

Malacological Society of Australasia Ltd

Annual General Meeting 2019

Date: Wednesday the 27th of November, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm AEST

Venue: Zoom e-meeting (ID: 659 051 794)

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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome (Lisa)

Lisa welcomed all members to the AGM. The minimum quorum was not reached (11 members present), so three members will meet to sign and approve the motions in the coming week.

ACTION: Lisa, Carmel and a third council member to meet in the coming week, to sign and approve the motions of this AGM.

2. Apologies (Priscila) – Bob Creese, Simon Grove, Felicity Masters , Rachel

Przeslawski, David Dedenczuk

3. Approval of last AGM Minutes (Lisa)

Lisa made a motion to approve the 2018 AGM minutes. The motion was seconded by Carmel.

4. President's Report (Lisa)

Lisa presented the president's report, which will also be circulated with the minutes, and made available on the website, along with the AGM minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report / Financial Statement (Carmel)

Carmel presented the treasurer's report, which will also be circulated with the minutes. She noted that there is a decrease in the last financial year (due to the 2018 conference expenses), but pointed out that MSA is currently in a solid financial

position. Our main expense is with research grants (and conference travel grants in conference years), as Taylor & Francis covers the Molluscan achievement awards. Even though the majority of MSA's income is from Taylor&Francis contribution (51%, kindly donated by Don to MSA), the membership revenue has increased last year and covers our core expenses (but is still below the revenue from other conference years). Regarding the insurance, its cost is AUS1186.00 per year, and the policy will cover our next conference in Perth 2021.

6. Membership Report (Matt)

Matt presented a membership report: There are 94 members, of which 70 are from Australia and New Zealand, 62 are ordinary members, and 9 are students (3 awardees). It is the lowest number of members since 2014.

ACTION: Matt to look at the membership types of this year and compare it with previous years to determine where we are losing members

7. Grants and Awards (Lisa, Carmel)

Within the president's report, Lisa presented a list of the grants and awards that were handed out during the year. The list of the grants and awards to be distributed next year (not a conference year) is:

- Achievement award (February)
- Research grants (end of June)

Lisa made a motion to require that applicants to the research grants are members of MSA at the time of submission, which was seconded by Carmel. The change will be implemented in the coming year.

An increase in the amount granted was suggested, and should be discussed by the council next year.

ACTION: Council to discuss the amount to be increased in the research grants in the coming year

8. Media (Carmel, Lisa)

Lisa and Carmel presented a brief report of the social media and advertisement achievements of the society during the year and also pointed out what to keep and what to change in the coming year:

- the creation of a slogan to MSA ("More than just a shell"), which we should use more often from now onwards;
- The design of t-shirts, led by Kerry Walton (discuss the possibility of making them available in a broader scale, or of including them in a membership pack);
- The wide representation of MSA on the World Congress of Malacology;
- Photography competition, which has proven to be viable, even though it needs larger exposure and a longer time for submissions. The concept was developed this year, and next year it will be improved by implementing the following changes: submissions will be longer and

exposure will be larger, including a full page on the newsletter. Varied contributions will be sought by asking for a short caption, which will allow submissions of images such as SEMs, as well as of conventional photos. Photos submitted this year will be rolled up for next year's competition.

- Twitter account: Carmel pointed out that she is taking care of MSA's twitter account, and mainly using it to publicise articles from the journal, as well as MSA notices also posted on Facebook (such as the membership advertisement that she posted on Facebook).

9. Journal Report (Don)

Don presented the journal report, which will also be circulated with the minutes. In particular, Don mentioned that he would like to increase the representation of women on the board.

10. Molluscs 2021 (Lisa)

The organizing committee members to the next MSA conference is: Lisa Kirkendale (chair), Peter Middelfart, Nerida Wilson and Corey Whisson (members), and Simon Hills (MSA representative). Carmel offered her help, but is not officially in the committee.

11. Newsletter Report (Platon)

Platon presented the Newsletter report, which will also be circulated with the minutes.

12. 2019 Honorary Member (Platon)

Platon announced that honorary membership was granted to Don and Val Cram, for their outstanding contribution to the field.

13. Election of Officers.

All members supported the election of officers. The motion was seconded by Carmel and Platon.

President: Simon Hills

Vice President: Kirsten Benkendorff

Treasurer: Carmel McDougall

Secretary: Priscila Salloum

Journal Editor: Don Colgan

Membership Secretary: Matt Nimbs

Newsletter Editor: Platon Vafiadis

Web Admin and Councillor (ACT): Rachel Przeslawski

Councillor (WA): Lisa Kirkendale

Councillor (NZ): Kerry Walton

Councillor (NSW): Bob Creese

Councillor (QLD): Felicity Masters

Councillor (NSW): Steve Smith

Councillor (NSW): Wayne O'Connor

Councillor (TAS): Simon Grove (pending confirmation)

Councillor (NT): Richard Willan (pending confirmation)

14. Other business

Richard Willan asked for an update regarding the branches, specifically the Queensland branch. Carmel explained that the Queensland branch has not fulfilled MSA formal roles as for MSA's constitution, so they no longer use MSA's name. Platon gave an update regarding the Victoria branch, which is small and still deals with tensions regarding the focus to take (a malacology focus versus a more shell collection focus), but they do not want to lose the connection with MSA. Lisa suggested that the Queensland branch issue is something to be considered to work out a solution.

15. Close of meeting (Lisa)

Lisa closed the meeting by thanking all member for their attendance.

ADDENDUM

Lisa made a motion to approve the 2018 AGM minutes, which was seconded by Priscila;
Lisa made a motion to elect the following council for 2020, which was seconded by Carmel:

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