



THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY INC.

TASMANIAN BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 29th August 2018
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Upstairs, New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst Street, Hobart

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Present: Charles Connor, Gerard Dutton, Karen Connor, Rita Westbury, Phoebe Carter, David North, Ken Bathman, Graham Hyland, Monique Featherstone (non-member)

2. Apologies: Roberta Julian, Mithun Rajshekar, Theresa Paterson, Paul Holloway

3. Minutes from 2017 AGM

Proposed adoption of minutes: Charles

Moved: Rita

Seconded: Karen

Motion passed.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

5. General Business

a) Charles Connor congratulated local members Gerard, David and Mithun on receiving National ANZFSS scholarships to attend the 2018 ANZFSS Symposium in Perth, WA

b) No local scholarships awarded this year as there were no applicants – a suggestion was made to better advertise that these are available for members in coming years. National scholarships are advertised to members by email.

In previous symposium years a \$500 top up has been awarded to selected local members to help them attend the symposium. Charles Connor proposed branch top ups to the value of \$1000 for Gerard, David and Mithun this year for return travel to the symposium, given the branch's healthy financial position and the fact that no local scholarships were awarded. All present were in agreement.

Moved: Rita Westbury

Seconded: Karen Connor

c) Suggestions for future workshops/speakers:

- Graham reminded the branch that we had discussed a northern meeting. All agreed this was a good idea in theory, but unsure as to who might attend/be interested. Karen suggested we could co-ordinate with Bomb Scene Examiners or Bomb Response Group meeting. Charles to enquire with Forensic Services in the North/North West as to their interest.
- Karen suggested someone from Tas Fire Investigation (Barry Bones or Matt Lowe)
- Charles now able to present on the Sandy Bay coronial matter now it has been through the coronial court process.
- Rita suggested Charles and Linda Mason (Office of the DPP) could present on the case presented at the recent Science Week panel.
- Esther McKay for a possible public lecture. Feedback from the National Committee who have had her present at their local meetings was very positive.

d. Branch position nominations

President: Current – Charles Connor

Vice President: Current – Roberta Julian

Secretary: Current –Mithun Rajshekar

Treasurer: Current –Gerard Dutton

Public Officer: Current –Theresa Paterson

General Committee Members - Melle Zwerver, David North, Karen Connor, Rita Westbury

2018/2019 year:

President – Charles Connor

Nominated: Gerard

Seconded: David

Motion passed

Vice President – Roberta Julian

Nominated: Charles

Seconded: Rita

Motion passed

Secretary – Mithun Rajshekar and Loene Howes nominated

Nominated: Gerard

Seconded: Charles

Motion passed – Loene Howes appointed

Treasurer – Gerard Dutton

Nominated: Graham

Seconded: Rita

Motion passed

Public Officer – Theresa Paterson

Nominated: Charles

Seconded: Gerard

Motion passed – Charles/Gerard to contact Theresa to ensure she is happy to continue in this role.

Theresa has declined role (30th August 2018). Position now vacant – members requested to nominate.

General Committee Members – David North, Karen Connor, Rita Westbury, Phoebe Carter

Nominated: Ken

Seconded: Gerard

Motion passed

6. President's Report

- List of 2018 ANZFSS Symposium attendees from ANZFSS Tas Branch mentioned.
- Program for the 2018 ANZFSS Symposium is available online. If any members are wanting specific information about any presentations (e.g. contact details of speaker, copy of presentation) to let those who are attending know.
- Charles informed members present of topics that have been discussed at the National Council Meetings throughout 2017-2018.
 - 2018 ANZFSS Symposium updates.
 - Professionalisation – no significant progress made since last Tas Branch AGM
Ali Sears working on application process. Professional membership would include access to some forensic journals.
 - 2020 ANZFSS Symposium to be held in NSW in conjunction with IAFS – Organising committee is looking for plenary speakers.
 - Tas Branch is able to apply for up to \$1000 per year to bring a speaker to a local meeting.
 - Next meeting will be on the 9th September 2018 at the Symposium.

Motion that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Rita

Seconded: Karen

Motion passed

7. Treasurer's report

Gerard reported that at the end of the 2018 financial year, the account had \$54,605.15. An increase in last year by \$6915.86.

Gerard reported on expenses incurred during the financial year 2017-18.

Motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Charles

Seconded: Karen

Motion passed

8. Secretary's Report

Charles presented Mithun's report (in his absence) on the events and speakers for 2017-2018 and thanked Mithun for his involvement in the local branch.

Motion that the Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: Phoebe

Seconded: Rita

Motion passed

9. Other business

a) Gerard and Charles spoke about taking advantage of our current financial position by holding workshops and presentations of interest. Don't need to be of interest to all members/disciplines as we have tried to do in the past. Members reminded to let the local committee know of anyone that might be of interest and are asked to do some background research into what they might be able to provide (content of workshops, presentations etc).

b) Karen suggested ID cards could be issued to members in response to a discussion regarding the recent presentation to TasPol by Domenic Raneri on the Lindt Café Seige (non-departmental employees were not allowed to attend, but perhaps ANZFSS members more likely to be able to attend such events if they can prove membership by showing their ID card?). To be discussed further at a committee meeting.

Meeting closed 7pm.

Guest Speaker: David North