

Australian Museums and Galleries Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2021
12.30 - 1.00 AEST
National Convention Centre, Canberra

2021 Minutes

1. Robin Hirst welcome members to the AGM and acknowledged the Indigenous Peoples on who's land the meeting was being held.
Robin noted that the AGM was being held 9 days late, however, AMaGA had informed the ACNC. Future AGM's will need to be held in a timely manner, even if this is not in line with conference dates.
2. **Attendees**

Holly Anderson	Ashleigh Giffney	Alex Marsden
Kate Armstrong	Penny Grist	Peter Mascini
Cameron Auty	Sarah Gurich	Rebecca McDuff
Emma Bain	Vick Gwyn	Curtis Mckinley
Julie Baird	Stephanie	Craig Middleton
Malcolm Beazley	Hamilton	Julie Monro-
AM	David Hampton	Allison
Adam Bell	Rowan	Vicki Northey
Shane Breynard	Henderson	Mandy Paul
Janet Carding	Robin Hirst	Rebecca Pinchin
Carol Cartwright	Alissa Jones	Katie Russell
Rebecca Coronel	Lynda Kelly	Pippa Thorogood
Robyn Daw	Joan Kelly	McLennan
Celia Dottore	Imogen Kennard-	Annette Turner
Louise Douglas	King	Keir Winesmith
Nina Earl	Jacqueline	Wendy Wood
Simon Elliott	Kennedy	
Sarah Gallagher	Evie Kollas	
Wendy Garden	Margaret Lovell	
3. **Apologies and proxies**
Amy Dale, Judy Coombes; Lee Scott, Margaret Birtley, Roger Garland, Barbara Reeve, Kym Matthews
4. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2020**
Minutes of the 2020 AGM were made available to members online prior to the meeting.
The motion was put:
 - a. *MOTION: That the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record*

Moved Simon Elliot, Seconded Wendy Garden: Carried
5. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
6. **Annual Activities Report**
 - a. The Activities Report was given by AMaGA's outgoing president, Robin Hirst
 - i. COVID continues to impact the Association. It has been difficult to hold face-2-face member programs and most events throughout 2020 have been held online. The conference is particularly impacted by recent border closures. It

is important to keep AMaGA's staff and members safe, and AMaGA will be reviewing policies and procedures for future events.

- ii. Despite the COVID impacts AMaGA finances have improved in 2020.
 - iii. Thanks to AARNet for their ongoing support with Zoom licences. Zoom has allowed AMaGA to hold National and State based webinar programs that have been widely adopted by our members and the sector. Zoom has also enabled AMaGA to operate as a cohesive organisation.
 - iv. AMaGA's new branding has been finalised.
 - v. The Roadmap has been embraced
 - vi. AMaGA thanks The Wood Foundation for their financial support of the CORE Cultural Capability program rollout.
 - vii. Thanks to Marcus Clarke and Deanne Fitzgerald, our co-opted councillors for their wise and frank advice.
 - viii. Thanks to ACT branch and conference organising committee, who have worked hard for two years to deliver the conference, after its postponement in 2020.
 - ix. The 2020 awards were presented online – the National Winner was Bay Discovery Centre.
 - x. Membership numbers held steady with only a 4% fall, from an expected 15%. New member numbers are often driven by the conference, the postponement therefore impacting member numbers.
 - xi. Thanks to National Council for their service over the past two years. Special thanks to the executive, VP Simon Elliot, Secretary Carol Cartwright and Treasurer Marg Lovell.
 - xii. Thanks to AMaGA's staff, both in the National Office and the branches. And for the volunteer branch and network committees.
 - xiii. Thanks to Alex for her 6 years' service as the National Director and for her great leadership in advocacy and strategic thinking.
 - xiv. Robin wishes Katie Russell, the new National Director, success.
 - xv. Robin reflected on the highlights of his 4 years as President including the strategic review, rebranding, Alice Springs conference, Roadmap launch; and his pride in the organisation, the Council, National Office and branches.
- b. The motion to adopt the Annual Report, as distributed electronically and available online, was put to the meeting:

MOTION: That the 2020 Annual Report be accepted (as distributed electronically, and available on www.amaga.org.au)

Moved Penny Grist, Seconded Simon Elliot: Carried

7. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Marg Lovell presented the Audited Annual Financial Statement, audited by Anthony Wilson, to the meeting. Marg reported that:
 - i. Despite the havoc on the sector of COVID AMaGA had a sound financial result for the year. This was a result of staff employment being supported by JOBKEEPER and other stimulus packages. Also, a standout was the national webinar program and the steady membership income.
 - ii. The year resulted in a surplus of \$283k, resulting in \$433k equity at the end 2020, which is an improvement of \$100k on the result at the end of 2019.
- c. The motion to adopt the financial statements and lodge them with the ACNC was put to the meeting:

MOTION: That the audited financial reports for the year 2020 be approved for lodgement with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC)

Moved Marg Lovell, Seconded Vicki Northey: Carried

- b. Marg, as the outgoing Treasurer, thanked Robin for his leadership, Alex for her friendship, Katie for taking on the role, Carol for being a powerhouse – particularly with regards to securing sponsorship, the Council and National Office and Lee Scott. Robin responded by thanking Marg for her service as Treasurer over the past 6 years – It is all treasurer’s goal to leave an organisation in a better financial position than when you started. Well done.

8. **Appointment of Auditor for the Association for 2021**

- a. *MOTION: Consistent with item 37 of the AMaGA Constitution, that Anthony Wilson be appointed as Auditor for the Association for the year 2021*

Moved Marg Lovell, Seconded Rowan Henderson: Carried

9. **Appointment of the National Council 2021-2023** (Returning Officer: Carol Cartwright)

- a. All National Council positions were declared vacant.
- b. The incoming National Council for 2021-2023 was announced.

As Returning Officer of the Elections Committee, I am satisfied that suitable checks regarding member status and the distribution of votes has been carried out, and that the voting intentions of the members were correctly recorded. I am happy to endorse the outcome of the election as stated below:

Cameron Auty
Victoria Gwyn
Nina Earl
Janice Rieger
Lynda Kelly
Jane King

I have not thought it necessary to specify the numbers of votes cast for each candidate, but no doubt that can be made available if required by members.

The executive positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary were nominated without opposition and are filled by:

President	Seb Chan
Vice-president	Julie Baird
Secretary	Craig Middleton

There were no nominations for the position of Treasurer. The incoming Council will consider options for filling this position.

Welcome to the new National Council for 2021-2023.

On behalf of the incoming Council, Vice-President Julie Baird thanked Carol for taking on the role of Returning Officer and thanked the outgoing Council for their great work, in particular the launch of the Roadmap.
Welcome to the future.

10. **Close**