



**Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 26 November 2020, 12:30 pm ACDT, via Zoom**

**1. Welcome**

- a. The meeting was opened at 12:33 pm ACDT
- b. The President welcomed everyone, declared the meeting open, and made an acknowledgement of country.

**2. Apologies and attendance**

- a. Apologies: Eric Murray.
- b. Attendance (**attached**)
- c. Proxies (**attached**)

**3. Minutes of the previous annual general meeting, 3 October 2019 held in Darwin (**attached**)**

Motion: That the minutes of the 2019 annual general meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Natasha Mitchell

Seconded: Jim Pearson

**4. Reports on transactions of the Society in the previous year**

**a. President's Report** (Adrian Linacre)

Adrian tabled his annual report (**attached**) and highlighted the following:

- COVID has halted face-to-face branch meetings but enabled virtual meetings to be accessed by membership across the Society, as well as being recorded for future viewing. Adrian hopes that face-to-face meetings can resume soon.
- President-Elect was introduced at the last AGM, making the transition to James as President smooth. The Executive has developed a document outlining duties of other positions in Executive, to assist with handover of these roles.

**b. Treasurer's Report** (Natasha Mitchell), including Annual Financial Statement

Natasha tabled her report (**attached**) and highlighted the following:

- The ANZFSS is now registered for GST in New Zealand, allowing NZ members to make payments through the central database.
- An audit of the Society's financial records has been undertaken by BDO, with no discrepancies noted. A copy of the audit report can be obtained by emailing the Treasurer at [treasurer@anzfss.org](mailto:treasurer@anzfss.org).
- Assets, income and expenditure for the past financial year are down on the previous year, but on par for a non-symposium year.
- COVID hasn't had a short-term impact on the Society's finances, but with the cancellation of the 2020 symposium, and the unknown impact of COVID on future conferences (attendance, sponsorship), the Society's financial position into the future is somewhat uncertain.

Motion: That the financial statements tabled are accepted as a true and accurate record of the financial position of the Society.



Moved: James Curran

Seconded: Linzi Wilson-Wilde

## **5. Changes to the Rules of Association**

Changes to the Rules of Association were proposed to:

- 1) allow online voting for Special Resolutions and election of Executive, including processes around the latter,
- 2) add further eligibility criteria for Executive nominees, reflecting the responsibility of the positions, and
- 3) outline a process for suspension of a Branch without a full Executive from the Society, as outlined in 'Explanatory notes to the 2020 proposed amendments to the Rules of Association' (**attached**).

Resolution: That the changes to the Rules of Association of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society, as contained in the document labelled 'Rules to be put to the 2020 AGM' (**attached**), be adopted.

Moved by the President-Elect, James Curran

Seconded by President, Adrian Linacre

Vote by poll: Unanimously supported<sup>1</sup> (5 abstained)

## **6. General business**

### a. Ratification of new Life Members

Adrian Linacre announced the nominations of the following life members and outlined their individual contributions to the field of forensic sciences and the ANZFSS:

- i. Claude Roux
- ii. Alison Sears
- iii. Bill Crick

Motion: that the nomination of Claude Roux as a life member of ANZFSS is accepted.

Unanimously agreed.

Motion: that the nomination of Alison Sears as a life member of ANZFSS is accepted.

Majority agreed.

Motion: that the nomination of Bill Crick as a life member of ANZFSS is accepted.

Unanimously agreed.

## **7. Election of Vice-President (Australia), Treasurer and Secretary for 2020-2021**

One nomination was received for each of the vacated positions.

Vice-President (Australia): Alison Sears

Treasurer: Natasha Mitchell

Secretary: Melissa Airlie

Further nominations were called from the floor, with none being made.

All nominees were elected unopposed.

Adrian handed over to James Curran as the new Society President.



James asked to minute his vote of thanks to outgoing Executive members Adrian and Carlyne for their work, and to the re-elected members Alison and Natasha. James looks forward to setting up the online voting process for future elections, as noted in the approved changes to the Rules of Association.

## 8. Other business

### a. **Engender Change** - Linzi Wilson-Wilde, Director, ANZPAA NIFS

NIFS has been working on a diversity inclusion project over recent years and launched the Engender Change program last month: <https://www.anzpaa.org.au/forensic-science/engender-change>. It is a leadership initiative that will be rolled out in a staged approach, with the first focussing on gender diversity. Linzi encourages all ANZFSS members to join the program and remain accountable to the commitment.

### b. **ANZFSS 2022 Symposium update** - Donna MacGregor, ANZFSS 2022 Symposium Chair

Donna shared the website address for the symposium: [www.anzfss2022.com](http://www.anzfss2022.com). The Brisbane Convention Centre is booked for 11 – 15 September 2022. The OC is really looking forward to hosting the meeting and welcoming all ANZFSS members to Brisbane in 2022.

## 9. Meeting closed at 1:30 pm ACDT

Dr Carlyne Bird  
ANZFSS Secretary  
27 November 2020

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### **Attendance**

Adrian Linacre	Dimitri Gerostamoulos	Melissa Airlie
Amelia Norrington	Donna MacGregor	Michael Aberle
Annalise Wrzeczycki	Eva To	Mikayla Milanovic
Annemarie Nadort	Gerard Simpfendorfer	Natalie Price
Annice Haverland	Hannah Jarman	Natasha Mitchell
Annu Nangia	Helen Vaughan	Nick Lucas
Bridget Tyssen	Hilton Kobus	Rachel Nickerson
Caroline O'Driscoll	Indrika Benedict	Samantha Rowbotham
Carolyne Bird	Jackson Downs	Sarah Cresswell
Catherine Hitchcock	James Michael Curran	Steve Korkoneas
Charles Connor	Jennifer Young	Stewart Walker
Chris May	Jim Pearson	Tracie Gould
Claude Roux	John McGinn	Troy O'Malley
David Black	Julianne Henry	Veli Solyali
Dean Catoggio	Kari Pitts	Vica Papp
Denice Higgins	Linzi Wilson-Wilde	
Dennis McNevin	Mark Barash	

### **2020 AGM Proxies**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Appoints</b>
Cathie Allen	Annu Nangia
Zuzana Obertova	Carolyne Bird
Elica Momeni	Carolyne Bird
Clive Williams	Carolyne Bird
Thrivalen Naidoo	Carolyne Bird
Muhammad Irfan Ashiq	Carolyne Bird
Danielle Butzbach	Carolyne Bird
Reena Sarkar	Carolyne Bird
Nick Dempsey	Carolyne Bird
Jemma Berry	Carolyne Bird
Joel Smith	Carolyne Bird
Talia Newland	John McGinn
Simon Lewis	John McGinn