

AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFAA)

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MINUTES

DATE: Thursday 22 March, 2018

TIME: 5:30pm EDST

PLACE: In person and by teleconference: University House, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC

1. MEETING OPEN

2. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE

- Attendance: Iain Butterworth (President), Vanessa Adams (Treasurer, teleconference), Earl Dudley (Public Officer), Susanita Dudley, Peter Jarvis (Committee Member Elect), Daniel McNamara (Committee Member Elect, teleconference), Elizabeth Brooke, Melanie Poole, Belle Rudge, Amal Trivedi, Caroline Smith (Committee Member Elect), Jonathan Paget (Committee Member, teleconference)
- Apologies: Rosalind Hearder (Vice President), Harris Eyre (Committee Member),

3. PRESIDENT'S OPENING

- Opening of AGM by President Iain Butterworth
- Presidents Report

4. TREASURER'S REPORT Financial report and auditor report tabled. Motion to accept 2017 report. All in favor.

- Discussion around 2018 and future budgets following 2017 report. Membership continues to drop by 25% due to non-renewals or missing contacts (of 100 non-renewals 30 were due to lack of appropriate contacts when membership database transferred from Commission). Due to cycle of 1 and 5 year memberships expiring by 2019 lower income expected (~5K).
- Proposal to move to Bank Australia and to place ~70K of reserve into term deposits or higher interest rate savings accounts.

MOTIONS FOR MEMBER VOTE::

- Open a new Community Access account with two to sign permission at Bank Australia.
- Signatories will remain the same: President (Iain Butterworth) and Treasurer (Vanessa Adams)
- Once the account is opened transfer the full balance at St George (~90,000) to the Bank Australia account and close the St George account.
- Authorize Vanessa Adams and Iain Butterworth to approve investing a portion of the reserve into term deposits where appropriate.
- VOTE: ALL APPROVED
- **Walker fund annual donation** discussion– After several years of active conversations within the National Committee and with the broader membership base, we have come to the conclusion that there is a desire to maintain AFAA’s proud history of establishing and funding the WG Walker Scholarship. While our financial support of this fund will have to be modest, the Committee has proposed that we donate a fixed percentage of membership dues received each year. At 25% of membership dues this would be ~\$1,500 per annum. At 50% this would be ~\$3,000 per annum.
- RECOMMENDATION: Vote to implement a new policy of donating 25% of membership dues received on an annual basis to the Walker Fund. This would be calculated at year end (December 31) based on actual membership fees received and donated in January of the following year.
- VOTE ALL APPROVED

5. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- Nominations for Committee are:
- Continuing:
 - i. Iain Butterworth –President
 - ii. Vanessa Adams – Treasurer
 - iii. Rosalind Header – Vice President
 - iv. Rebecca Smith - Secretary
 - v. Harris Eyre – General Member
 - vi. Jonathan Paget – General Member
 - vii. Peter Jarvis – General Member
- New:
 - i. Caroline Smith – General Member
 - ii. Daniel McNamara – General Member
- VOTE: all nominations approved.
- ACTION: all committee members to provide full name and address to Vanessa to compile and provide Earl for ACT paperwork.

6. STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- Discussion around activities that AFAA can undertake to engage members and reinvigorate membership
- National event repeat in 2019 – in conjunction with Gala in Canberra
- Fundraising to support alumni scholarship or new initiative
- Continue to engage and support new scholars before, during and after fellowship year.
- Discuss with the Commission ongoing greetings/introductions with new scholars

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Nil

8. MEETING CLOSED (6:30PM)