

Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Region of the International Biometric Society

Wednesday 23rd November, 2022

The AGM was opened 1300h

In attendance:

Ian Renner, Brenton Clarke, Samuel Muller, Alice Richardson, Kevin Murray
Garth Tarr, Warren Muller, David Baird, Chris Brien, Sam Rogers, Berwin Turlach,
Francis Hui, Vanessa Cave, James Curran, Beatrix Jones, Esther Meenken, Chris Triggs,
Harold Henderson, Mathew Schofield, Richard Barker, Chaitanya Joshi.

21 members in attendance, therefore the AGM is quorate.

Apologies

Alan Welsh

Jennifer Wilcock

Moved Vanessa Cave "that these apologies be accepted" - approved

Previous Minutes

Any collections needed from the previous minutes

Motion from Vanessa Cave "2021 minutes are correct" - approved

Matters arising

None

President's Report

Welcome to the 2022 AGM. Thanks for taking the time to attend, either online or in person. It's been a privilege to serve you as President over the two years. This AGM is my final official duty as President, as I hand-over to my successor, James Curran, at the end of the AGM. Congratulations James – a fine choice for President!

Thanks

The success of our society is underpinned by the voluntary contributions of time, energy and expertise by our members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Regional Council for their dedicated and excellent service.

- David Baird as Secretary
- Ian Renner as Treasurer
- Sam Rogers as Membership Officer
- Emi Tanaka as Social Media Officer

- Warren Müller as Public Officer
- Garth Tarr as Biometric Bulletin correspondent, and
- Hans Hockey as Regional website manager
- James Curran as Vice President

Our region is very lucky to have strong representation at the international level thanks to:

- Chris Triggs
 - Executive Board member and ex-officio member of the Editorial Advisory Committee
- Ross Darnell, Samuel Muller and Kevin Murray
 - Our region's members on Representative Council
- Alan Welsh
 - Co-Editor of Biometrics
- Louise Ryan
 - Chair of the Nominating Committee and Chair of the Mentorship Oversight Committee
- Alison Kelly
 - Member of the Mentorship Oversight Committee
- And also to members from our region on the International Program Committee for 2021/21 Kerrie Mengersen (Chair), and Darfiana Nur, You-Gan Wang and David Warton (members)

Conferences

Being a non-conference year for our region, it's been a reasonably quiet year for the Council.

Our next regional conference, which was postponed for 2 years due to Covid, will take place November 2023 in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand. So please mark this date in your diary. I hope to see many of you there.

The next international conference is in December 2024 in Argentina, and in 2026 it will be in Korea. Something to think about is whether our region should consider hosting the IBC in 2028 /2030. It's been a wee while since we last hosted – 2004 in Cairns.

Thanks everyone.

Vanessa Cave

Treasurer's Report

Get from Ian

Recommendation from Council to increase annual dues to \$120
Motion from Vanessa to accept the Treasurer's report - approved

Review of the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report

The review is currently being carried out by Bob Forrester. Should be straightforward

Election of Officers

Only one nominee for each position so all are appointed

- David Baird as Secretary
- Ian Renner as Treasurer
- Sam Rogers as Membership Officer
- Emi Tanaka as Social Media Officer
- Warren Müller as Public Officer
- Garth Tarr as Biometric Bulletin correspondent, and
- Hans Hockey as Regional website manager

Vanessa Cave and James Curran respectively nominated all candidates except for Hans Hockey, who was nominated by Vanessa and seconded by David Baird.

There is no election of a Vice President this year, but there will be in 2023.

Conference in 2023

Planning for the next regional conference is starting to gear up. A revised MOU has been signed with the Millenium Copthorne Waitangi in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand. The conference will be called Biometrics in the Bay of Island and will be held jointly with SEEM. James Curran and Simon Urbanek has a very preliminary website up and running (<http://biometricsboi.nz>) and this will be revised as we progress. The Conference LOC consists of James Curran, Vanessa Cave, David Baird and Mathew Schofield (SEEM), and the Conference SPC: Esther Meenken and Ben Stevenson (SEEM)

Membership

An increase of USD5 (from USD60 to USD65) by the society has meant that the region needs increase its own fees. Our treasurer, Ian Renner looked at two models – an AUD10 increase and an AUD20 increase. The council felt that the latter keeps the society's finances in a more stable place, and thus voted for an increase. It is highly likely that we will have to revisit this decision in 1-2 years as further increases have been signaled by the society.

Motion Vanessa Cave “that membership fees increase to \$120 and \$60 for senior retirees” - approved

Other business

David Baird thanked Vanessa Cave for her service as President, and welcomed James Curran as the new President.

AGM officially closed at 1319