



BOARD MINUTES

Thursday 25th June 2015 (Meeting #3)

GoToMeeting Software: commencing 11:00 AEST

[NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS, QLD - 11:00; SA, NT – 10:30; WA – 9:00]

Distribution list: Nigel Andrew (President), Liz Tasker (VP - Member Communications), Angela Moles (VP - Student Affairs), Raghu Sathyamurthy (VP - Research), Jodie Lia (Secretary), Jason Cummings (Treasurer), Andrew Hayes (Director – Early Career Researchers), Don Driscoll (Director – Hot Topics), Euan Ritchie (Director – Research Chapters), Anita Wild (Director – Practitioner Engagement), Romina Rader (Director - Membership), Jodi Price (Director - ESA16), Kerry Bridle (Ordinary Director), Nikki Zanardo (Ordinary Director), Matt McDowell (Ordinary Director), Ben Gooden (Bulletin Editor), Michael Bull (Austral Ecology – Chair, Editorial Board), Gary Luck (EMR – Chair, Editorial Board), Gail Spina (Executive Officer), Lyn McCormick (Finance Officer).

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Chairperson's Welcome and Introduction

1.2 Present and Apologies

Present: Nigel Andrew (President), Angela Moles (VP - Student Affairs), Raghu Sathyamurthy (VP - Research), Don Driscoll (Director – Hot Topics), Euan Ritchie (Director – Research Chapters), Jodi Price (Director - ESA16), Kerry Bridle (Ordinary Director), Matt McDowell (Ordinary Director), Michael Bull (Austral Ecology – Chair, Editorial Board), Gary Luck (EMR – Chair, Editorial Board), Gail Spina (Executive Officer), Lyn McCormick (Finance Officer).

Apologies: Liz Tasker (VP - Member Communications), Jodie Lia (Secretary), Jason Cummings (Treasurer), Andrew Hayes (Director – Early Career Researchers), Anita Wild (Director – Practitioner Engagement), Romina Rader (Director - Membership), Nikki Zanardo (Ordinary Director), Ben Gooden (Bulletin Editor).

1.3 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting (April 2015) – for ratification*

MOTION: That the minutes of the previous Board Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Don

Seconded: Matt

All in favour: motion carried

1.4 Minutes of Previous Executive Committee Meeting (May 2015) – for noting*

Not available for noting.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Matters Arising from Previous Board & Executive Meetings

Action Item table attached (June post-meeting status).

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Treasurers Report – Jason Cummings

Lyn went through accounts for May. All seemed OK. Angela asked about website depreciation and its influence on the budget. Draft to approve budget was tabled, but minor modification made. So an out of session vote carried out. Donations page finished and nearly ready for release in next few days

3.2 Correspondence Report – Nikki Zanardo

Correspondence with Nigel only tabled. All Board members were reminded to send through a report even if blank.

3.3 Working Group Report – Nikki Zanardo & Gail Spina

For the Working Group reports, only ESA journals and OA Nominations was provided. Board was reminded to develop ToR as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM #	ACTION ARISING	PERSON	DUE BY
Board_Jun_15_3.3.1	Working group leaders to develop ToR	WG Leaders	July Exec

3.4 Web Officer Report – Gail Spina

Donations page is now ready to go live on the website. E-news is currently going well for ESA members.

3.5 Membership Officer Report – Lyn McCormick

It was stated that the membership drive going well. 1113 nominations have been sent to potential new ESA members.

3.6 Conference Report – Gail Spina

Conference preparation ongoing and running reasonably at this stage. However, a potential Gold Sponsor is still to be finalised.

3.7 AERA - 2015 winner and draft process for future nominations – Raghu Sathyamurthy

AERA was awarded. It was noted that definition of a mid-career researcher (without any time taken off) should be 5 – 15 years, and Next Gen award up to 5 years post PhD. This should not be made to be super strict, but the timing should be reduced to generally follow ARC guidelines.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS (Discussion and/or Voting)

4.1 Amy Hahs to represent ESA: NSW Office of Environment and Heritage- potential urban habitats program

The Board indicated that they are happy to have Amy represent ESA . Ange also added that OEH have provided an outreach award of \$3,500.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS (For Noting or Information Only)

5.1 Ecosystem Science Council Update

No update provided. Mike is no longer on Council.

AGENDA ITEM #	ACTION ARISING	PERSON	DUE BY
Board_Jun_15_5.1.1	Mike to be removed from ESC update as no longer on council.	Secretary	July Exec

6.0 LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 ESA Board Election Process

Nigel and Gail added information to the ESA Board Election Process for comment over the next few weeks.

6.2 GoToSoftware

GoToSoftware working well, however we have to ensure people turn their microphones off when not talking to reduce feedback. Gail to set up an ESA account.

AGENDA ITEM #	ACTION ARISING	PERSON	DUE BY
Board_Jun_15_6.2.1	Set up ESA account for GoToSoftware	Gail	

6.3 Media Release update

AGENDA ITEM #	ACTION ARISING	PERSON	DUE BY
Board_Jun_15_6.3.1	Media release update	Don/Gail	July Exec

7.0 NEXT MEETING

Next Executive Meeting – 30th July 2015.

Next Board Meeting – 27th August 2015.