

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 MINUTES

Tuesday 10 November, 6pm – 8pm, Mott MacDonald

Due to Covid restrictions the AGM was also broadcast via Zoom

Present in person:

Aaron Dewberry, Martin Folan, Nishmin Hallam, Todd Halliday, Andrey Kandic, Paul Moore, Max Kraus, Joyce Lee, Steve Giblett, Nick Reichinger, Steve Wong, Matt Harding, Ali Habibi, Mick Jaroszewicz, Alison Naimo, Chloe Wyatt,

Present online:

Bruce Hutchison, Andrew Derbidge, Andrew Simpson, Scott Clemmett, Kevin Mongey, Vinay Rao, John Butterworth, Alan Wright, Simon Matthews

Apologies:

Kevin Leedow, Gary Myers, Natalie O'Brien

1. Presidents Welcome: Joyce Lee

At 6.10pm Joyce opened the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.

Joyce acknowledged the officer bearers and the commitment of all Board members, thanked the retiring Board, and welcomed the new Board members.

Minutes from 2019 AGM were accepted and noted matters arising were the issue of ACSE official response to the D&BP Act.

❖ ***Motion raised to accept the 2019 minutes by Alison Naimo and seconded Mick Jaroszewicz***

2. Summary of the Annual Report: Joyce Lee

The 84th Annual Report was summarised and presented to Members. A copy of this report is available at <https://www.acse.org.au/resources>

The summary of the annual report included:

- Covid Responses - moving events online, not raising member fees, splitting sponsor fees into progress payments, new L&L event for sponsors
- Summary of events held online and rescheduling of awards
- Summary of engagement activities – university faculty meeting, associates network meetings, Women in Structural Engineering (WISE) network
- Certifications & D&BP Act response and draft certificate templates – subcommittee established, ACSE participation in forums, meeting with NSW certifiers, ACSE attendance at draft regulation policy roundtable meetings.

3. **Financial Summary**, Steve Wong, ACSE Treasurer

Steve Wong presented the Financial Report as contained within the Annual Report. The following points are noted:

- The balances are healthy with funds in both the term deposit and the bank account.
- The Association ran at a profit of \$5,078 in 2020.

❖ *Motion raised to accept the Financial Report by Joyce Lee and seconded Bruce Hutchison.*

Steve provided a summary of our six **Annual Industry Partnerships** and four Awards sponsors.

ACSE continues with a **Charity Partnership** with Partner Housing. Bruce Hutchison provided and summary of their work over the year.

4. **Membership Matters**, Stephen Giblett

Stephen provided summary of membership activity:

- 7 new senior members
- 5 new associate members
- 3 new life members

The new Associate Members Network is represented by Aaron Dewberry, who gave a summary of their activity including:

- Monthly meetings
- Board representative
- Practice papers
- High school outreach

Certificates and an official welcome were presented to 1 new senior member and 1 new associate member. The 3 new life members were also announced. The remaining certificates will be posted to the other new members. *Note most were not present at the event.*

5. **Election of the 2021 Board**

Acknowledgment of retiring board members:

- Stephen Giblett (served 6 years)
- Andrew Simpson (served 9 years)

Nominations for new board members were put forward as follows:

- ❖ *Nick Reichinger – put forward by Joyce Lee, seconded by Ali Habibi*
- ❖ *Andrey Kandic – put forward by Mick Jaroszewicz, seconded by Stephen Giblett*

Nominations to appoint office bearers were put forward as follows:

- ❖ *Ali Habibi becomes President - nominated by Joyce Lee, seconded by Matt Harding*
- ❖ *Paul Moore becomes Vice President - nominated by Joyce Lee, seconded by Mick Jaroszewicz*
- ❖ *Stephen Wong remains Treasurer and becomes Company Secretary - nominated by Joyce Lee, seconded by Paul Moore*

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

6. **New Presidents Address, Ali Habibi**

Ali thanked Joyce and identified his goal for his presidency is to elevate the profile of the Association with a focus on Social Media and PR.

7. **General Business** – open to the floor for members to submit matters for discussion.

Mick Jaroszewicz:

Requested that we consider ways to reach out to our older members more often with benevolent actions to engage with them. Could a group or network be established, and an event that would bring older members together. In the past it used to be Golf Day & there used to be a used to be a black-tie dinner event, which was well attended and very passionate event.

The Board agreed to discuss this further.

Vinay Rao:

Asked for clarification on the Board's position with the Associates writing and updating practice papers. He was advised that the Board would review a paper after an Associate has written it. More difficult papers such as the Concrete Code will be a more complex process.

A suggestion was made for a new practice paper on the recommended scope to comply with the building commission. It was agreed to do this after design and building practitioners code is up and running.

Andrey Kandic:

Requested that ACSE take a role forcing the issue of accreditation with the Building Commissioner. There is a question about the process and relevant body for assessing and approving accredited structural engineers for chartership and a concern that EA is too generic.

Andrew Derbidge:

Thanked and congratulate Board for running in a difficult year.

Mick Jaroszewicz:

Thanked and congratulated Joyce for performing the role of president so well.

Joyce Lee:

Thanked Chloe and acknowledged that ASCE wouldn't achieve half of what we need to without her.

Joyce closed proceedings at 6.45pm