



The Australian and New Zealand  
Society for Mass Spectrometry Inc.

**Minutes of the General Meeting  
held 22nd of July 2015 at the  
ANZSMS25 Conference, Brisbane**

Members in attendance:

Andrew McAnoy, Stephen Blanksby, Tara Pukala, Berwyck Poad, Todd Mitchell, Richard O'Hair, George Khairallah, Gavin Reid, Darren Creek, Simone Rochfort, Charles Hocart, David Harmin, Sam Nelis, Stuart Walker, Peter Derrick, Alan Maccarone, David Marshall, Peggy Williams

**1. Welcome**

The President (McAnoy) welcomed all members present to the General Meeting starting at 1:00pm.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were noted from John Bowie and Margaret Sheil.

**3. Acceptance of previous minutes (Annual General Meeting 22/9/14)**

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 Mitchell and was carried with no objections.

**4. Business arising**

ANZSMS Fellows (see on-going business)

**5. Presidents report (McAnoy)**

McAnoy presented a brief Presidents Report.

ANZSMS25

Thanks to Blanksby and his Organising Committee for organising the current conference which was proceeding well.

### Travel Awards

ANZSMS supported members (3 student and 2 technical staff) to attend ANZSMS Conference through the Student and McKinlay Travel Awards. These will be celebrated at the Conference Dinner with Awardees who will also receive a Certificate in addition to their cheque.

### Guilhaus award

Thanks to the effort of the sub-committee (Blanksby, O'Hair and specifically Raferty) and the corporate sponsor Waters, this Award totally \$10k was able to be offered this year. Two applications were received and were reviewed by a separate committee who also deserve thanks for their contribution. Thanks also to Raferty and Poad who helped with the design of the certificate.

Alex Donald will be announced as the inaugural Guilhouse Award recipient at the conference dinner and receive a Certificate and a \$10k cheque.

Reid raised the point that a clause should be added to the award to ensure the host institute does not charge overheads that reduce the value of the future awards. McAnoy noted his is not an issue with the 2015 award, but agreed that host institutes should not charge overheads for future awards

### ANZSMS Traveling Lecturer / RACI engagement

Philippe Dugourd was the ANZSMS travelling lecturer for 2014. ANZSMS also sponsored his keynote at the RACI Convention in Adelaide. McAnoy thanked Trevitt / Poad for organisation pre, during and post visit.

RACI supported Kevin Wilson to ANZSMS Conference.

## **6. Ongoing business**

### ANZSMS Fellows

McAnoy reported that the inaugural ANZSMS Fellows were appointed early 2015 in an email to all members. Mitchell suggested that it would be appropriate to formal announce and celebrate these Fellows at the ANZSMS25 conference. Blanksby agreed and would prepare a slide to present at the Conference Dinner.

It was also noted that the Fellows names should be put on the website including a short description of why each fellow had been elected.

An open call for nominations is now due and the nomination process was discussed but not finalised. Criteria likely to include: service to mass spectrometry, service to society, scientific excellence, attendance at ANZSMS conferences, sending students to ANZSMS conference.

Blanksby raised the idea of using the current set of Fellows to invite the next Fellows between ANZSMS25 and ANZSMS26. However, Creek and O'Hair warned against the invitation idea on the danger of it becoming a 'boys club'.

McAnoy noted previous discussions centred around a simple application process with oversight/recommendation from current Fellows ('review/selection panel') and appointment by ANZSMS President / Executive.

Election process aside, a draft application exists (can be modified) that could prompt for relevant evidence to be provided.

It was agreed to revisit the nomination process at the AGM.

### Membership

McAnoy noted that membership was down significantly (99 vs 150 last period). On a positive note there were 40 new members, but this means even less retention from last membership period. Also only 3 company members.

Mitchell asked what the member history was, were the lost members only members for one period? This information was not readily available.

Khairallah suggested that industry labs wanted talks more targeted towards them which may be hurting industry membership. Blanksby responded that sessions are driven by demand and no input was given from industry to drive a session at the present conference.

Pukula suggested that the reminders for membership could be more aggressive as in previous years. McAnoy acknowledged reminders were less targeted due to longer lead up to the Conference.

Other discussions points included -

- advertising 1-2 months before registration is due.
- targeting other societies (e.g. the proteomics society) for membership
- cross-referencing ANZSMS memberships against the ANZSMS25 registrations.

### TIAFT

This international conference is running in Brisbane, September 2016. ANZSMS has been invited run a session on mass spectrometry and Walker has agreed to represent ANZSMS.

It was noted that Australian Forensics Society had 950 members at their last meeting in Adelaide and so there is potential to attract some of those members to the ANZSMS meeting and/or ANZSMS membership.

The possibility of a co-branded travelling lectureship, similar to the Dugourd lectureship in 2014, was raised and will be investigated by Walker and the ANZSMS Executive.

## **7. Conference Convenors report (Blanksby)**

Blanksby noted that ANZSMS25/AOMSC6 is a larger conference (287 people) than previous ANZSMS conferences. Engagement with Asian countries included 24 from South Korea and 14 from Taiwan. As a result of numbers, parallel sessions were required to balance cost of convention centre.

Blanksby thanked sponsors and attendees. Also support from other Societies; RACI for Kevin Wilson and Metabolomics Society for Lloyd Sumner and travel support to its members.

Three plenary speakers, and ANZSMS Fellow O'Hair, also participated in the Young Scientist Forum.

Budget: \$143K (registrations), \$102K (Sponsors), \$246K (Total Income). Potentially may break even.

### Feedback

- Absence of lunch resulting in registrants going offsite at lunchtime was noted by vendors, the rationale was to keep costs down.
- Posters being separate from the vendor booths was also noted as a problem from the vendors point of view.
- Lunch time seminars from vendors was floated as a way to attract corporate members.

### IMSC2020 Bid

Presentation was made by BCEC organiser about a role BCEC might have for a International Mass Spectrometry Conference bid from ANZSMS for 2020. March 2016 is when the bids will be opened.

This will be discussed further discussion at the AGM.

## **8. Treasurers report (Neils)**

Neils provided a brief Report on current status of the Society's financial position. A Full audited report will be ready for the AGM.

Banking: Approximately \$60k in bank to allow financial commitments (travel awards, Guilhaus award) to be met and Society business to continue.

General: Internet banking will be restored soon, telephone banking access will be removed (not used) and account signatories to be updated. An SOP for changeover of officers has been drafted and approved for action after votes at AGM for Executive positions. This will be published online when finalised.

## **9. Website Report (Poad)**

Poad thanked those who had advertised on our website jobs page and noted Fellows page would be easy to set up.

Thanks were received for the streamlined online payment set up by Blanksby.

McAnoy thanked Poad for his significant effort on updating and maintaining the website.

## **10. Other business**

Location and timing of ANZSMS26 and ANZSMS27 was discussed.

ANZSMS26: Pukala suggested Adelaide and it was noted that Adelaide was previously the tentative ANZSMS26 location.

ANZSMS27: Auckland was floated as potential location for ANZSMS27 and pencilled in support from Peter Derrek.

Timing of conference discussed (Feb vs June/July) and it was noted that it need not revert to Feb.

There was a discussion about PCO not just for Conference, but to support continuity between conferences. Idea floated about opening this up to tender – this will be followed up within the Executive.

Charles Hocart will remain as the public officer for the near term future.

AGM will hopefully be by the end of August.

## **11. Thanks and close**

McAnoy thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2:30pm.