



Minutes
2020 ANZSMS Annual General Meeting
October 27th, 2020
3.30-5.00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time)

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

1. Welcome

Before we begin this AGM, I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the unceded lands on which we each meet today. My home in Melbourne sits on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. I give my respect to their Elders, past and present, and I would like to give similar respects to the Elders of the communities from where each of you are attending.

I would also like to acknowledge the hardships that many of us have experienced this year, both professionally and personally, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Members in Attendance

William Stanton, Sarah Hancock, Berwyck Poad, Gavin Reid, Stewart Walker, Gabrielle Phillips, David Harman, Berin Broughton, Alan Maccarone, Erin Humphries, Nicole Rijs, George Khairallah, Alex Donald, Celine Kelso, Tara Pukala, Nick Demarais, Sally-Anne Poulsen, Evan Bieske, Stephen Blanksby, Diana Zhang, Todd Mitchell, Howard Ma, Ayedh Alqarni, Peter Lee, Gus Grey, Mark Raftery, Adam Carroll, Charles Hocart, Keith Wilson, Adam Trevitt, Shane Ellis, Margaret Coe, David Marshall, Christian Hartinger, Mohamed Hemida

3. Apologies

Heather Patsiouras, Drew Szabo, Brad Clarke, Oliver Jones, Richard O'Hair

4. Acceptance of previous minutes (AGM, October 30th 2019)

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

5. Business arising

No business arising

6. President's report (Reid)

- As I end my term as President of ANZSMS, it has been a privilege to serve in this role for the past 4 years. When I returned to Australia in 2014, I was warmly welcomed back into the community of mass spectrometrists in Australia and New Zealand, for which I am extremely grateful, and it has been an absolute pleasure to be able to give back to the society, even in a small way.
- During my term, I was proud for us to have introduced a formal gender equality policy. We currently have the largest ever number of female members of the exec. committee, and

representing mid/senior career scientists, ECR's and students. As a result, I am confident that the society is in good hands for the future.

- In early Sept, ANZSMS (Reid and Pukala) was successful in its bid to host IMSC2024 in Melbourne (Aug 17-23), against strong competing bids from Dublin, Beijing and Singapore.
 - Reid and Pukala will serve as co-Chairs. Organizing committee will be comprised of members of the current ANZSMS exec. and other senior MS people from Aus and NZ. This committee will report to the ANZSMS Exec. similar to the biennial conference committee.
 - Thanks to Jason Balkin from MCB, and Anne-Marie Quinn and Jodie Sinel from AOG. Also thanks to Claire Amos-Haynes who is moving on from AOG, for her support to ANZSMS, and particularly during the past 2 biennial conferences.
 - We expect 1200 delegates. Plan for a small surplus for the society. Significant financial support from MCB, Vic. Gov. and Aus. Business events, partly contingent on international delegate numbers. Will allocate a significant fraction of these funds to support plenary and keynote speakers, as well as ECR and student travel.
 - Conference website already established: <https://www.imsc2024melbourne.com/>
 - Need conference logo (design suggestions?)
- Thanks to the Exec. committee members who are stepping down due to term limits, for their service.
 - Andrew McAnoy – Vice President since 2011-12, President 2013-16, Past President 2017-20
 - Alex Donald - Treasurer since 2017
 - Berin Boughton – Member since 2017
- I will be stepping down as the ANZSMS representative to the International Organizing committee for AOMSC. To be filled by the incoming President. This will be critical as we plan for IMSC2024, which we hope will be strongly supported by our colleagues from the region.
- AOMSC 2020 in Jan. Macau was quite successful, with a good attendance from Aus/NZ delegates. This meeting is increasingly of importance for our region, particularly given that we'll be hosting IMSC2024, and ANZSMS members are strongly encouraged to attend. Typically, calls for ECR's and student travel support are made in advance.
- 2021 Conferences of Interest
 - AOMSC 22-25 Aug Jeju Island, South Korea
 - ANZSMS (late Nov – Adam to update)
 - IMSC Brazil 12-16 Dec
 - Pacifichem 16-21 Dec
- PMV/ANZSMS virtual Victorian Mass Spectrometry symposium on Dec 4. (1.30-3.00 and 4.00-5.30).
 - Keynotes by Erin Baker and Albert Heck
 - All welcome and encouraged to attend

7. Secretary's report (Hancock)

- Two international student travel awards were received and awarded in 2019 for AOMSC: Giang Nguyen and Jiawei Li. No student travel nominations received in 2020 due to ongoing worldwide pandemic
- A mailing list is being put together using MailChimp to enable better dissemination of Society news (currently being done via secretary email account, which has had technical issues). This platform will allow us to generate a newsletter for the society, forthcoming in 2021.

8. Treasurer's report (Donald)

- Alex Donald tabled the financial report and auditors report for the period ending March 31 2020 and noted that the overall position of the society remained strong.

