

2022 ASTC Annual General Meeting on October 19, 2022



Minutes

Present

Ana Young (arrived late)	David Cross	Melissa Teo
Annabel O'Connor	Grant Noble	Michelle Hornstein
Brendan Angelo (Zoom operator)	Dave Newdick (meeting chairperson)	Roslyn Abela
Carl Sarelius	Janet Taylor (minute taker)	Sarah Stubbs
Colin Sheppard	Jason Xiros	Scott Truelove
Dave Newdick		

1. Welcome and opening of meeting by Dave Newdick

President, Janet Taylor, welcomed everyone to the meeting and then handed the meeting over to past president, Dave Newdick, who chaired the meeting.

2. Briefing on the procedures of the meeting through Zoom

Dave Newdick informed everyone that the meeting was to be recorded to ensure we had an accurate recording of this evening's proceedings. All participants were asked to display their first and last names on their screens so that their membership status could be confirmed.

David Cross will monitor the voting results. There were no proxy votes.

Dave described the method of notifying comments and that voting (polling in Zoom-speak) results are anonymous.

Former member, **Brendan Angelo** controlled the Zoom process.

3. Apologies

Apology received from Anabel O'Connor.

4. Tabling of previous AGM (12 Oct 2021) minutes

Motion:

To accept the minutes from the 2021 AGM.

Moved by Janet Taylor, seconded by Jason Xiros. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

Report presented by Janet Taylor.

The president, Janet Taylor, read a summary of the report, the majority of which was to thank last year's committee members for the particular tasks that they did.

Motion: Acceptance of report.

Moved by Grant Noble, seconded by Carl Sarelius, approved unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Carl Sarelius

Carl reported that transactions were light in this financial year.

The bank account, as at the time of meeting was: \$60,368.00

Motion: Acceptance of report: Report accepted unanimously.

7. Special resolutions - Constitution update

The Special Resolution is:

That the current constitution be amended replace gender specific terms (he/she) with non-gender specific terms (they); and remove the nominator requirement (clause 48).

Moved by Janet Taylor, seconded by Grant Noble, approved unanimously.

8. Discharge the committee and election of the new committee

Committee was discharged.

Janet Taylor, outgoing president, thanked the 2021-2022 committee members for their dedication and time in the past year.

No late nominations were received.

Officers elected for the year 2022-23:

- President: **Grant Noble** – proposed & seconded by Grant Noble and David Cross
- Vice President – no nominations. **Jason Xeros** subsequently accepted this role.
- Secretary – no nominations
- Treasurer – no nominations. **Carl Sarelius** accepted the position from the floor.

Ordinary **committee members** elected for the year 2022-23.

Nomination received from: and were seconded by:

Colin Sheppard	David Newdick
David Stephenson	David Cross
Melissa Teo	Janet Taylor
Michelle Hornstein	Janet Taylor
Julia Ponder	Janet Taylor
Sarah Stubbs	Grant Noble.

9. General discussion

Grant Noble thanked the outgoing president, Janet Taylor for her work for the past years and specifically for the 2022 conference. Janet replied that this would definitely be the last conference that she organised.

Grant also said that he would like to do a SWAT analysis of the society's strengths and weaknesses to review the society's forward direction. This to be organised as soon as possible.

The other item that Grant would like to deal with, specifically, is the web site. Do we change the platform? Is the content as good as it can be?

Dave Newdick pointed out that the website is crucial to our membership.

Brendan Angelo asked if we had any ideas of what we want the website to look like and what functions it should have. Brendan offered his services to transform the site should it be required. Brendan said that there were many other CMS systems that were easy-to-use as website platforms that we could move to.

Ana Young emphasised that it didn't matter what platform or CMS was used but the content and the people to do the maintenance of the content was the essential ingredient.

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Michelle Hornstein raised the subject of social media and how we really need a plan for updates.

Jason Xeros moved that we include a thank you for our administrator, **Karen Barnett**, who handles all our administration business so diplomatically and in such a timely manner.

10. Close of meeting

The meeting's Chair, Dave Newdick, closed the meeting at 9.20pm