

# Australian Science Communicators Annual General Meeting 2018 Agenda

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**Date:** 12 November 2018 **Start time:** 1.00pm (AEST)

**Venue:** Powerhouse Museum (Room TBC)  
– as part of the ASC National Conference

## Items for Discussion

1. Confirmation of members attending, apologies
2. Notification of proxies
3. Minutes of 2017/18 AGM
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
  - a) presentation of statement of accounts
  - b) determination of annual membership fee
  - c) determination of capitation to be returned to branches
  - d) determination of honoraria (also for past year 2018)
  - e) appointment of auditor
  - f) appointment of public officer
  - g) preview of 2019 budget
6. Election of 2019 ASC President
7. Nomination/Endorsement of National Council members (one representative from each branch), (if branch AGM has already occurred)
8. Nomination/Election/Appointment of addition members (Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President x 2)
9. Any other business
  - a) Unsung Hero Award
  - b) Reinvigorating the branches

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*[Meeting opened at 1.14pm]*

Meeting chaired by Craig Cormick as President.

## **Items for Discussion**

### **1. Confirmation of members attending, apologies**

- 28 members attended with voting rights, 1 member attended as an observer (see attached list)
- 0 members offered apologies and 2 members registered proxies.

### **2. Notification of proxies**

Two members sent their proxies to member attendees (see attached list).

### **3. Minutes of 2017-1 AGM**

- Phil Dooley moved to accept minutes; Lisa Bailey seconded motion carried, ==> minutes accepted

### **4. President's report**

- *Please see the attached report.*
- Summary

### **5. Treasurer's report**

- *Please see the attached report.*
- *Summary given of last 3 financial years.*

#### **a. presentation of statement of accounts**

Toss Gascoigne moved to accept the statement of accounts for the past financial year; Suzette Searle seconded ==> motion carried

#### **b. determination of annual membership fee**

(Delayed due to overhead Powerhouse Museum announcement)

Lisa Bailey moved to retain the annual membership fee at \$189 for members and \$87 for student and associate members; Adam Selinger seconded ==> motion carried

c. **determination of capitation to be returned to branches**

Ask for a financial snapshot each year from the branches. New Treasurer will need to call for this.

The other 10% need to have an idea that will benefit members and also provide access to other members. The process is not onerous. The capitation has increased with membership fees.

Capitation arrangements remain unchanged, with 10% of membership fees going to branches that are constitutional, and another 10% for each branch being retained in a central pool.

Branches must be constitutional to receive the base level of capitation (i.e. have an elected President) and provide a very simple annual financial update to the National Treasurer.

Phil Dooley moved that capitation arrangements remain unchanged for the ASC financial year; James Hutson seconded ==> motion carried

d. **determination of honoraria**

Craig Cormick noted that the following honoraria are payable, in recognition of those who take on these roles. At the last AGM, this item was not discussed:

Honoraria of \$1000 each payable to the President, Secretary and Treasurer

Honoraria of \$500 each payable to the two grants program co-managers – to be discontinued on request of former grants program co-managers.

Suzette Searle moved that honoraria arrangements can be paid for 2018 and continued for 2019; Phil Dooley seconded motion ==> carried

e. **appointment of auditor**

Working with bookkeeper to appoint a suitable auditor.

Phil Dooley moved that Vivienne Seedsman be appointed as the auditor; Toss Gascoigne seconded motion ==> carried

f. **appointment of public officer**

Lisa Bailey moved to appoint Suzette Searle as the Public Officer; Astha Singh seconded ==> motion carried

g. **preview of 2019 budget**

Will leave to incoming treasurer and executive for after conference.

