

Australian Museums and Galleries Association Special General Meeting

Monday 26 November 2018
5.00 – 5.30
Canberra Museum and Gallery
Canberra

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome and acknowledgements

President, Robin Hirst, welcomed members to the Special General Meeting. The President thanked Canberra Museum and Gallery director, Shane Breynard, for generously hosting the Special General Meeting.

2. Attendance, Apologies and proxies

Attendance

Holly Anderson
Kate Armstrong
Malcolm Beasley
Margaret Birtley
Grace Blakeley-Carroll
Shane Breynard
Penny Grist
Sheridan Burnett
Carol Cartwright
Rebecca Coronel
Mark Crees
Michelle Davenport
Suzanne Davies
Lucinda Davison
Louise Douglas
Natalie Evans

Roger Garland
Stephanie Hamilton
Guy Hanson
Felicity Harmey
Rowan Henderson
Robin Hirst
Beth Hise
Georgina Holt
Roslyn Hull
Lynda Kelly
Evie Kollas
Margaret Lovell
Alex Marsden
Peter Mascini
Jim McCann
Rhiannah McIntyre

Craig Middleton
Allister Mills
Kate Morschel
Bernice Murphy
Vicki Northey
Stephanie Pfennigwerth
Rebecca Pinchin
Sam Rutter
Ilka Schacht
Lee Scott
Maggie Solly
Debbie Sommers
Amanda Swadling
Soula Veyradier

Apologies and proxies

Debbie Abrahams
Margaret Anderson
Margaret Anderson (Organisation)
Emma Bain
Julie Baird
Alice Beale
Christen Bell
Christen Bell (Organisation)
Anne Bennie
Ralph Body
Jessica Bouton
Paul Bowers
Sarita Burnett
Janet Carding
Janet Carding (Organisation)
Natalie Carfora
Stephanie Chinneck
Alice Clanachan
Pauline Cockrill
Alec Coles
Alec Coles (Organisation)
Erin Dampney
Katie Davies
Jessica Davies
Karina Devine
Ellie Downing
Simon Elliott
Simone Ewenson

Ross Farnell
Mariae Fisher
Padraic Fisher
Stephen Forbes
Bridget Forbes
Regan Forrest
Claire Gervasoni
Lyn Gorman
Christine Grayden
Mirna Heruc
Josef Hextall
Sally Hirst
Andrew Hiskens
Janet Howse
Gabrielle Hyslop
Natalie Ison
Amanda James
Lisa Jones
Jane King
Jane King (Organisation)
Kryisia Kitch
Jade Koekoe
Brian Leadbeatter
Elana Leske
Tony Lewis
Wendy Lugg
Rebecca Lush
Gregory Mackie

Catherin Manning
Amelia Marra
Janie Mason
Lauren McAlary
Pip McNaught
Laura Miles
Lauretta Morton
Rosin O'Dwyer
Dawn Oelrich
Brian Oldman
Kitty Owens
Veronika Petroff
Vicki Pow
Ben Pratten
Helen Rayment
Barbara Reeve
Anna Rivett
Ashley Robertson
Duncan Rolley
Katrina Ross
Mary Ryan
Jennifer Sanders
Cindy Seeberger
Gabrielle Sexton
Michael Smith
Catherine Speck
Toner Stevenson
Timothy Stranks

Deborah Tout-Smith
Mat Trinca
Mat Trinca (Organisation)
Leisha Walker
Sue-Anne Wallace
Ian Watts
Oliver Webeck

David Webster
Mark Whitmore
Helen Whitty
Peter Wilkins
Lola Wilkins
Jared Wilkins
Emma Williams

Kylie Winkworth
Elsbeth Wishart
Amy Wolgamot
Marie Wood
Linda Young

3. Report from the President on activities and progress

President, Robin Hirst, summarised the history that led to the Strategic Review, which in turn informed the development of the Corporate Strategic Plan and association name change. The President emphasised that the core business of the Association has not changed, and continued throughout the review process. A full report on the Strategic Review is available on the national website.

4. Members' comments

The floor was opened to members' comments on the resolution.

Member, Margaret Birtley, delivered a prepared statement against the resolution, outlining her concerns regarding the consultation process, a possible conflict of the proposed new name with other association names, and the potential financial cost of changing the name.

Life Member, Bernice Murphy, responded that, in the long history of the association, she was now of the view that the proposed change of name had been well investigated and a solid case made, in the interests of inclusion.

National Director, Alex Marsden, addressed the concerns raised by Margaret Birtley, stating that an extensive research and consultation process had been undertaken and that the financial cost of transitioning to a new name, if it was adopted, had been budgeted for and was not substantial.

5. Vote on the resolution

The President asked members present to vote for the resolution:

Resolutions of the National Council of Museums Australia Incorporated for the purposes of section 38 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991

*The Association wishes to change its name to **Australian Museums and Galleries***

Association. *The Association resolves that:*

- 1 *In accordance with section 38 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 the Association changes its name to Australian Museums and Galleries Association.*
- 2 *The Public Officer is authorised to ensure that an application is made to the Registrar-General to change the name of the Association to Australian Museums and Galleries Association.*

Counting was conducted by National Office staff and overseen by the Public Officer, Rebecca Coronel. Proxies had been checked for eligibility and counted prior to the meeting.

Including proxies, the total vote was 82% in favour of the resolution. The Association Incorporation Act 1991 requires 75% in favour for the purposes of changing the association's name.

In favour: 124 Against: 28 Abstain: 2

Moved: Robin Hirst
Seconded: Margaret Lovell
The resolution was carried

6. Close of Business