

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Date: April 4, 2025

Location: Hyatt Hotel, Canberra

Chair: Professor Joseph Doyle, President

Attendees: Aiveen Bannan, Ben Marais, Nigel Curtis, Katie Flanagan, Andrew Gordon, Chris Blyth, Mark Douglas, Jason Trubiano, Annaliese Howard-Jones, Phoebe Williams, Allen Cheng, Pam Palasanthiran, Brendan McMullen, Patrick Harris, Jason Kwong, Steve Tong, Sushena Krishnaswamy, Candice Holland, Paul Heggitt, Katy Lai, Joseph Doyle, Caitlin Keighley

Secretariat: Irene Kourtis, Inge Meggitt, Rebecca Morrison

1. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Professor Joseph Doyle, who welcomed all members to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

2. Agenda

The meeting proceeded as outlined in the agenda presented in the official AGM slide deck.

3. President's Report – Professor Joseph Doyle

- Commencement of presidency in March 2024.
- Board transitions:
 - Election of Dr Candice Holland to the Board.
 - Renominations: Professors Ben Marais, Caitlin Keighley, Nigel Raymond, and Rekha Pai Mangalore.
 - Departure announcements: Professor David Paterson (Honorary Secretary) and Professor Katie Flanagan (Immediate Past President).

4. Secretariat and Executive Office Report – Dr Irene Kourtis

- Staff changes in 2024:
 - Departures: Serena Owen, Alison Sweeney, Maureen Ryan.
 - Appreciation expressed for their service.
 - New appointments for 2025:
 - CEO: Dr Irene Kourtis
 - Event Manager: Inge Meggitt
 - Senior Administrator: Rebecca Morrison
 - Operations in 2024:
 - Steady membership revenue with increased operational costs.
 - Resultant net deficit; addressed by implementing new policies for 2025.
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5. ASID Council Update

- Acknowledgement of contributions by Council members across various SIGs.

6. Advocacy and Policy Committee

- National advocacy highlights including:
 - Support for an Australian CDC.
 - Submissions to government inquiries and public health advocacy.
 - Efforts around disease prevention, equity in vaccine access, and antimicrobial stewardship.

7. Equity and Diversity Committee

- Ongoing efforts to integrate equity and inclusion into ASID's programs and events.

8. Recognition of Service

- Formal appreciation to outgoing Board members and evolving SIG leaders.
- ASID acknowledge ASHM for their administrative support in 2024

9. Events and Webinars

- **ASM 2024 (Wellington):** Over 250 delegates, extensive program, highly successful.
- Thanks extended to Dr Olivia Bupha-Intr and team, speakers, and sponsors.

10. 2024 Award Presentations

A comprehensive list of awardees across ASID's core programs and SIGs was presented, with congratulations extended to all recipients.

11. Treasurer's Report – Professor Chris Blyth

- FY2024 Result: Net deficit of \$254,338 (compared to \$11,992 surplus in 2023).
- Net equity declined to \$1.878M.
- Increased SIG and event-related expenses noted.
- Strategic financial changes:
 - New accounting framework.
 - Bookkeeping overhaul and platform transition from MYOB to Xero.

12. Secretary's Report – Professor David Paterson (Presented by Dr Irene Kourtis)

- Presented current membership data as of December 31, 2024.
- Noted contributions and transitions within the Board.

13. Board Election Results

- Election of new ASID Board Directors confirmed.
 - Announcement of the incoming President-Elect, Professor Chris Blyth
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14. Acknowledgements and Closure

- Sincere gratitude expressed to all ASID members for their commitment and participation throughout the year.
- Meeting adjourned following final remarks from the Chair.

Meeting closed 1.15pm