

7. Secretary's report (Hancock)

- Hancock noted that membership for the society was at ~110 members as of the morning of 23/11/2021.
- This year Hancock has put together a monthly newsletter using Mailchimp, the use of which has facilitated much easier communication with ANZSMS members. Hancock reminded ANZSMS members that they can submit news, job openings, PhD scholarships to secretary@anzsms.org for inclusion in the newsletter and would welcome any suggestions to improve the newsletter for 2022.
- No student travel scholarships were awarded this year due to the pandemic and the inability for student members to travel either nationally or internationally for much of 2021. The move of ANZSMS28 from in-person to online also necessitated cancellation of the ANZSMS conference student travel awards scheme. These travel scholarships do not normally cover conference registration and registration prices were reduced in any event so hopefully this was not too burdensome on our student members.
- Hancock also noted several international conferences in 2022 that students can apply for travel funds for (depending on global situation next year with the pandemic), including ASMS (5-9 June 2022) and IMSC2022 Maastricht (27th August – 2nd Sept). Deadline for receiving applications is two months in advance of the conference, information for applying is on the ANZSMS website.
- No applications for the Carolyn McKinley award to support professional staff attendance at ANZSMS28 were received either.
- Hancock thanked Erin Humphries for her outstanding contributions as social media manager this year.

8. Treasurer's report (Ellis)

- Ellis noted that our balance had decreased in 2021 by \$20k (from 2020). This was mostly due to seed funding for ANZSMS28 (\$26k+).
- Auditing has been done for 2020-2021 and will be made available to members.
- Ellis thanked former ANZSMS Treasurer Alex Donald for assistance in preparing the financials for the AGM.

9. 2021 ANZSMS Conference update (Carroll)

- Carroll provided details on the financial situation for ANZSMS28, given that we moved from in-person to online this year we expected a loss but was happy to report that this was very small (\$3k). He also noted that the vendors were very supportive despite the move to online and thanked them.
- Carroll also noted that this would be a good time to start promoting IMSC2022 in Maastricht, especially since we are hosting IMSC in 2024.
- There was a question from Stewart Walker, on whether the GST expense from the conference could be recouped, which would put the budget back in the black. Adam will check with AOG, but George Khairallah suggested that because ANZSMS isn't registered for GST exemption that it would be unlikely to get the GST back from the government. Gavin Reid suggested that if this is the case we should consider applying for GST exemption for IMSC2024 as this would save us a considerable amount of money. Treasurer Shane Ellis will investigate this further (**Action item**).

10. Webmaster update (Maccarone)

- Maccarone noted that the website has been used for fraudulent credit card activity which suspended our payment portal with AustPost in the weeks leading up to the conference. This has been fixed now, and he apologised to any new members affected by the outage.
- Maccarone confirmed that we have ~110-115 members, which is down from 139 in the previous membership cycle (2019-2020).
- Gavin Reid questioned if reduction in ANZSMS members is primarily from NZ attendees of ANZSMS27 who signed up for the conference and didn't rejoin this year. Maccarone provided an update later in the meeting that there were 33 people in the previous

membership cycle with *@edu.nz/*@com.nz email addresses and only 8 such members now so this is likely the case.

- Maccarone also flagged his intention to step down from the webmaster role in 2022, happy to mentor the incoming webmaster for at least the next year. Tara Pukala thanked Maccarone for his service as ANZSMS webmaster, in particularly for leading the re-vamp of the society webpage during his tenure.

11. Election of 2021-2022 ANZSMS Executive Committee

Central committee positions

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Tara Pukala	George Khairallah	Shane Ellis
Vice President	Alex Donald	Tara Pukala	Nick Proschogo
Secretary	Sarah Hancock	Alex Donald	Berwyck Poad
Treasurer	Shane Ellis	George Khairallah	David Marshall
Member	Nicholas Demarais	Heather Patsiouras	Gus Grey
Member	William Stanton	George Khairallah	Matthew Taylor
Member	Stewart Walker	Tara Pukala	Heather Patsiouras
Member	Nichollas Scott	Shane Ellis	Gavin Reid

Co-opted committee positions:

Industry Liaison	Heather Patsiouras	George Khairallah	Blagojce Jovcevski
Industry Liaison	Will Stanton	George Khairallah	Matthew Taylor
Webmaster	Muhammad Zenaidee	Nick Proschogo	Shadrack Mutuku
Student representative	Boris Ucur	Alan Maccarone	David Marshall
Student representative	Oscar Lloyd Williams	Peter Lee	Diana Zhang
Social Media Manager	Blagojce Jovcevski	Tara Pukala	Berwyck Poad

Where a single nomination was received, the nominee was elected with unanimous support. Where more nominations than positions available for a given committee position were received a ballot was held (conducted using Google forms, de-identified results can be made available to members on request).

The new Executive Committee for 2021-2022 is as below:

President Tara Pukala
 Vice-President Alex Donald
 Secretary Sarah Hancock
 Treasurer Shane Ellis
 Member Nicholas Demarais
 Member Stewart Walker
 Member Nichollas Scott

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

Past President Gavin Reid
 ANZSMS28 Conference Convenor Adam Carroll
 Public Officer Adam Carroll
 Webmaster Muhammad Zenaidee
 Industry Liaison Heather Patsiouras
 Student Representative Oscar Lloyd Williams
 Social media manager Blagojce Jovcevski

Pukala offered thanks to committee members who stepped down from their positions this year (Maccarone & Rijs). Adam Carroll asked that all committee members please provide the name and

contact details (address, phone, email) to him at earliest convenience (legal requirement to be listed publicly).

