

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 MINUTES

Tuesday 12 October, 6pm – 7pm, via Zoom

Due to Covid restrictions the AGM was conducted via Zoom.

Present online:

Chloe Wyatt, John Butterworth, Joyce Lee, Andrew Simpson, Ali Habibi, Paul Moore, Matt Harding, Mick Jaroszewicz, Alison Naimo, Steve Wong, Nick Reichinger, Richard Kell, Aaron Dewberry, Mitchell Starkey, Alan Wright, Andrey Kandic, Les Millist, Bruce Hutchinson

Apologies:

Nishmin Hallam

1. **Presidents Welcome:** Ali Habibi

At 5.50pm Ali opened the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.

- Ali acknowledged and welcomed everyone.
- Minutes from 2020 AGM were accepted.
- Matters arising from 2020 AGM minutes: ACSE response to D&BP Act

2. **Summary of the Annual Report:** Ali Habibi

The 85th 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 - year started with a couple of events in person (Pub Seminar, Lawn Bowls), during lockdown events were held online.
- Eleven monthly Board meetings - online
- Office Bearers:
President - Ali Habibi
Vice President - Paul Moore
Treasurer & Company Secretary - Steven Wong
Executive Officer - Chloe Wyatt
- Strategic Plan 2021
Membership - introducing tiered corporate membership
External Advocacy - priority organisations to build relationships with
Stakeholder Engagement - increase direct engagement with wider industry
Environmental Sustainability - sustainable procedures set for all activities
- Summary of engagement activities
Eight monthly 'Pub Seminars', Members Forums: C&BP (Sep & May), WISE Discussion Panel (Oct), Annual Awards (Dec), Lunch and Learn series (Nov), Barefoot Bowls (Apr).
- Education
Universities: Meeting with Head of Faculty
Guest lecture at Western Sydney
Career Promotion: Connection with EA for High School STEM
- Advocacy & Industry Engagement
D&BP Act Sub Committee: roundtables, government feedback, industry consultations, member forums, newsletters, webpage
Connected with Standards Australia
WISE women in structural engineering network

ACSE continues with a **Charity Partnership** with Partner Housing. Rod Johnston presented Partner Housing mission statement and provided a summary of their work during the year and thanks ACSE for the ongoing support.

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 \$11,867 in 2021.

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

- ❖ *Motion to accept the financial report put forward by Andrew Simpson and seconded by Bruce Hutchison*

4. **Membership Matters**, Joyce Lee

Joyce provided summary of membership activity:

- 5 new senior members
- 4 new associate members
- Total members at 30 June: 111 Seniors, 17 Associates, 13 Life

Joyce gave a summary of The Associate Members Network activity, represented by Aaron Dewberry, including:

- Monthly meetings
- Board representation

Certificates and an official welcome were presented to 5 new senior member and 4 new associate member.

Membership changes 2022

Strategic Plan - Membership Section

Introduction of tiered Corporate Membership - small, medium, large from July 2022

- ❖ *Acceptance vote to change Articles of Association – nominated by John Butterworth, seconded by Andrew Simpson*

5. Election of the **2022 Board**

Acknowledgment of retiring board members:

- Matt Harding (served 6 years)

Nominations for new board members were put forward as follows:

- ❖ *Andrew Derbidge, Partridge – nominated by Joyce Lee, seconded by Ali Habibi*
- ❖ *Mitchell Starkey, Robert Bird Group – nominated by Matt Harding, seconded by Alison Naimo*

Nominations to remain on the Board were put forward as follows:

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| Ali Habibi | Nishmin Hallam |
| Mick Jaroszewicz | Andrey Kandic |
| Joyce Lee | Paul Moore |
| Alison Naimo | Nick Reichenger |
| Steven Wong | |

❖ *Remianing Board members - nominated by Andrew Simpson, seconded by Les Millist*

Nominations for new office bearers were put forward as follows:

- ❖ *Ali Habibi to remain President – nominated by Nick Reichender, seconded by Joyce Lee*
- ❖ *Paul Moore to remain Vice President - nominated by Alison Naimo, seconded by Mick Jaroszewicz*
- ❖ *Steven Wong to remain Treasurer & Company Secretary - nominated by Paul Moore, seconded by Alison Naimo*
- ❖ *Chloe Wyatt to remain Executive Officer*

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

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

Impacts of D&BP

- Bruce - Asked how others were finding the registration process under the new regime particularly for those whose degrees pre-date the Washington Accord.
- General discussion of recognition of qualifications from overseas, which are shorter than the Washington Accord standard and Engineers Australia and compliance for chartership.
- Uncertainty about the registration for Engineers and Design Practitioners and what documents have to be uploaded.
- Paul advised that we will take the issue back to the Government Committee that invites feedback of the issues – Paul sits in on the monthly meetings.

Joyce – raised a query about criteria for our membership. A particular application has experience but doesn't have chartership due to a quirk of the EA criteria. Andrew advised that the Articles give the Board discretion.

ACSE Board – response to communications from members, particularly sole traders, having issues with obtaining insurance renewals, specifically in relation to class 2 buildings. Les Millist noted that Planned Cover assisted him finding a new policy and they were very good.

John Butterworth raised a question about government assisted insurance scheme has been suggested. Mick commented that it has been acknowledge by David Chandler.

Paul identified the difficulties for small builders working on shop fit outs and renovations in getting registered. He also advised that the Government has waived the insurance requirement in the registration process in recognition of the difficulties obtaining insurance.