

Genome Conference Inc.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at Heritage Ballroom, Mantra Erskine Resort, Lorne
1.30 pm, Tuesday 14th February 2017

1. **Present:** Gretchen Poortinga, Leonie Quinn, Ross Hannan, Thomas Preiss, Austen Ganley, Anne Voss, Traude Beilharz, Frank Grutzer, Peter Boog, Ryan Lister, Kathryn Burdon, Julia Horsfield, Andrea Roper, Annette McClellan, Greg Neely, Rhys Allan, Tim Cole, Marnie Blewitt, Alyson Ashe, Juliet French, Sam Buckberry, Alicia Oshlack, Andrew Perkins, Scott Cohen, Mark Cowley, Paul Marshall, Jenny Graves.

Apologies: Marcel Dinger, Archa Fox

2. **Minutes of 2016 AGM**
Amendment: Julia Horsfield and Peter Boag added to attendees.
(Moved: Austen Ganley Seconded: Kathryn Burden Carried **Yes**)
3. **Business arising**

Office Bearers

The 2016 Board Members were:

Elected

Vincent Harley (VIC)- President/ Public Office
Thomas Preiss (ACT)- Vice-President/ Secretary
Archa Fox (WA)- Treasurer

Convenors

Austen Ganley (2017 Convenor, NZ)
Marcel Dinger (2016 Convenor, NSW)
Anne Voss (2015 Convenor, VIC)
Jozef Gecz (2014 Convenor, SA)

Board Elections 2017

Nominations received:

Vincent Harley (VIC) – President/Acting Public Office
Thomas Preiss (ACT)-Vice-President
Archa Fox (WA) – Treasurer

Anne Voss (VIC) would like to take on the position of Secretary- vote - carried

Ordinarily, next years, the current and the two previous years' Convenors are members of the Board:

This would mean that Jozef Gecz (2014 Convenor, SA) would cycle off the Board. (However, since Anne now is member as secretary, Jozef remains to form a full complement of previous Convenors.)

Traude Beilharz (VIC) joins the Board as Convenor of the 2018 conference.

4. **Board notification of 2018 Organising Committee**
Organising Committee should comprise ~8 people, staying for a 3-4 year term. See Traude if you are interested in joining.

The Conference Organising Committee will comprise:

Traude Beilharz (Chair), VIC
Peter Boag (Deputy-chair), VIC

The other continuing members of the OC are:

David Adelson, SA
Alyson Ashe, NSW
Marnie Blewitt, VIC
Kathryn Burdon, TAS
Scott Cohen, NSW
Marcel Dinger, NSW

Alistair Forrest, WA
Juliet French, QLD
Julia Horsfield, NZ
Ryan Lister, WA
Greg Neely, NSW
Alicia Oshlack, VIC
Andrew Perkins, QLD

John Bowman, VIC, Paul Thomas, SA, and Leonie Quinn, VIC requested to join the OC

Frank Grutzner, SA and Kate Quinlan, NSW - Cycled off the OC at their request.

6. **Annual Subscription**

Meeting resolved, on Board recommendation, to waive membership fees for 2017.

(Moved: Anne Voss Seconded: Peter Boag _ Carried **Yes**)

7. **Report from Treasurer: Archa Fox/ Vincent Harley**

\$276,000 in the bank (venue still to be paid)

\$200,000 turnover every year

Annette estimated that ca. \$100,000 to \$120,000 will be left over, up from \$51,700 last year.

Last year's conference lost \$21,500.

The Treasurer's report was not proposed for acceptance, as not complete yet.

(Moved Seconded Carried)

8. **Lodgement of Dept. Consumer Affairs Annual Report**

The annual return was tabled at the meeting, deemed not to be misleading, a true and fair view of the Association; the Association would be able to pay its debts, as and when they fell due.

(Moved: Annette McLellan Seconded: Austen Langley Carried **Yes**)

9. **Trade report:** Annette McLellan

\$127,000 in Trade Sponsorship income. Cooperate support: e.g. Perkin Elmer, , support from Institutes, 30 booths, Merck is back on board and a few others, individual researchers, e.g. Ross Hannan, David Tremethick, Millenium, Promega, Illumina for awards, Thermofischer is back, AGRF, Traude said that Trade called her, wants to do more, *WEHI \$5,000 parent viewing room, Murdoch*

Suggestion: President sends out Thank You letters

Marnie informed that WEHI would sponsor a traditional owner welcoming ceremony and Indigenous student scholarship

10. **2017 Genome Conference Convenor's report: Austen Ganley**

11. **Vote of thanks to 2017 Conference Organisers**

The meeting extended its vote of thanks to Austen Ganley and the 2017 OC for the excellent meeting that they have organised. Annette McClellan and ASN were also thanked for their contribution.

(Moved Thomas Preiss Seconded Jenny Graves Carried **Yes**)

12. **Special Vote of thanks to Annette McClellan**

The meeting extended its vote of thanks to Annette McClellan, who is leaving ASN, for her tireless yet friendly work over the past 10 years.

(Moved: Julia Horsfield Seconded: Josef Gecz Carried **Yes**)

13. **General business**

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14. **Next meeting** To be held in February 2018, Lorne.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm