



Minutes
2019 ANZSMS Annual General Meeting
October 30th, 2019
3.30-5.00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time)
Bio21 Institute, University of Melbourne

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

Gavin Reid, Simone Rochfort, Richard O’Hair, Howard Ma, Berin Boughton, Stephen Blanksby, Berwyck Poad, Reuben Young, David Marshall, Alex Donald, Sarah Hancock, Ezaz Ahmed, Mohammad Tajik, Diana Zhang, Adam Carroll, Angus Grey, Nicholas Demarais, Stewart Walker, David Harman, Todd Mitchell, Celine Kelso, Julian Harrison, Alan Maccarone, Gabrielle Phillips, 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 Heather Patsiouras, Mark Raftery, Yepy Rustam

3. Acceptance of previous minutes (General Meeting 1/02/19)

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

4. Business arising

None to discuss.

5. President’s report (Reid)

- Reid reiterated the quality of the program for the upcoming AOMSC meeting (Macau, Jan 2-7) and encouraged attendance. To increase ANZSMS representation, the executive committee approved travel support for postdoctoral researchers (50% of registration costs, plus 50% covered by AOMSC) in addition to student travel awards.
- Based on the success of recent conferences, Reid is exploring the possibility of bidding to host the international MS conference (IMSC2024, proposed date early August). ANZSMS has employed All Occasions Group to request proposals from convention centres nationally to evaluate financial viability. Full financial modelling is underway, with Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane as possible viable candidates. Once budget modelling is in place, the executive will evaluate preferred location, financial risk, likely industry and local support and decide on intent to progress with the bid.

6. Secretary’s report (Pukala)

- For noting, 1 international student travel award nomination was received and awarded; Shadrak Mutuku (ASMS2019).

7. Treasurer's report (Donald)

- Donald tabled the financial report and auditors report for the period ending March 31, 2019 and noted that the overall financial position of the society remains strong. Main expenditure was associated with travel awards, while there was a notable increase in income from memberships. Large expenditure associated with conference costs has been repaid in the current financial year. Adam Carroll is actioned to file the report.
- Donald has progressed with the process to establish tax deductible gift recipient status for the society, and thanked colleagues who have supported this. An application is currently pending evaluation by the Australian Taxation Office. Updates to the society webpage enabling donations and a directed mail-out inviting donations (principally to support the Guilhaus award) are proposed upon a successful outcome.

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

- Grey reported no change to the conference financial statements that were presented at the GM (on Feb 1st 2019), and thanked the local organising committee and ANZSMS executive for supporting a successful conference. AOG provided a final conference report which has been circulated to the executive committee.

9. Website subcommittee report (Maccarone)

- Maccarone highlighted the ANZSMS website redesign was now in effect for almost 1 year, and invited any further constructive suggestions for change. Increased visibility and traffic to the website was noted.

10. Election of 2018-2019 ANZSMS Executive Committee

- Reid called for nominations according to the constitution. The following members were nominated for Officer, Member and Co-opted positions:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Gavin Reid	Todd Mitchell	Tara Pukala
Vice President	Tara Pukala	Steven Blanksby	Richard O'Hair
Secretary	Sarah Hancock	Berwyck Poad	Stephen Blanksby
Secretary	David Harman	Gavin Reid	Berin Boughton
Treasurer	Alex Donald	Todd Mitchell	David Marshall
Member	Nicole Rijs	W. Alex Donald	Tara Pukala
Member	Berin Boughton	Steven Blanksby	Todd Mitchell
Member	Nicholas Demarais	Steven Blanksby	Angus Grey
Student Representative	Diana Zhang	Gavin Reid	Tara Pukala
Industry Liaison	Heather Patsiouras	Gavin Reid	Richard O'Hair

Where a single nomination was received, the nominee was elected with unanimous support. A formal vote was held to elect the secretary.

The new Executive Committee for 2019-2020 is as below:

President	Gavin Reid
Vice-President	Tara Pukala
Secretary	Sarah Hancock
Treasurer	W. Alex Donald
Member	Berin Boughton
Member	Nicole Rijs
Member	Nicholas Demarais

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

Past President	Andrew McAnoy
ANZSMS28 Conference Convenor	Adam Carroll (see notes in Other Business)
Industry Liaison	Heather Patsiouras
Public Officer	Adam Carroll
Webmaster	Alan Maccarone
Student Representative	Diana Zhang

- Reid acknowledged all those who stepped down from the committee, and particularly Todd Mitchell and David Harman for their contributions to the society in many roles for many years, and welcomed the new members.

11. Other Business

- **ANZSMS 2021 conference**

Adam Carroll tabled a summary of the proposed bid to host ANZSMS28 in Canberra, Jan 2021 and outlined the proposal and current state of preparations. Suggested dates and venue are 27-31 Jan 2021, at the Kambri Cultural Centre, Australian National University. A local organising committee, co-chaired by Carroll and Matt Taylor, has been established and a search for PCO will commence (with All Occasions Group being likely based on established relationship with the society). Preliminary discussion regarding sponsorship, possible workshop topics and scientific program are also underway, with a focus on highlighting the local research strengths and continuing momentum of NZ participation. A formal nomination to appoint Canberra as the host of ANZSMS28 was made by Alex Donald, seconded by Gavin Reid, and supported unanimously.

- **Local symposia**

Reid raised discussion regarding local symposia for 2019. Only Victoria will host a state meeting this year (Dec 10th, organised through Proteomics & Metabolomics Victoria) and will formally request support funds from the executive as per previous years.

Canberra, Queensland and Auckland are likely to host local symposia for 2020. It was suggested these events avoid scheduling too close to ANZSMS28, and aim to be coordinated such that an ANZSMS travelling fellow can be shared as a visiting speaker.

Details of local symposia should be sent to the webmaster to raise profile of events

- **MS resources summary**

Gus Grey asked to extend details of existing MS resources on the ANZSMS website to provide awareness of MS resources and facilities across Australia and New Zealand, linking to efforts currently underway in NZ and also in raising profile of core facilities operations (Grey and Maccarone to action).

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 4:30 pm.