

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 MINUTES

Thursday 14 November, 6pm – 9pm, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay, 2060

### **Present:**

*Trudy Myers, Joyce Lee, Steve Gibblett, Andrew Simpson, Deb Smee, Matt Harding, Ali Habibi, Mike Haysler, Eammon Madden, Paul Moore, Nick Reichinger, Richard Kell, Aris Patras, Chloe Wyatt*

### **Apologies:**

*Wayne Costin, Allan Fozzard, Bill Ryan, Kevin Leedow, James McBean, Gordon Stace, Rob McGowan, Todd Halliday, Mick Joroszewicz, Ben Jones, Colin Stenning, Brain Healy, Cosmo Farinola, Max Irvine*

## 1. **Presidents Welcome:** Trudy Myers

At 6.35pm Trudy opened the meeting.

Minutes from 2017 AGM were accepted, with no matters arising.

- ❖ *A motion to accept the 2017 minutes Andrew Simpson and seconded Mike Haysler*

The President acknowledged the commitment of all Board members and the adoption of specific roles and responsibilities within the Board structure. She also advised that the employed position within the Association was given the official title of Executive Officer this year to reflect the range of duties covered.

## 2. **Summary of the Annual Report:** Trudy Myers

The 82nd Annual Report was summarised and presented to Members. A copy of this report is available at <https://www.acse.org.au/resources>

The following points are noted:

- Events – The growing popularity of Pub Seminars and other events is important leverage for membership and attracting sponsors
- Events – A special mention and extended appreciation on behalf of the Board given to Andrew Derbridge for the exceptional job he did as the MC for the Annual Awards Presentation in March.
- University Engagement and High School Presentations – These are important particularly in attracting girls into the profession. Presenting at St Andrews School was very rewarding.
- Practise Papers – Recognition was given to Matt Harding for the work he has put into a detailed review of all the papers this year. Recognition was also given to Eammon Madden for his contribution to new and updated papers.
- Membership – This year saw the introduction of an ‘Annual Training Fee’ with larger firms who regularly have lots of staff attending pub seminars but only have one or two ACSE members. Mott Macdonald and Robert Bird Group have taken up the training partnership this year.
- Sponsorship – A new relationship with Macquarie Bank has been developed and negotiations are underway for a Principle Partnership for the Annual Awards in March.
- Industry Partners for the current year are:
  - Constructive Recruitment
  - Bosfa
  - Ultra Floor
  - Penetron
  - AFS Systems
  - Bluebeam
  - Total Synergy

### 3. **Financial Summary**, Andrew Simpson, ACSE Treasurer

Andrew Simpson presented the Financial Report as contained within the Annual Report. The following points are noted:

- The Association registered for GST at the start of the current financial year.
- The deficit shown is due to Annual Industry Partnerships being billed across two separate financial years, but this will right itself in 2019 as all Partnerships were invoiced after July 1<sup>st</sup> in 2018.
- The annual budget forecast looks healthy

❖ *A motion to accept the Financial Report was put forward by Joyce Lee and seconded Nick Reichinger.*

### 4. Update on the **Charity Partner**

The chosen charity, Partner Housing have benefitted from the ACSE support this year and this charity partnership will continue for another year.

### 5. Presentation of **New Members**

New members who were appointed to the Association during the past year were announced. Two of them, Aris Patras and Nick Reichinger were present. The certificates will be dispatched to all new members after the meeting.

### 6. Election of the **2018 Board**

Acknowledgment of retiring board member, Todd Halliday (served 5 years)

Nominations for new board members were put forward as follows:

- Paul Moore – put forward by Mike Haysler and seconded by Andrew Simpson
- Ali Habibi – put forward by Aris Patras and seconded by Matt Harding

Nominations to appoint new office bearers were put forward as follows:

- Joyce Lee becomes President – nominated by Aris Patras and seconded by Nick Reichinger
- Steve Giblett becomes Vice President - nominated by Mike Haysler and seconded by Ali Habibi

With no further nominations from the floor, the Directors and office bearers were duly elected

### 7. **Handover** to new president

Incoming President, Joyce Lee gave a short presentation in which she acknowledged Mike Haysler for introducing her to the association in 2017 and expressed gratitude for the learning and sharing of challenges that the ACSE has facilitated. Joyce expressed her wish to continue with promoting the Association, driving new memberships and growing the technical seminars in the coming 12 months.

### 8. **General Business** – open to the floor for members to submit matters of note

Notification that life member Kevin Leedow, who would normally attend the AGM has recently undergone surgery and the Board wishes him well in his recovery.

Eammon praised the Board for their efforts to engage with high school students and encouraged the Board to continue this work in 2019. He sought clarification on why the uptake of presentations hadn't been wider, and a discussion followed about the nature and timing of contacting high schools, following up with them, their lack of response and ways to build on this in the future. Dick Kell echoed Eammon's view that this is a worthy activity for the ACSE and all agreed that the Board would give this some attention early in 2019 so that contacting schools occurs at the start of the academic year to identify potential opportunities.

Ali added that his experience of delivering a guest lecture at UTS was very well received and that engaging with 4<sup>th</sup> year students was also worthwhile.

Dick Kell also noted that Megan Motto is retiring as CEO of Consult Australia and wanted to record her best wishes for the ACSE's future quoting her as saying "I've always admired the work they do".

Dick also noted an acknowledged that Trudy Myers did a "terrific job" as President and thanks her for her "enthusiastic attitude" and for following up on Dick's introductions for sponsorship with Macquarie Bank.