

# Australian Science Communicators Annual General Meeting 2020 Agenda

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**Date:** 10 December 2020                      **Start time:** 20.00 (AEDT)  
**Venue:** Online

## Special guest

Lisa welcomed ASC members to the ASC AGM 2020 and introduced special guest, Corey Tutt. Corey spoke about his journey with Deadly Science saying, “Science is hope: education is freedom”.

Corey is on what he describes as a crusade to decolonise STEM. He encouraged ASC members to find out about the Aboriginal land where they were born and where they live and work. He spoke about the life changes that science communication has made to Australian children in Aboriginal communities. Corey challenged ASC members to change misconceptions around who can do science.

He is very excited about the future for Aboriginal kids who are passionate about science. He says, “Not every kid will become a scientist, but they need to know that they can”.

Corey does a lot of travelling to build relationships. “Relationships are everything for working with mob,” he says.

His goal is to eliminate educational poverty in Australia. He believes that we all Australians need the same purpose.

You can follow Corey and Deadly Science on Twitter - @deadlyscience

### 1. Confirmation of members attending and apologies

**Attendees:** Lisa Bailey, Michelle Riedlinger, Melina Gillespie, Cass Rowles, Lynette Plenderleith, Lisa Evans, Teresa, Phil Dooley, Tara Roberson, Kirsti Abbot, Laura Skates, Jirana Boontanjai, Adam Sellinger, Jin-oh Choi, Astha Singh, Craig Cormick, Aidan Muirhead, Bill Palmer, Kali Madden, Tom Carruthers,

**Apologies:** Jesse Shore, James Hutson, Alison Kershaw

### 2. Notification of proxies

Jesse Shore (Lisa)

### 3. Minutes of 2018/19 AGM

Lynette moved the adoption of the 2018/19 AGM minutes. Seconded: Phil.

Change Lynette’s surname on page 3.

Unanimously accepted with this minor change.

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

Lisa read her report to members (attached).

Phil moved the adoption of the President's report. Seconded: Astha.

Unanimously accepted.

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

a. Adian presented the statement of accounts, the determination of the annual membership fee, and the determination of capitation to be returned to branches (see attached).

b. Determination of honoraria for 2020. Lisa explained that this is a standing item on the AGM agenda. An honoraria of \$1000 is paid to the President, Treasurer and Secretary should they wish to claim it. It was set up to support and encourage committee members running their own businesses or working freelance to join the committee. Kirsty moved that the honoraria of \$1000 per committee member be maintained for 2020. Seconded: Melina.

c. Appointment of Auditor. Adian moved that Vivian Seedsman would continue in the role of ASC Auditor.

d. Appointment of the Public Officer. Lisa thanked Suzette Searle for being ASC's Public Officer for many years. Lisa explained that the Public Officer must reside in the ACT because ASC is registered in the ACT. The Public Officer sign regulatory documents and makes them available. Phil Dooley volunteered to take on this role.

Gino moved that the Treasurer's report and all motions be accepted. Seconded: Phil.

Unanimously approved.

#### **5. Election of 2020/21 ASC Executive (President , Secretary, Treasurer)**

The current ASC Committee has agreed to stay on to keep continuity for the organisation over the next year (2020/21):

President: Lisa Bailey

Vice President: Lynette Plenderleith

Secretary: Michelle Riedlinger/Shiloh Gerrity

Treasurer: Aidan Muirhead

No additional nominations for the ASC Committee were received.

Phil moved that the nominations for ASC Committee be accepted. Seconded: Lynette.

Unanimously approved.

## **6. Branch matters and annual reporting**

Branch Presidents gave informal updates on activities: Melina Gillespie (Qld), Cass Rowles (WA), Astha Singh (NSW) and Jirana Boontanjai (ACT).

## **8. Any other business**

- a) Online symposium proposal 2021. Lisa will put out an EOI call for Online Symposium Committee members. She said that we are looking for people to help put together the online conference, particularly to organise sharing and networking opportunities. She said that we are looking forward to hearing from members about what might work for ASC in terms of an online symposium.
  
- b) Formal thank you to President. AGM attendees formally thanks Lisa for the wonderful job she has done this year as President, during exceptional circumstances.

**Meeting adjourned:** 20.55 (AEDT)