanked Poad for all of his efforts so far and welcomed the jobs section and further improvements that will be managed by the website sub-committee.

## **10. Other Business**

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- None

## **11. Thanks and close**

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- The President thanks members for attending and their contribution to the meeting and closed the meeting at 6:00pm.

## **12. Summary of Actions**

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- Follow up on including company logos on the Corporate Members website page. [McAnoy/Poad]
- Offer 50% discount to ANZSMS24 sponsors for ANZSMS Corporate Membership. [McAnoy]
- Form an ANZS25/AOMSC Conference Organising Committee [Blanksby]
- Seek champion for ANZSMS session at FACTA conference and report back to Olaf Drummer [McAnoy]
- Appoint first round of ANZSMS Fellows [Executive]
- Allocate funds for Guilhaus Award and appoint sub-committee to develop guidelines/processes [Executive]
- Provide full ANZSMS24 Conveners Report [Khairallah]
- Establish a jobs section on the ANZSMS website [Poad]
- Provide webmaster with program from ANZSMS23 and ANZSMS24 [McAnoy/ Khairallah]