



MINUTES of the 35th Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 4th December 2009

Venue: Shine Dome, Australian National University, Canberra

Agenda papers were circulated in advance to ESA members by Petina Pert and are available on request from the Secretary.

Meeting Started at 12:50 AEDT

1.0 ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Attendees: (28 members and 1 non-member attended the AGM)

Members – Carla Catterall, Nigel Andrew, Jason Cummings, Sue McIntyre, Kerry Bridle, Jennifer Taylor, Kris French, Larry Guo, Eddie van Etten, Jacqui Marlow, Christine Schlesinger, Sue Murray-Jones, Nerissa Haby, Stacey Mclean, Jann Williams, Ian Williamson, Petina Pert, Raghu Sathyamurthy, Elizabeth Tasker, Michael Fallon, David Gillieson, Carola Kuramoto de B., Maree Treadwell, David Keith, Paula Peeters, Margaret Kitchin, Barry Fox, Glenda Wardle

Non-members – Dave Meyers

Apologies:

Peter Fairweather, Michael Bull, Charles Morris, Andrew Hayes

2.0 DECLARATION OF PROXIES

Charles Morris, Scott Baker, Patricia Werner, and Andrew Hayes ceded their proxy votes to the President.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE 34th AGM

Due to a delay with the printers, the AGM papers were not distributed to members 30 days prior to the meeting.

MOTION: That the 35th AGM proceed despite the delay in circulation of papers to the ESA membership.

Moved: Nigel Andrew

Seconded: Kerry Bridle

All in favour. Motion carried.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members noted that the incorrect version of the Treasurer's Report was included in the agenda papers, and Item 7 (page 4 of the papers) was incorrectly titled as "ESA Business Plan", when it should have been titled "ESA Constitution".

No other matters arose from the minutes of the 34th AGM.

MOTION: That the minutes of the 34th AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting subject to a replacement of the Treasurer's Report with the correct version (and that the correct version of the report to be brought to the 36th AGM in 2010 for ratification by members), and correction of Item 7 (pg 4) "ESA Business Plan" to "ESA Constitution".

Moved: Barry Fox

Seconded: Kris French

All in favour, Motion carried.

5.0 REPORTS FROM OFFICE BEARERS

- 5.1 President's Report (Carla Catterall)
The written report of the President was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.2 Vice-Presidents' Reports (Glenda Wardle, Paula Peeters, Ian Williamson)
The written reports of the 3 Vice-Presidents were tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.3 Secretary's Report (Petina Pert)
The written report of the Secretary was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.4 Treasurer's Report (Nigel Andrew)
Nigel indicated that the operating revenue for 2009 was \$508,754 relative to \$600,500 for 2008. There were less expenses in 2009 than 2008. Current assets of the ESA was valued at \$705,650, an improvement on 2008. The Global Financial Crisis which had caused an \$80,000 loss on shares due in 2008, recovered in 2009 this year improved by \$12,000. The ESA made a healthy profit from INTECOL and recent annual conferences; a \$3,000 profit was reported from the Perth conference in 2007, and a \$10,560 profit from the Sydney conference in 2008. The cashflow for 2009 was \$155,206 relative to \$14,682; this discrepancy is due to timing of receipts of money by the society. The ESA accounts show a surplus of \$60,617 in 2009, compared with \$9486 in 2008.
- 5.4.1 Presentation of Accounts 2008/09
The 2008/2009 audited accounts and Auditor's letter were presented to the attendees of the AGM by the Treasurer.
MOTION: The 2008/2009 audit be accepted as a true and correct record by the membership
Moved: Sue Murray-Jones
Seconded: David Keith
All in favour. Motion carried
- 5.4.2 Presentation of Jill Landsberg Trust Fund Accounts 2008/09
The Jill Landsberg Trust Fund 2008/2009 accounts were presented to the membership by the Treasurer.
These accounts showed an accumulated surplus of \$114,352 in 2009, compared to \$123,452 in 2008. Assets declined in value by \$3000.
- 5.4.3 Election of auditors 2009/10
MOTION: That the ESA elects Deloitte (Alice Springs) as the auditors of the society for the 2009/10 financial year.
Moved: Christine Schlesinger
Seconded: Ian Williamson
All in favour, Motion carried.
- 5.5 Membership Manager's Report (Lyn McCormick, Kirsty Cole)
The written report of the Membership Manager was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.6 Executive Officer's Report (Gail Spina)
The written report of the Executive Officer was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.

- 5.7 Austral Ecology Report (Mike Bull)
The written report of the Chair of Austral Ecology's Editorial Board was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.8 Ecological Management and Restoration Report (Jann Williams & Tein McDonald)
The written report of the Chair of EMR's Editorial Board was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.9 ESA Bulletin Report (Sue Murray-Jones)
The written report of the ESA Bulletin Editor was tabled.
No questions or comments were received.
- 5.10 Conference Organizer
Carla noted that a new PCO (Conference Logistics) has been appointed by the ESA for 2010-2012.

6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2010

Council Position

President	Nominee Carla Catterall
President-Elect	Kris French
Vice President – Research	Glenda Wardle
Vice President – Public Liaison	Paula Peeters
Vice President – Student Affairs	Ian Williamson
Secretary	Raghu Sathyamurthy
Treasurer	Nigel Andrew
Bulletin Editor	Sue Murray-Jones
Chairperson of Editorial Board – Austral Ecology	Mike Bull
Chairperson of Editorial Board – EMR	Jann Williams
Public Officer	Debbie Saunders
Regional Councillor – ACT	Jason Cummings
Regional Councillor – NSW	Liz Tasker
Regional Councillor – NT	Christine Schlesinger
Regional Councillor – QLD	Andrew Hayes
Regional Councillor – SA	Nerissa Haby
Regional Councillor – TAS	Kerry Bridle
Regional Councillor – VIC	Vacant
Regional Councillor – WA	Eddie van Etten

Office bearers for 2010 were elected unopposed. Carla welcomed Kris French onto the Council as President-Elect. Jann Williams has agreed to continue to serve as Chair of EMR's Editorial Board until a replacement is found and the vacancy for the VIC Regional Councillor is to be filled as an occasional vacancy.

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 ESA FASTS Membership

Members were advised of the intention to review ESA's membership of FASTS for 2010, with the outcome to be reported at the 2010 AGM.

8.0 NEXT AGM

The next AGM will be held as part of ESA 2010 Annual Conference, held between 6-10 December in Canberra.

Meeting Closed: 13:30 AEDT