



THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND FORENSIC SCIENCE SOCIETY INC.

Time and Date: 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 25th August 2021

Venue: Upstairs, New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst St, Hobart

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome to all (President Charles Connor).

Ken Bathman
Phoebe Carter
Charles Connor
Karen Connor
Damian Crowle
Gerard Dutton
Ana Flonta
Matt Forteath (Guest speaker)
Clare Fulton
Loene Howes
Graham Hyland
Suzanne Langlois
David North
Andrew O'Dwyer
Tersia Oosthuizen
Matt Osborn
Matt Streat
Rita Westbury

2. Apologies

Pam Scott

3. Minutes from 2020 AGM (26/8/20)

Minor amendments were made in response to feedback prior to the meeting. These were corrections to dates and the list of Ordinary Members. Minutes as presented at meeting were adopted without amendment.

Moved: Phoebe

Seconded: Clare

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

5. General Business

Charlie notified members that the National ANZFSS President is now James Curran (previously Adrian Linacre) and the Secretary is now Melissa Airlie (previously Carolyne Bird).

The new category of professional membership has about 24 people and is one way for non-practising forensic scientists to maintain currency.

a. 2022 ANZFSS Symposium (Brisbane)

The ANZFSS 2022 symposium in Brisbane has not yet been confirmed. The Organising Committee would like to have a face-to-face meeting, but it is unclear whether this will be possible due to COVID-19 and vaccination levels. An announcement can be expected soon.

If the symposium goes ahead, travel awards would be offered. Anyone who had been offered a travel award in the previous round would need to re-apply.

b. 2023 IAFS/ANZFSS Meeting (Sydney)

The 2023 IAFS/ANZFSS Meeting will be held under both the IAFS and ANZFSS banners.

c. Suggestions for future speakers at Branch Meetings

Many of the suggestions from last year's AGM have been followed up; a few are still on the current list of suggestions as we have not yet had those speakers.

- Michael Manthey (FSST) – show and tell at lab.
- Clare Fulton (FSST) – recent research in analytical chemistry.
- Paul Holloway (FSST) possibly with police investigator Sam Sinnit (Tasmania Police) – Sue Neill-Fraser case once finalised.
- Rebecca Johnstone (US).
- DPP on a forensic-reliant case
- Ian Dadour (for additional meeting in September) on new technology in forensic entomology
- Charlie on body farms
- NIFS – new CEO

- New ANZFSS president, James Curran
- Judge or magistrate – e.g., Michael Daly (Magistrate)
- police representative from Coroner’s office (e.g., Jenny Hickman)
- Tersia on PhD topic of Australian legislation and advances in DNA
- Other UTAS PhD projects

d. Branch position nominations

President: Loene Howes (Charlie nominated, Gerard seconded)
Vice President: Charles Connor (Loene nominated, Clare seconded)
Secretary: Phoebe Carter (Charlie nominated, Gerard seconded)
Treasurer: Gerard Dutton (Rita nominated, Karen seconded)
Public Officer: Rita Westbury (Charlie nominated, Loene seconded)
General Committee Members: Karen Connor (Rita nominated; Loene seconded); Damien Crowle (Phoebe nominated; Clare seconded)

6. President’s Report

Report provided outlining that fewer face-to-face activities nationally had due to COVID restrictions. However, we were able to benefit from the online sessions offered by other branches, with some of those sessions held at FSST thanks to Matt Osborn.

Charlie attended the 2020 National ANZFSS AGM via Zoom. Discussions with the national committee have been on how best to plan for the forthcoming symposium and meeting.

7. Treasurer’s Report

Gerard thanked Charlie for his work as President.

He advised that ANZFSS Tas Branch funds have looked good since the 2012 Symposium. Membership – has dropped slightly as some have not renewed at the end of the financial year. Usually more people join when the symposium is held. Loene to follow up with National ANZFSS Committee about reminders to members to renew.

Few expenses. The main expense was the audit. Committee to discuss ways to make funding available to members for research and participation in events.

Report accepted (moved Charlie, seconded Phoebe).

8. Secretary's Report

Nothing major to report.

Idea of zoom links to the West and North of the state now that the room has a TV. Kat Chivers, Rob Overada, Jodie Duncan of Tasmania Police may be keen. Susie Langlois drove to Hobart on this occasion but is keen to be involved via Zoom.

9. Other Business

No other business raised.

Meeting closed: 6:42 pm

Speaker presentation: Senior Sergeant Mark Forteach