

ASID AGM 2024 MINUTES

Date: Friday 8 March 2024

Time: 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Matiuā – Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre

Present: Prof Katie Flanagan (President), Prof Joseph Doyle (President - Elect), Professor Chris Blyth (Honorary Treasurer), Associate Professor Caitlin Keighley, Professor Ben Marais, Dr Nigel Raymond, Candice Holland.

Secretariat: Alison Sweeney, Maureen Ryan, Serena Owen (all in person); Elaine Turner (online).

Attendees: Michelle Balm, Emma Best, Tim Blackmore, Alison Boast, Anna Brischetto, Olivia Bupha-Intr, Anita Campbell, Celia Cooper, Ben Cowie, Josh Davis, Katherine Garnham, Elliot Green, Kate Grimwade, Amanda Gwee, Mark Hobbs, Paul Huggan, Sushena Krishnaswamy, Brendan McMullan, Mitzi Nisbet, Maurizio Stefani, Helen Tang, Nan Vasilunas, Rena Vohra, Kristof Wing, Thomas Wong, Hau Yu (all in person). Jock Harkness (online)

Apologies: Prof David Paterson (Hon Secretary), Dr Rekha Pai Mangalore, Dr Michael Leung, Carolyn Beckett, Dr Andrew Gordon, David Burgner

ITEM	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1	Welcome and introductions	Chair
2	Apologies Noted	Honorary Secretary
3	Acceptance of minutes of 2023 AGM Accepted	Chair
4	President's report President Noted that Joe Doyle becomes President after this AGM. There were 2 Board Positions available for 2024: Chris Blyth re-nominated and there was only	President

	one new applicant Candice Holland who was elected unopposed. ASID Secretariat has gone through a lot of change in 2023. Current Secretariat members – Maureen, Serena, Alison are doing a great job supported by Elaine from ASHM. Associations Forum conducting a review of the organisation. The risk of having a single person in charge needs to be taken into account. Hope to have permanent structure in place shortly. ASID has 7 Special Interest Groups Clinical Research Network, NZ Sub Committee, Equity and Diversity Committee, Advocacy and Policy Committee. All groups have been active in 2023. Noted that the Annual Report to be released after the AGM has full reports on each SIG / Committee's activities. Discussion around timing of Annual Report – agreed it should come out before the AGM in future. A lot of events and webinars were on offer to ASID members in 2023. All well attended. Congrats to all 2023 Award winners – great talent! Member communication – CIRCLE not really taken up by members; The Weekly Dose very popular; Very active on Twitter; We are looking to see if there is any interest in a Website Review Committee to help provide content for the website (<i>this is an action item in the Council minutes</i>).	
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	ASID advocated on many issues in 2023 – see https://asid.net.au/news	
5	Treasurer's report Increase in income secondary to delayed subscriptions, a successful ASID ASM and numerous additional meetings in 2023. Significant increase in the cost of doing business in 2023. Investment of significant nest egg in long-term investment strategy with expectation for conservative to moderate returns. ASID has recently transferred \$1.3 m into an investment fund that should achieve a better return. This will enable us to pump more money back to ASID. Currently \$2.1 m in equity – ASID's financial position is stable. A full set of accounts will be released by 30 June 2024. Increase in membership fees in 2025 (in line with CPI): <i>Full member:</i> \$360 (AU) and \$315 (NZ/OS) <i>Associate member:</i> \$135 (AU) and \$115 (NZ/OS) Question from a member around ethical investment and impact on climate change: CB responded that the investment strategy was discussed and agreed over multiple meetings between Minchin Moore and the Board to ensure it meets our requirements of ethical, non-sin and environmentally friendly investment and no direct investment in pharma. Question from a member about whether ASID would be looking at offering more grants for research (in addition to the	Treasurer

	currently offered ASID Research Grant and ANZMIG Research Grant). CB responded that yes given the investment strategy this is one thing we hope to do with any income raised from investment.	
6	Secretary's report Total of 1187 members Request from member that NZ be shown separately (not as a part of OS). Questions around what data are available are covered in the Actions at the end.	Honorary Secretary
7	Election of ASID Board Directors	Honorary Secretary
	AGM Close	
8	Member questions and discussion Questions asked are included in the categories above.	Chair
	Meeting Close 2.30 NZDT	

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Action Register			
Item	Issue	Member responsible	Status
	Annual Report to be released BEFORE	Board and Secretariat	

	the AGM in future.		
7.3	Collate list of who has registered for each SIG	ASID Secretariat	
	Look to strategies to incentivise first nations ASID membership.	??	
	Put together a few draft questions for a proposed workforce survey which could go out with membership renews at end of the year.	ASID Secretariat	
	Contact SAC to find out how many trainees we have registered in each state – as a way of comparing to total associate members in each state	?	

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