



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Meeting – Wednesday 24th April 2019 (Meeting #3)
Commencing 11:00 AEST**

[NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS, QLD - 11:00; SA, NT – 10:30; WA – 8:00]

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1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Chairperson's Welcome and Introduction

Don welcomed all to the Board meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Present: Don Driscoll, Jodi Price, Chloe Sato, Jeremy Huntley, Nigel Andrew, Jacky Tierney, Amy Hahs.

Apologies: Kate Umbers, Leanda Mason, Gail Spina, Bek Christensen, Gerry Turpin.

1.3 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting (March Board 2019) – for ratification*

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

Moved: Don Driscoll

Seconded: Jeremy Huntley

All in favour: motion carried.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Matters Arising from Previous Board Meetings*

AGENDA ITEM #			ACTION ARISING	PERSON
Board	Aug (#7) 18	5.6.1	Membership WG to develop list of potential Honorary Fellowship recipients.	Membership WG
Ongoing.				
Board	Feb (#1) 19	2.1.3	Send call for AERA nominations to Holsworth Distribution List and Council of Deans List, in consultation with Amy.	Gail/Amy
Done. Currently no AERA applications.				
Board	Mar (#2) 19	3.3.1	Distribute election statement final draft to Board members for comment.	Bek
Done.				
Board	Mar (#2) 19	3.3.2	Follow up editorial chair for Hot Topics.	Don

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Done. Jodi to follow up.				
Board	Mar (#2) 19	3.3.3	Follow up proposed future publications and confirm participation of the HTWG in the Strategic Planning retreat.	Don
Done. Jodi to follow up.				

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Treasurer's Report – Jeremy Huntley*

Financial statements tabled.

Mid-year requests approved and notified; now reflected in financial report. Deficit still within KPIs. Not meeting expenditure KPI due to increased expenditure and income from conference. Will consider how to report on KPIs in new financial year so not always reporting the same thing.

3.2 Correspondence Report – Chloe Sato*

Correspondence accepted as tabled.

3.3 Working Group Report – All

Working Group Portfolio Chairs should submit a written dot point report for their Working Groups allowing for discussion of questions and issues only, rather than taking time for verbal updates. Directors with WG oversight to collate and forward dot point reports to Secretary prior to Board meetings.

Oversight	Working Group	Chair	Update as at 24 April 19
President	JOURNALS	Don Driscoll	Meeting March 29 th discussed strategic planning, with both journals developing their 5-year plan. EMR is starting work on virtual issues. Initial discussion for scoping whether a third journal would benefit the society and Australian ecology. Wiley will provide further advice on possible funding models later in the year.
	INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT	Gerry Turpin	Chair overseas. Meeting planned for May 10 th .
	ACADEMIC FREEDOM	Don Driscoll	Met to discuss strategic planning April 11 th . Analysis of survey results progressing, and links with Policy WG established.
VP Student Affairs	STUDENT ACTIVITIES & AWARDS	Jodi Price	Handling awards and starting up group again. Just started Applied Forest Award, winner notified and will be announced soon. Looking for people to join the WG, based on what awards need help with.
	ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION	Dieter Hochuli	Working on ToR.

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VP Research	EARLY CAREER ECOLOGISTS	Stephanie Courtney Jones	WG met and shared ideas about directions to go with WG. Focusing on getting material ready ahead of the Strategic Planning weekend.
	RESEARCH CHAPTERS	Eleonora Egidi	Looking at website and communications with members. Also thinking about how to tie in with membership objectives.
			Focusing on material for Strategic Planning weekend for the moment.
	RESEARCH AWARDS	Amy Hahs	Still waiting to be activated. Waiting for AERA nominations, and Wiley Next Gen also coming up (closes April 30 th). Gail can advise on applications received.
VP Member Communications	EQUITY	Vacant	Working on presenting results of the survey and some conference related activities which will go to the Conference WG, prior to the Board.
	CONFERENCES	Jodi Price	Meeting scheduled May 3. Calendar WG are planning for the 2020 calendar.
	PRACTITIONER ENGAGEMENT	Sacha Jellinek	No update.
	BULLETIN	Marie Dade	No update.
	MEMBERSHIP	Kate Umbers	Drive to get database populated and launched; will continue to be promote. Giving Circle ready to go pending Toni's return.
VP Public Outreach & Policy	MEDIA	Euan Ritchie	No update.
	POLICY	Bek Christensen	No update.
	HOT TOPICS	Dale Nimmo	No update.
Treasurer	FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE	Jeremy Huntley	Looking to schedule a meeting before the 15 th May.
	FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP	Vacant	Group not active.

3.4 Online Media Report – Gail Spina

No update.

3.5 Membership Report – Jacky Tierney

Membership report working again. Membership picked up in April (correspondence to renew memberships). Currently sitting at 1,111 members.

3.6 Conference Report – Gail Spina*

Pep provided report.

Letters sent to plenary speakers, with one decline. Four speakers are keen to attend (Menna Jones, April Reside, Adriana Virges, Erin Richmond), and awaiting one more speaker confirmation. With plenaries, there is an emphasis on land management and science into practice, with a strong platform for early career research.

Symposia have all been selected and all symposium organisers notified. Five field trips are planned; two trips to private property, and another field trip has a focus on indigenous land management. UTAS on board for supplying postgraduate day area. Pennyroyal is dinner venue.

Still working with UTAS to sponsor public lecture about fire during the conference. Need to discuss with Media WG to raise profile of public lecture and drum up publicity.

4.0 SUBMISSIONS

No submissions.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS (Discussion and/or Voting)

No general business raised.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (For Noting or Information Only)

No other business raised.

7.0 LATE ITEMS

No late items raised.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

May Board – 30 May 2019.

Meeting closed 11:33am