- The major receipt was the surplus for ANZSMS 2019 (thanks Gus)
- Memberships were down being an off-conference year.
- Note that the 2019 memberships were more than 3 times that in 2017 (equivalent conference year) so need to get word out like that. (Gavin noted the excellent 2019 conference in NZ).
- Major expenditures in 2020 included Guilhaus Prize, the initial deposit on ANZSMS 2021, three travel awards (in addition to Jiawei and Giang that Sarah mentioned who attended AOSMC) – there was Shadrack Mutuku from Adelaide (SAHMRI) who attended ASMS, and medal castings (20 because the caster is getting up in age and we wanted to secure enough to last another decade).
- The Guilhaus Prize was partially covered donations received from AccurateMS and an anonymous donor in the previous year.
- I tried hard to get us deductible gift registry status to enable donors to the society to receive tax deductions for their donations. However, we would have to make the case that we are an “Approved Research Institute” and know scientific societies in Australia have such status including the RACI. So Gavin and I after looking carefully and discussing decided we probably could not make that case and decided not to pursue it further.

9. 2021 ANZSMS Conference update (Carroll/Taylor)

- Adam Carroll reiterated that ANZSMS 2021 is still indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic and associated closures of domestic and international borders. A tenuous date of late November 2021 is proposed, subject to venue availability and academic calendar for 2021. Proposed to finalise this in April 2021, but will depend on future status of pandemic.
- It was discussed whether members would prefer the conference to start/finish on a Monday-Friday or a mid-week start to include the weekend. Stewart Walker proposed that the conference should not finish on a Friday due to extra costs associated with travel. Final dates will be confirmed next year.

10. Webmaster update (Maccarone)

- New membership cycle due to start for 2021-2022. Al Maccarone proposed (at the suggestion from Sarah Hancock) that we include new fields for members this year to capture metrics, including gender status and time post-PhD. This will allow us to tailor mailouts regarding opportunities to members better. Gavin Reid suggested that we add in criteria to assist committee in awards society prizes/medals. Nicole Rijs added that we will need to have some scope to include active and effective years as a researcher for those experiencing career interruptions. Adam Carroll supplied link to appropriate Australian guidelines for recognition of sex and gender to assist with wording of new fields capturing such metrics.
- Al Maccarone reminded us of issues raised at 2019 GM regarding members joining late in the cycle, and if a pro-rated membership or membership roll-over should be offered. Gavin Reid raised the problem of members joining late in the cycle, particularly with ANZSMS 2021 conference experiencing significant delays, which could lead to members waiting to join to receive a reduced rate (and therefore less revenue for the society). The general consensus of meeting attendees was that the current membership fees are not overly burdensome (\$60 members, \$30 student members). Gavin Reid asked for a motion to be made to change policy on membership fees, which was not supported. A note was made to revisit the current wording of the membership policy in advance of the call for membership renewal.
- Al Maccarone detailed new initiative (at suggestion of Sarah Hancock) for a social media manager to take over the ANZSMS social media pages to promote the society both nationally and internationally. Suggest it would be a good position for a post-doc or late-stage PhD student.

11. Election of 2020-2021 ANZSMS Executive Committee (President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, one extra central committee member)

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Tara Pukala	Gavin Reid	Berin Broughton
Vice President	Alex Donald	George Khairallah	Tara Pukala
Secretary	Sarah Hancock	Steve Blanksby	George Khairallah
Treasurer	Shane Ellis	Alex Donald	Al Maccarone
Member	Nicholas Demarais	Gus Grey	Steve Blanksby
Member	Nicole Rijs	Berin Broughton	Berwyck Poad
Member	Stewart Walker	Gavin Reid	Steve Blanksby
Industry Liaison	Heather Patsiouras	George Khairallah	Tara Pukala
Student representative	Peter Lee	Diana Zhang	Erin Humphries

Where a single nomination was received, the nominee was elected with unanimous support.

The new Executive Committee for 2020-2021 is as below:

President Tara Pukala
Vice-President W. Alex Donald
Secretary Sarah Hancock
Treasurer Shane Ellis
Member Nicole Rijs
Member Nicholas Demarais
Member Stewart Walker

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

Past President Gavin Reid
ANZSMS28 Conference Convenor Adam Carroll
Industry Liaison Heather Patsiouras
Public Officer Adam Carroll
Webmaster Alan Maccarone
Student Representative Peter Lee

12. Other business

- Issue of late-joining members discussed during Webmaster update
- ANZSMS Fellows: Gavin Reid asked if calls for members should be made annually or biennially, Tara Pukala proposed that we keep current biennial cycle.
- Vote of thanks: Steve Blanksby proposed a vote of thanks be given to Past President Gavin Reid for his exceptional service and contributions to the Society over the previous four years.
- Online symposia: several upcoming local and international online symposia were noted:
 - PMV/ANZSMS virtual Victorian Mass Spectrometry symposium on Dec 4. (1.30-3.00 and 4.00-5.30pm AEDST).
 - 24 hours of International Mass Spectrometry Imaging, starting Thurs 19th Nov (NZDT)
 - Metabolomics Society meeting on next 3 days (27-29th October)
 - Ongoing Females in Mass Spectrometry Meetings, including mentorship program, opportunities to the join the rotating committee, as well as hosting a meeting.

13. Thanks and close

Gavin Reid thanked everyone for their participation and executive committee for their contributions over the past year.

The AGM was closed at 4:40 pm AEDST.