

AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFAA)

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MINUTES

DATE: 14 April, 2021

TIME: 6:30pm EDST

PLACE: By teleconference/videolink (Due to COVID-19 measures to limit social gatherings)

1. MEETING OPEN

2. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE

- Attendance: Iain Butterworth (President), Vanessa Adams (Treasurer), Earl Dudley (Public Officer), Caroline Smith (Secretary), Susanita Dudley, Peter Jarvis (General Member), Rod Kennett (General Member), Peter Kell, Jon Adams (General Member) left 7pm, Elizabeth Brooke (General Member) left 6.50pm, Angela Heise (General Member), Margaret Thornton, Gia Parish (left 6.56pm), Graham Oppy, Wendy Heatley

3. MINUTES FROM 2020

- An overview of the 2020 minutes was provided.

MOTIONS FOR MEMBER VOTE:

The 2020 minutes were noted as a true and accurate record of the 2020 AGM. Peter Jarvis moved motion to approve. Jon Adams seconded. All in favour.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Revenue of \$6277 in 2020, with a \$704 deficit
- Income per year appears to be stabilizing around \$6,000 and we are operating at close to break even on average most years.
- AFAA has around \$90,000 in assets, which should be creating revenue and there is a need to ensure this happens, for example through a managed account

MOTIONS FOR MEMBER VOTE:

The AGM accepts the 2020 financial report subject to receipt from the Auditor of a report stating that the financial statements provide a fair and accurate statement of the Association's statements as at 31 December 2020. If the Auditor raises any issues that need to be addressed, then the Committee will convene a special general meeting to address those issues.

VOTE: Iain Butterworth moved motion, seconded by Earl Dudley. All in favour.

5. WALKER FUND

- Iain Butterworth spoke to this item and noted consideration is required around the structure of the Fund.
- Susanita Dudley said that the Dudley family would make a contribution, and once COVID-19 vaccines had rolled out, there would be the opportunity for events to take

place. This would include events from alumni, and there would be the opportunity for other donations around particular themes eg climate change. These events would initially occur in Canberra but could occur in other states too.

- Discussion around the tax status of the Fund was also something that could be considered.

6. LEADERSHIP PROPOSALS

- Iain Butterworth provided an update on progress with the leadership proposals for AFAA, noting that some members had joined a Steering Group to progress these initiatives.
- While there had been another round of funding from the Commission and AFAA had made an application, this was not successful.
- Iain indicated that he was continuing efforts to work with Perpetual, with an open grant round anticipated in October
- Peter Jarvis proposed that \$5,000 be made available from AFAA funds to manage/match people as part of the mentoring proposal, which could form a motion

MOTIONS FOR MEMBER VOTE:

The AGM was asked to support seed funding of up to \$5,000 for the mentorship proposal, for the final review of the Committee and seeking any additional advice, including legal advice.

VOTE: Iain Butterworth moved motion, seconded by Peter Kell. All in favour.

7. COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC OFFICER NOMINATIONS

- Iain Butterworth noted that he had been in the role of President for 6 years, and he felt that fresh energy would be beneficial. Iain would be happy to transition to new leadership over a 6 month period.
- It was proposed that Earl Dudley be nominated to continue as Public Officer
- Nominations for Committee are:
 - I. Iain Butterworth –President (for 6 months)
 - II. Vanessa Adams – Treasurer
 - III. N/A – Vice President
 - IV. Caroline Smith - Secretary
 - V. Peter Jarvis – General Member
 - VI. Rod Kennett – General Member
 - VII. Angela Heise – General Member
 - VIII. Jon Adams – General Member

MOTION FOR MEMBERS VOTE

Susanita Dudley moved motion to approve. Seconded by Peter Kell. All nominations approved.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- NIL

MEETING CLOSED (7:30PM)