



Australian Association for Adolescent Health Limited
(incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001)

Annual General Meeting
Friday 29 November 2019 – 1:15-2.15pm (AEST)
Pullman Melbourne on the Park
192 Wellington Parade, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia

DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Welcome & Apologies

The President, Melissa Kang opened the meeting at 1.23pm and welcomed attendees. It was confirmed that a quorum had been met.

Melissa Kang acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which this meeting was taking place and paid her respects to the respective Elders of these lands, past, present and future.

Present:

Melissa Kang (AAAH Ltd President, Director), Marc Zen (AAAH Ltd Secretary, Director), Angela Grant (AAAH Director), Geraldine Dyer (AAAH Director), David Perez (AAAH Director), Rohan Borschmann (AAAH Director), David Bennett, Kate Thompson, Jennifer Marino, Daniela Feuerlicht, Jane Ho, Georgia Carr, Ella Cehun, Kate Steinbeck, Molly O'Sullivan, Mitchell Smith, Greg McGahan, Simon Denny, Bright Ahinkorah, Kristina Bennett, Deborah Bateson, Sally Gibson, Graham Lane, Anisa Assifi, Ellen Sinclair, Angela Myles, Julie Adamson, Susan Sawyer, Dan Waller, Karen Spielman, Christine Cammell, Kevin Shi.

Apologies:

Jonathan Kirkham

Proxies Received:

1 proxy form had been received from Jonathan Kirkham, and Jonathan appointed Rohan Borschmann as his proxy to vote as he saw fit.

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2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2018

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2018 were taken as read.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting as a true and accurate record.

Proposer – Angela Grant

Seconder – Geraldine Dyer

Approved by majority. MOTION CARRIED.

3. President's Report

Melissa Kang presented a summary of her President's Report which was circulated prior to the AGM, which are attached to these Minutes. Melissa asked for questions from Members present, and there were no questions.

Melissa Kang (MK) wanted to acknowledge the board and thanked them for their support of herself as President and in organising conference. The board had been stable and undertook strategic thinking and planning.

MOTION: To accept the President's Report for 2019

Proposer Georgia Carr

Seconder – Rohan Borschmann

4. Treasurer's Report

David Perez, Acting Treasurer provided a summary of the Treasurer's Report which was circulated prior to the AGM. Please refer to Treasurer's Report attached to these Minutes.

David Perez reported that the Association had received no federal or state government funding and ran on membership income and a small profit from the conference.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report for 2019

Proposer – Marc Zen

Seconder - Mitchell Smith

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5. Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2019

The accounts had been distributed to Members prior to the AGM for consideration.

MOTION: To accept the Financial Report

Proposer – Marc Zen

Seconder - Mitchell smith

6. Election of Board Directors

Melissa Kang Reported to the Members that as per the Constitution, 2 Directors had concluded their first term and are required to stand down. One further Director who was Co-Opted to fill a casual vacancy had also stood down.

Directors Stepping Down were:

- Rohan Borschmann
- David Perez
- Jessica Harper
- 2 other Directors stood down during 2019, being Carla Browne and Rachel Bienenstock.

2 of the Directors stepping down were entitled to re-nominate.

Nominations were received from:

- Rohan Borschmann – Ordinary Director
- Ella Cehun – Ordinary Director
- Simon Denny – Ordinary Director
- Jacqueline Hendriks – Ordinary Director
- David Perez – Treasurer
- Kate Thompson – Ordinary Director

5 Elected Positions were available, and these were filled as per the following results:

- 4 Ordinary Directors
 - Rohan Borschmann
 - Kate Thompson
 - Ella Cehun
 - Simon Denny
- Treasurer – David Perez

Two Casual Vacancies were available, and the Board would review and fill these positions at the next Board Meeting in 2020 or throughout the year.

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While votes were tallied, MK explained the number of Directors and necessity of nominations and voting in accordance with constitution. MK discussed the highlights of the conference and welcomed the Indonesian Masters Student.

MK was thrilled that AAAH now had two young people on the board, it had long been strived for and their election warmly welcomed.

7. Special Resolution – Amendments to Constitution, the following changes are requested to be considered at the AGM (refer Appendix A – attached)

Amendments to Constitution, the proposed changes which were circulated to Members prior to the AGM were requested to be considered - refer to Appendix A.

MK read aloud the proposed changes and provided an explanation to those attending.

MK noted that there was 1 proxy received from Jonathan Kirkham, and Rohan Borschmann would be voting as he saw fit on Jonathan's behalf.

MK asked the meeting if there were any questions, which there were none.

Each proposal was read out and by a show of hands by attending for acceptance, **ALL PRESENT AGREED.**

8. Any other business

- **Kevin Shi, student at Monash University** thanked the association for including the Young Person Membership free of charge.

Further discussion included:

- Area for advocacy, Newstart, Youth and equity in society.
- MK discussed with those present the process of advocacy – including writing papers and released position statements to current political issues; which are on AAAH website.
MK suggested Kevin to attend a board meeting to discuss these issues further.
- Discussion on importance of formal and informal partnerships such as RACP, and invitations for the association to make joint and independent submissions.
- **Member Survey** - MK invited Members to fill out the 2019 Member Survey which would be circulated by the Secretariat.
- **Smita Shah – Climate change :**
Smita suggested AAAH could work with young people to address issues of climate change on AAAH behalf.
- **National Action Plan:**

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It was discussed that AAAH responded to consultation. Australian policy on youth health and what the Association could do to comment on policy and accountability.

- **Youth Health Research:**

Work force capacity to strengthen youth health research was discussed, including grants that are available.

Implementing research and activities to help strengthen workforce and develop evidence-based research, such as online platform and links between isolated groups.

- **Georgia Carr – Endorsement of Uluru Statement:**

It was suggested that the Board review the Uluru Statement for endorsement. MK reported that the Board would discuss at a meeting in early 2020.

- **Susan Sawyer - International Association of Adolescent Health:**

It was discussed that IAAH had acknowledged AAAH as a long-standing member of international recognition and a growing community. Susan informed of the awareness of lack of resources and focus on improving equity, and was pleased at the contribution. Recent IAAH activities had included - New free young professional network, student trainees and early career professionals in adolescent health. It was reported that the World congress was every 3 years, taking place in November 2020 in Peru which was a challenge of addressing change.

- **Christine Cammell – New Zealand Member**

Christine informed the Members present that she had recently joined AAAH and the conference had been an inspiring experience. She had an Executive Member role in an equivalent organisation in New Zealand and would like to work with AAAH in future. This was noted and MK hoped to see Australasian joint conferences in the future.

The Chair, Melissa Kang thanked Members, AAAH Board and the Secretariat for their support.

Meeting Closed 2.07pm

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