12. Other business

- Update on IMSC planning (Reid)

In mid 2019, the exec. Committee started preliminary planning for a bid to host the IMSC2024 meeting in Australia. With the assistance of All Occasions Group (AOG), we solicited proposals from all the major convention centres in each state. All but 1 submitted proposals and after assessment by the Exec., Melbourne was selected as the preferred site, for 18 – 23 August 2024. In early 2020, a formal detailed bid was developed and then submitted to the IMSF in May. In Sept. 2020, Gavin Reid (Chair) and Tara Pukala (Co-Chair) presented this bid to the IMSF Affiliates, and were ultimately successful against other strong bids by Beijing, Dublin and Singapore. With the recent covid-related cancellation of the IMSC2020 meeting in Brazil, this will be the first IMSF meeting to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. Gavin Reid has joined the IMSF Exec. as an ex officio member, and will chair the local organizing committee. This committee will report to the ANZSMS Exec. who will retain full oversight of the overall conference planning, budget etc. The IMSF2024 planning will officially be launched in August 2022 at the IMSC2022 meeting in Maastricht. However, we are in the process of negotiating an MOU with the IMSF, as well as negotiating a conference management agreement with AOG, and a sponsorship agreement with the Melbourne Convention Bureau.

Shane Ellis enquired about the possibility to financially support keynotes from IMSC2024 to travel to the different centres in Australia for presentation pre/post IMSC2024 (perhaps this could be part of ANZSMS travelling fellows?).
- Reinstatement of regional correspondents (under section 17 of the ANZSMS constitution) (Pukala)

Context: Received request from Michelle Hill to discuss more formal alignment of the local QLD branch with ANZSMS to enable Banking of QMSS funds at conclusion of QMSS 2021 (Nov 4-5). 2. Establishing web presence of QMSS as the Qld branch of ANZSMS.

3. Future cross-promotion of events 4. Future support and co-ordination of national/international speakers/visitors.

Discussed at exec and decided not enough critical mass to support local branches, though we would act on some of the other requests regardless

Also have provision under ANZSMS constitution for local branches to be formed under ANZSMS banner (Part V section 27). Requires setting up of committees and reporting. Importantly local branches need to establish their own bank accounts and there is not provision in the ANZSMS constitution for the ability to bank local branch money with the main society.

Gavin Reid pointed out that many states have already been doing this informally for a while with support from ANZSMS, QLD is perhaps the longest running. He queried if ANZSMS needed to formalise the relationship with QLD or other states as a local branch.

Blagojce Jovcevski noted that this is a similar structure to ASBMB local branches, however Tara Pukala pointed out that the ASBMB central typically funnels money to local groups.

Adam Carroll described how the ACT group works, they don't charge registration or seek to make a profit and this is something that both attendees and vendors (in particular) like. Therefore it is unlikely that the ACT group would seek to establish a local branch under ANZSMS (if only to avoid unnecessary administration).

Tara Pukala will go back to QMSS and lay out ANZSMS constitutional requirements and let them decide

Need to reinstate regional correspondents – discuss divisions and suggest call for nominees

Puklala suggested that we put out a call for members to apply to be a local correspondent due to time constraints for the AGM today. Hancock noted that Luke

Whiley from Murdoch University had expressed interest in acting as the WA correspondent for ANZSMS.

- Modifications to the Michael Guilhaus Research Award (Pukala)
Context: issues with ongoing funding, alignment with conference presentation, need for more comprehensive reporting.
Change to timing of award – now to be made in off conference year (timing is still a challenge)
Change to strategic priority – less emphasis on a research project that may not be possible with limited funds (minimum \$5k unless we can get extra sponsorship), and instead more focus on developing partnership/new research direction
Change to reporting – specific reporting requirements included now (can request from past participants)
No apparent objections were made to the proposed changes. Pukala noted that Mark Rafferty has been consulted on proposed changes and had no objection (Mark was integral in setting up this award).
- Consideration of next ANZSMS conference (possible timing, location, and organisers) (Pukala)
Shane Ellis was supportive of holding ANZSMS in 2023, and tentatively suggested that Wollongong would be a good location. He also suggested that we move back to the regular timing of January/February, which would put the conference 18 months in advance of IMSC2024. Richard O'Hair suggested that this might clash with Gordon conference
Gus Grey suggested that we might consider mid-year timing for ANZSMS29 as Jan/Feb 2023 not too far away. This would still mean ANZSMS29 would be held ~1 year before IMSC2024. Shane Ellis agreed that this might be feasible. Adam Carroll suggested accommodation availability and pricing in Wollongong would be better mid-year.
- 2022 travelling lecturer (Pukala)
Might be too early to start organising given global situation and that our international or even state borders are still not reliably open in some parts of the country, but it is something to keep in mind.
Shane Ellis noted that Ron Heeren from Maastricht is planning a sabbatical in Australia, probably late 2022 so could be a good candidate to consider.
- Call for ANZSMS fellows (Pukala)
Gavin Reid pointed out this a good time to start the process as it is normally conducted every two years. Tara Pukala will put call out for applications before the end of the year.
- Expression of interest for ANZSMS28 student award judges (Carroll)
Multiple members volunteered within the chat, Adam Carroll will contact volunteers and provide more details.

13. Thanks and close

Tara Pukala thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at 2:37 pm AEDT
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