



Minutes
2018 ANZSMS Annual General Meeting
October 15th, 2018
3.00-5.00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time)
Bio21 Institute, University of Melbourne

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

Gavin Reid, Heather Patsiouras, Berin Boughton, Simone Rochfort, George Khairallah, Richard O’Hair, Stephen Blanksby, Berwyck Poad, David Marshall, Todd Mitchell, Celine Kelso, Julian Harrison, Alan Maccarone, Alex Donald, Sarah Hancock, Mark Raftery, David Harman, Angus Grey, Nick Demarais, Adam Carroll, Tara Pukala

1. Welcome (President)

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Adam Trevitt, Simon Brown, Thusitha Rupasinghe, Elizabeth McKenzie.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (Annual General Meeting 6/11/17)

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

4. Business arising

Student coordinator role

Reid reminded the group of the suggestion from the 2017 AGM to include a student representative/coordinator role on the committee. Implementation of this proposal has been carried over as an ongoing action item.

Gender policy

Reid noted that a formal gender equality policy has now been developed by the executive committee and approved for uniform implementation, to guide current activities and future aspirations towards ensuring gender equality in all aspects of our society. The policy is accessible from the ANZSMS website.

Fellows of the society

Reid to update in ‘President’s report’.

5. President’s report (Reid)

- Reid reiterated the importance of the gender equity policy for the society, and thanked the executive committee for their efforts to enable its implementation.
- Reid attended the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation affiliates meeting (26th Aug in Florence, prior to IMSC2018) on behalf of ANZSMS. Decisions were made at this meeting regarding the 2022 IMSC meeting (to be held in Maastricht) and the 2021 International Mass Spectrometry School (to be held in Belfast). No bids were received for the International Mass Spectrometry Workshop (revisited in ‘Other business’).

- Upcoming events were noted;
 - 2020 IMSC meeting, August 26-31, Brazil, plus short courses prior to the meeting.
 - 2020 AOMSC meeting, Jan 5-7, Hong Kong, plus short courses prior to the meeting (in Macau). Reid encouraged strong involvement of the ANZSMS with the AOMSC meeting, including contributions to short courses.
- Reid reported that correspondence between current and past ANZSMS executive committee and current ANZSMS Fellows throughout early 2018 has enabled development of a formalised process for appointment of new Society Fellows. Following a call for nominations in March, 2 applications were received, which were assessed by a committee formed from the ANZSMS President and Secretary, a current ANZSMS Fellow and a preeminent international expert in mass spectrometry. Reid announced appointment of the two new Fellows, Noel Davies (UTas) and Stephen Blanksby (QUT), and offered congratulations on behalf of the society. Refinement of the formal evaluation process and timelines for future appointment rounds is to be discussed at the next general meeting.
- Blanksby nominated Scott McLuckey (Purdue University) for the 2018 ANZSMS visiting fellowship, which was enthusiastically supported by the executive committee. McLuckey will attend the ACT (Dec 4), Queensland (Dec 6-7) and Victorian (Dec 10) mass spectrometry symposia.
 - Grey raised a suggestion to align local symposia with existing local NZ meetings to enable best overlap with travelling visitors and maintain profile of the society in non-conference years. Discussion of local symposia policy and timings is to be included in the next general meeting agenda.
- Reid provided a reminder of the current call for ANZSMS award nominations (Bowie and ANZSMS medals), and reiterated the importance of these awards for recognising the valuable contributions of members.
- Reid encouraged attendees to remind all students and professional staff that ANZSMS offers generous travel awards to attend the ANZSMS meeting

6. Secretary's report (Pukala)

- Main tasks have been in administration of ANZSMS Fellows, student travel awards and ANZSMS society awards nominations and evaluations. For noting, 3 international student travel award nominations were received and awarded; Yepy Rustam (European Lipidomics Meeting, Leipzig), Ali Azimi and Huixin Wang (IMSC2018, Florence).

7. Treasurer's report (Donald)

- Donald tabled the financial report and auditors report for the period ending March 31, 2018. It was noted that the overall financial position has improved, primarily from surplus from the ANZSMS26 conference in Adelaide. Major expenses were related to student travel and Guilhaus awards.
- New auditors were required due to unavailability of previous provider, and McPhail and Partners were employed to perform the audit. Adam Carroll is actioned to file the report.
- Donald proposed a change to the finance reporting format based on guidance from new auditors, from two columns for each calendar year, to one column for the financial year. Mitchell noted that the reporting format had changed in recent years and reverting to previous formats would satisfy the auditor's suggestion. The constitutional guidelines are to be checked to ensure this change can be made (Alex Donald to action).
- A new online payment portal with Australia Post has been implemented, saving \$600 per annum. Donald thanks Alan Maccarone for his efforts to set this up.

8. 2019 ANZSMS conference convener's report (Grey)

- Grey reported on the current status of preparations for ANZSMS27. Venues for the main conference (Auckland University of Technology) and dinner have been secured, and invited speaker program is confirmed. Sponsorship is tracking well with 2/3 of target reached. Currently with 8 submitted abstracts and 15 registrations, will look to extend the deadline for additional 2 weeks before early bird deadline registration at end of November. Core distribution list is reaching greater than 500 contacts and other information has been advertised widely internationally. Grey was actioned to circulate a flyer for distribution at state mass spectrometry meetings and other networks.

- Reid reiterated that the planning is on track for a successful conference, and encouraged attendees to participate and advocate for students and contacts to attend.

9. Website subcommittee report (Maccarone)

- A web designer was employed to redesign the ANZSMS website, which was launched mid September, and offers improved interfacing with online membership payment. Maccarone thanked Berwyck Poad and Adam Carroll for assistance with this. Maccarone noted there was limited website traffic until July, mostly to Membership, Conference and Awards pages with few hits to Jobs and Committee pages.
- Reid thanked Maccarone for his efforts to improve the website, and indicated the need to add a page to highlight the ANZSMS fellows (Reid and Maccarone to action).
- Pukala questioned how the membership contact list is maintained with the new website for contact purposes. Maccarone is actioned to explore a simple method for exporting member information from the website.

10. Election of 2018-2019 ANZSMS Executive Committee

- Reid called for nominations according to the constitution. He noted all existing executive committee members were eligible to stand again, and advised Reid (President), Mitchell (Vice President), Pukala (Secretary), Donald (Treasurer), Rochfort, Harman, Boughton (Ordinary Members) were willing to continue their roles. Kliti Grice and Simon Brown stood down as Ordinary Members and were thanked by Reid for their service to the society. No additional nominations were received.
- A nomination to re-appoint the existing Officer positions was made by Berin Boughton, seconded by Stephen Blanksby, and supported unanimously. A nomination to re-appoint the existing Ordinary Members was made by Todd Mitchell, seconded by Richard O’Hair, and supported unanimously.

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	Simone Rochfort

- Reid indicated a desire to investigate suitable nominations for member roles on the committee from WA to ensure geographical representation (Pukala to action).

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

Past President	Andrew McAnoy
ANZSMS27 Conference Convenor	Angus Grey
Industry Liaison	Heather Patsiouras
Public Officer	Adam Carroll
Webmaster	Alan Maccarone

- Reid acknowledged the services of George Khairallah who stepped down as Industry Liaison for his contributions to the society in many roles.

11. Other Business

- IMSC Workshop
- Topical workshops (50-100 delegates, 3-5 days) are held in odd years, supported in part by the IMSF, and might be considered as a stepping point towards hosting an IMSC School or Conference. Reid called

for an indication of interest and possible volunteers from the society to put forward a proposal to host a workshop, possibly in conjunction with AOMSC 2020. Blanksby noted a likely bid would go forward from the British MS society for 2019 in the area of Forensics. O’Hair suggested a focussed topic on MS analysis of wine, involving wine research institute, Metabolomics Australia, and the wine industry. Carroll suggested a focussed topic on MS software and data analysis for software development.

- Reid will pursue this idea, and requested that any members with program suggestions or willingness to be involved in developing the workshop contact him for further action.

- Guilhaus Research Awards
 - The Guilhaus Award has to date been supported by 50% industry sponsorship, however currently no sponsor has been confirmed for the upcoming award and the society does not have resources to fund in full. Reid called for support in attracting a sponsor to enable the Guilhaus Award be presented at ANZSMS27 and beyond.

- AGM scheduling
 - Maccarone requested on behalf of feedback from colleagues that the AGM be scheduled earlier in the day. Reid indicated this would be taken into due consideration for future AGMs whilst being mindful of involving attendees from multiple time zones.

12. Thanks and close

Reid thanked everyone for their participation and executive committee for their contributions over the past year. The AGM was closed at 4:20 pm.