



AIPPI AUSTRALIA INC
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
30 November 2020
Online via Videoconference

MINUTES

OPENING

The President, Matthew Swinn, declared the meeting open at 5pm and welcomed Members.

1. Attendance

Matthew Swinn, Sarah Matheson, Clare Cunliffe, Tom Reid, Richard Brown, Peter Franke, Ben Mott, Peter Treloar, Andrew Massie, Andre Meyer, Andrew Clarke, Kate Hay, Mark Metzeling, Nina Fitzgerald, Pasquale Aliberti, Paul Warden-Hutton, Robynne Sanders, Christian Schieber, Michael Dowling

2. Apologies and Proxies

Grant Fisher was an apology.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were circulated electronically prior to the meeting. Richard Brown moved that the Minutes be recorded as a true and correct record of the 2019 Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Treloar and passed unanimously.

4. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

The following Office Bearers and ordinary Committee Members were elected, with Damon Henshaw continuing to hold the position of Past President.

Non-Elected Office Bearers

Past President: Damon Henshaw



Elected Office Bearers

President: Matthew Swinn

Vice President: Sarah Matheson

Honorary Secretary: Tom Reid

Honorary Treasurer: Clare Cunliffe

Ordinary Committee Members

Peter Treloar

Richard Brown

Nina Fitzgerald

Peter Franke

Kate Hay

Andrew Clarke

The numbers of nominees for the positions of President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Ordinary Committee Member were, in each case, equal to the number of positions available, and so the persons named above were deemed elected automatically. No nomination was received by the required cutoff date for the position of Vice President. At the meeting, Matthew Swinn nominated Sarah Matheson for the position, and Peter Franke seconded the nomination. Ms Matheson accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Grant Fisher, Andrew Massie, and Ben Mott were invited to join the Committee as observers.

5. President's Report

Matthew Swinn spoke to the President's Report, which was circulated electronically prior to the meeting, and which was taken as read.

Mr Swinn added that this was a remarkable year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the shift of the seminar series to an online format, which had been highly successful. Mr Swinn thanked Clare Cunliffe in particular for leading this effort. Mr Swinn also noted the move to an online Congress and the difficulties that time zone differences had presented to the ability of the Australian group to participate. Despite these difficulties, members of the Association participated in a large number of sessions and made an active contribution to the development of the resolutions on the four Study Questions.



6. Treasurer’s Report

Clare Cunliffe spoke to the Treasurer’s Report, which was circulated electronically prior to the meeting, and which was taken as read.

Ms Cunliffe also referred to a draft financial report prepared by the Association’s accountants and circulated electronically prior to the meeting. Ms Cunliffe noted that the Association made small loss this year due to cost of catering for in-person seminars held prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. She proposed that the Committee explore keeping the series online to reduce costs. She noted the Committee will also consider a group participation rate for firms with a large number of attendees to reduce the administrative burden of multiple registrations. Lastly, the Committee will explore ways to use the surplus made by the Association’s subsidiary entity established for the Sydney 2017 Congress. The draft financial report was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

7. Secretary’s Report

Tom Reid spoke to the Secretary’s Report, which was circulated electronically prior to the meeting, and which was taken as read. Mr Reid had nothing to add to his written report.

The President’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, and Secretary’s Report were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

9. Next Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

10. Other Business

Peter Franke spoke further to the funds held by the Association’s subsidiary. Mr Franke will convene an annual general meeting of the subsidiary at which it is intended that Clare Cunliffe and Tom Reid be elected as directors for the purpose of being able to deal with the funds more easily. In accordance with private binding ruling obtained by the subsidiary, these funds must spent in accordance with entity’s approved purpose.

There being no other business, Matthew Swinn closed the meeting at 5:36pm.