

WORONI

Australian National University Student Media

Annual General Meeting
27 March 2016

Minutes

Meeting Opens 12.12pm

Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, of elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

Today we will be going over the happenings of the year, overview of what we've done, present financial reports and allow for questions.

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EIC Waheed Jayhoon passes the Chair to Board Member, Daniel McKay, for the duration of the meeting.

Attendance/Apologies

Mitchell Scott

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: To accept last year's minutes.

Ben Creelman: We need the minutes of the previous AGM not the minutes of the SGM last year. Where are they, Can we get an explanation?

Waheed: My understanding that they are online. They will be put up online and they will be passed at the next meeting.

Ben Creelman: Misspelling of Nalbiri people

Moved : Waheed Jayhoon

Seconded: Ivo Vekemans

Abstention: Ben Creelman, Rowan Rowlands

Editor-in-Chief's Annual Report

To give ANSUM, comprehensive and complete insight into operations
Taken as read.

Questions:

Ben Creelman: Can you comment on the number of resignations that have happened?

Waheed: They have been mentioned. Andrew and Maddie and have thanked them for their contribution.

Motion to accept: Liam Osawa

Seconded: Joanne Leong

Passed

Managing Editor's Financial Report and Budget

Taken budget as read.

Financial report as read.

Discrepancies between 2014 and 2015. Last semester there was a drop in expenses due to less events etc.

Had a good semester. We are printing a lot more papers for the first edition because we decided they would go in show bags.

Website development is an issue. We have scheduled money for the project but not much progress, need to focus on that.

Developing partnership with Dendy where we get free tickets, and with Lifeline where we collaborate on events and give them free advertising.

Also collaborating with new things, like a redbull event, to try and get more people interested in Woroni

Good progress has been made and looking forward to next semester.

Ben Creelman: Are they considered together? Budget needs to be approved at this meeting. I like the financial report. Very good.

Procedural to move.

Motion to accept: Waheed Jayhoon

Seconded: Ria Pflaum

Passed

Motion to pass financial report

Moved by: Ivo Vekemans

Seconded: Ben Creelman

Passed

Qs on Budget

Creelman: Some of these to EIC. Constitution states honoraria is approved by GM of Association. Is the approval for honoraria included in accepting this budget?

There was no mention of honoraria at the last AGM.

Liam: Payment is done through board approval, usually every quarter, releasing the initial motion as it is not practical.

Ben: Honoraria is not an expectation, it's a payment in support that is approved by the membership. I don't see how you could approve ahead of time when its explicitly meant to be approved by association, membership is satisfied of the work.

Liam: I don't know the legal side of it but we still get taxed.

Waheed: My understanding is that we didn't include that last year, but the budget you're approving is for the following year. I might be wrong, Brendan Greenwood indicated we should go about it in this way.

Ben Creelman: This could be solved by having more general meetings.

Liam: Yes for sure

Waheed: Beyond the scope but if you read the EIC report, there is discussion of constitutional review committee open to all members to address issues like these.

Creelman: Every editor is paid SSAF over course of their term. There needs to be a reasonable amount of clarity of where it gets spent. I question if current procedure satisfies the provision around honoraria.

Liam: It's \$48,000 altogether which is large. In terms of editors, we need to support those who want to do these roles. They are working 25 - 30hrs a week – some more, some less – it is important for everyone to have the ability to do the job because it does mean that having another job is difficult. I am happy to open up discussion and have more meetings and consultations. This is very important.

Ben Creelman: I would like to note that I support honoraria.

Moved: Waheed

Seconded: Tom Kesina

Abstentions: Michael Turvey

Passed

Motion: that the Association passes the special resolution and adopts constitutional amendments.

Waheed to address:

Both draft and summary of changed available on website.

1. Financial year is currently listed as 31st dec to 31st nov, there is a month missing, and after talking with Michael Curtotti and Brendan its clear that this was a typo.
2. no internal policy about how much notice, hold deputy accountable - make sure there is reasonable notice.

3. removal of Press Council Principles. These can be referred outside scope of the constitution as they are outdated.

Questions:

Creelman: PCP, doing this won't alter the binding nature of the principles.

Waheed: Not at all. Removing appendix means that the press principles are those that are up to date and has no bearing on the obligations on the editors.

Creelman: Breaches of PCP will still be breach of Constitution.

Micheal Turvey: Note the fact that this meeting was called 21 days, but resolutions also require 21 days before the meeting.

Waheed: Mitch made the Constitutional ruling to give week long constitutional hearing session and after that he decided to call the AGM on the assumption that no one was going to add amendments. Reminder that ANUSM can hold a meeting if there are pressing issues.

Moved: Waheed

S: Iva

Abstentions: Liam

Appointment: G&D panel

Waheed: How it works is that there are three members, one appointed internally, one at an AGM and third member of staff. Currently, Roxanne Missingham is the Returning Officer.

Position means that any time an editor or member writes a formal complaint, the G&D panel Constitutionally obligated to review and make a ruling. Whether or not there is a decision is fine. They can do nothing in the way of removing someone from the Association. In practice it is very much like the ANUSA Disputes committee and anyone is allowed to nominate.

Gregory; member of disputes panel has to be an ANUSA member.

Waheed: this extends to PASRA as well.

Nominations: Ben Creelman

Move that Ben Creelman be accepted

Move: Waheed

Seconded: Alex Merrick

Duly elected

Comments from other Editors

None

Other Business

Questions

Creelman: I have questions for Mitch but seeing as he is not here I will see if anyone else can answer them. The timing of the meeting. Was the board aware that the timing is in violation of the -5 months of end of financial year. End of April not end of May.

Waheed: Mitch raised this and then he used his discretion to rule 31st of December.

Ben Creelman: So he noted it was wrong and did it wrong.

W: I can't comment, he made a call.

Ben Creelman: Again, I am aware that the Deputy had the capacity to interpret the constitution. But there is also the power for GM to overrule that. The point is that the items for the agenda papers were produced late and would like it noted that the deputies interpretation is in direct contravention of ASIC.

Also, production of board minutes. I understand that they are available for request. Is there a reason why they're not published on the website?

Waheed: Nope. I personally think that they should be.

Ben Creelman: It shouldn't be an issue to publish the non-confidential parts of board minutes.

Waheed: Board meetings are open to any member except for when confidential items are discussed. And items can be struck as confidential by any member – that's my interpretation. The board doesn't have to pass that these be made publicly available.

C; I was considering a motion. Is Woroni committed to transparency? I was told board meetings were not open. Last year I requested that I be allowed to attend and I was told I wasn't allowed to do it.

W: Mitch isn't here so I can't answer. He can be contacted.

Tom: What's the timeline for constitutional reform working group?

Daniel: Hasn't been confirmed. We will discuss it in the first board meeting with new board

Ben Creelman: I understand that Jacob mentioned he had governance reform, did any of that end up happening?

Waheed: The rest of his term was 1.5 weeks. I think one of the things he asked for was a conflict of interest reform.

Ben Creelman: G&D panel report. Is it going to be published? The one concerning Jacob, Maddie, Giordi, Mitch etc.

Waheed: I received that and I believe they need to be made publicly available and it will be done by end of my term. The G&D report is not one that needs to be passed but I will put them up with SGM minutes.

End of meeting.

Closed: 12.57pm