**6. Election of 2019 ASC President**

Lisa Bailey was nominated as President by Craig Cormick and was seconded by Teresa Belcher

Lisa accepted the nomination. There being one nomination, Lisa Bailey is taken to be elected as ASC President in 2019

## **7. Nomination/Endorsement of National Council members (one representative from each branch), (if branch AGM has already occurred)**

Branch representatives nominated:

ACT: TBA

QLD: TBA (Tara Robertson)

TAS: new branch in the works from Michael Helman

NSW: TBA (David Ellyard)

VIC: As before. Jackie Bondell

WA: TBA (Teresa Belcher)

NT: N/A

## **8. Nomination/Election/Appointment of addition members (Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President x 2)**

Phil Dooley and Teresa Belcher have indicated they would like to continue on the Executive Council (as Vice President and Secretary respectively). Aidan Muirhead would like to join the Executive Council (as Treasurer).

Phil Dooley nominates Errol Hunt. Declined by Errol.

## **9. Any other business**

a) Unsung Hero Award

Lisa Bailey to coordinate. Previous recipients will be asked to be on the selection panel with Nancy Longnecker and past winners (i.e. Kylie Andrews).

b) Reinvigorating the branches

VIC seems healthy. Meet regularly but hard to get numbers. Most attendees are early career science communicators and not ASC members.

Kali to follow up on issues of state email deliver-ability from IT technical.

On behalf of ASC Members Toss Gascoigne formally thanked Craig Cormick for the last two years of service as President.

No further business.

*Meeting closed at 1:56pm*

Scribe: Michelle Neil

## **ASC AGM President's report – 2018**

The ASC, like the whole world, is confronting serious change.

2018 has been a year of tensions and stresses and changes across the globe, with pushes for new ways of managing an uncertain future.

Likewise for the ASC, it is becoming apparent that we are at a point in our evolution where we need to consider what shape our future.

Over time our membership has changed subtly, and member involvement has changed. We have a huge diversity of members, which is both an asset and an issue to work with.

How do you provide services that work for everyone when interests are so diverse?

We are so diverse in fact that almost everything you say about the ASC membership – whether it be anecdotal or based on data – is proven wrong as much as it is proven right.

So determining what do members want from the ASC, and what do members not want from the ASC, can therefore be difficult to capture.

But it is time for the organisation to seriously consider what shape we need to be to best work for our members in the years ahead.

We are living in a post-trust, post-truth, post-expert world, with increased political tensions, increased divergence and reduced trust in media, continued evolution of social media – and reduced budgets for many.

How do we best operate in such a world is a question we need to understand individually and also as an organisation.

Perhaps we need to look at the things that unite us, to provide a clarity of our common vision for how science communication professionals best work in this changing world, and build on that to understand how the ASC best operates in the years ahead.

I am confident that our members, our branches and our national executive have the talent and commitment to achieve this.

**Dr Craig Cormick**  
**President**  
**Australian Science Communicators**

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## Attendees

	LAST	FIRST	MEMBER?
1	Cormick	Craig	1
2	Dooley	Phil	1
3	Bailey	Lisa	1
4	Belcher	Teresa (via skype)	1
5	Neil	Michelle	1
6	Suzette	Searle	1
7	Toss	Gascoigne	1
8	James	Hutson	1
9	Nancy	Longnecker	1
10	Astha	Singh	1
11	Adam	Selinger	1
12	Emily	Woodhams	
13	Matt	Nurse	
14	Sally	Grosvenor	
25	Errol	Hunt	
16	Adam	Huttner-Koros	
17	Catherina	Vendl	
18	Cassandra	Rowles	
19	Kimberley	Cullen	
20	Amelia	Corman	
21	Aidan	Muirhead	
22	Micaela	Jemison	
23	Jen	Martin	
24	Nicole	Getchet	
25	Alison	Gould	
26	Terry	XXXX	
	Madden*	Kali	0
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>XX</b>

\*observer – non-voting

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### Proxies

	<b>LAST</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>MEMBER?</b>	<b>PROXY TO</b>
1	Gerard	Belinda	WA (Scitech)	Teresa Belcher
2	Adam	Barclay	NSW	Teresa Belcher
	<b>TOTAL:</b>			

\*NB if more than one member is representing the one organisation, there one vote