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AUSTRALIAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009/2010

Wednesday 3rd February, 2010

Venue: Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Minutes

1. Present

There were 33 members present (30 required for quorum).

David Adams, Stefan Broer, Joe Lynch, Annick Ansselin, Dave Davey, Jennifer Lingard, Yue-Kun Ju, Gemma O'Brien, Peter Thorn, Peter Barry, Robyn Murphy, Anuwat Dinudom, David Allen, Tanya Cully, Josh Edwards, Brad Launikonis, David Pow, Phil Poronnik, Aven Lee, Livia Hool, Gordon Lynch, Stefan Gehrig, John McKenzie, Jane Butler, Graham Lamb, Roger Dampney, Jamie Vandenberg, Ehsan Kheradpezhohu, Peter Kenny, Donny Camera, Daria Bongiorno, Daniel Markovich, Grigori Rychkov.

2. Apologies:

Trevor Lewis, Renae Ryan, Mark Hargreaves.

3. Minutes of previous meetings:

On website. Accept minutes: moved Joe Lynch, seconded: Peter Thorn, Carried unanimously.

4. Business arising from Minutes:

None.

5. ELECTIONS

5.1 Executive:

Dave Adams' 5-year term as President expired at the AGM. The Nat Sec spoke briefly of his contributions to the Society over this period. In brief, Nat Sec noted that Dave had re-energised the Society in many ways, with his specific innovations including quarterly newsletters, twice-yearly Council meetings and initiating the process of changing the Society's name to AuPS to give it a more defined identity. David Allen had accepted Council's nomination for President prior to the AGM. According to the Constitution, his nomination requires ratification by the AGM. Vote for David Allen as President: Moved: Joe Lynch, seconded: Stefan Broer. Carried unanimously.

As Stefan Broer was appointed Treasurer shortly after the 2005 AGM, his maximum possible term terminated at the AGM. Nat Sec commented briefly on Stefan's dedication and his high level of efficiency and competence in carrying out these responsibilities and thanked him for the enormous time commitment required for this job. Prior the AGM, Peter Thorn (University of QLD) was elected unopposed as Treasurer. Anuwat Dinudom's 3-year term as Editor also expires at this AGM. Dave Davey has been appointed to this position by Council.

The Nat Sec noted that with this new leadership team, the Society management remains in experienced hands. Both David Allen (former Treasurer) and Dave Davey (former Editor and current IT Manager) had previously served on the Council Executive.

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5.2 ‘President-elect’ system. This change had been foreshadowed at the previous AGM. Council had agreed on wording for a proposed Constitution change to institute a ‘President-elect’ system, and the agreed wording was circulated to the membership in December 2009 and is included here as Attachment 1. Nat Sec briefly discussed the implications of the change, which required a vote at the AGM.
Accept Constitution change: moved Joe Lynch, seconded: Peter Barry. Carried unanimously.

5.3 Council:

The three-year terms of three Council members (Livia Hool, Giuseppe Posterino, Jamie Vandenberg) terminate at this AGM. Their contributions were highly valued and Nat Sec thanked them for their efforts. As SIG coordinator, Livia has agreed to continue on Council for at least another year as a co-opted member. As the Constitution stipulates 6 regular Councillors, elections were held prior to the AGM for 4 new Councillors. Congratulations to Daniel Markovich, Robyn Murphy, Yue-Kun Ju and Matt Watt on their election to Council.

Derek Laver’s 4-year term as Webmaster also terminates at this AGM. Annick Anselin has been appointed Webmaster by the Council. Nat Sec noted that the AuPS website is better organised and more comprehensive than other Australian Scientific Society websites he had visited.

Stefan Gehrig’s 2-year term as Student Councillor expires at this AGM. Donny Camera (RMIT) has been elected unopposed as new Student Member.

5.4 Appointments terminating at Adelaide 2010 Meeting

Simon Potocnik’s 3-year term as Associate Editor expires at the next AGM. He may be reappointed for 2 more years. National Secretary’s 3-year term also expires at the next AGM. He may also be re-elected for 2 more years.

6. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:

6.1 Nominations to Ordinary Membership

It was moved that the 25 applications for ordinary and student membership listed in Attachment 2 be approved by the membership: Moved Joe Lynch, Seconded Gordon Lynch. Approved (none opposed). It was noted that at the combined AuPS/ANS Sydney meeting that it was possible for students to register as AuPS members without formally applying for membership. These students are not listed here. Nat Sec will contact them requesting they apply formally for membership.

6.2 Honorary Members

The following Honorary Members were elected unanimously following glowing descriptions of their contributions to the Society and Australian Physiology in general.

Fred Mendelsohn (Moved: Dave Adams, Seconded: Anuwat Dinudom)

George Stephenson (Moved: Graham Lamb, Seconded: Lea Delbridge)

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7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7.1 Prizes and awards

7.1.1 AuPS Graduate Student Travel Awards

Student travel awards for the 2010 Sydney meeting were decided by Council as follows:
Perth: \$500, Adelaide: \$300, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne: \$200

7.1.2 McIntyre Prize

The A.K. McIntyre Prize for 2009 goes to Dr Renae Ryan (University of Sydney).
The prize comprises an engraved Society medal and a \$1000 cheque (\$500 from SDR Clinical Technology and \$500 from AuPS).

7.1.3 Best Postdoctoral Publication and Best Student Publication

Dr Robyn Murphy (LaTrobe University) won the award for best postdoctoral publication.
Ms Mastura Monif (University of Melbourne) won the award for best student publication. Both awards comprise cheques for \$500.

7.1.4 Poster / Oral prizes

Heshan Peiris (Flinders University) and Jordan Willcox (University of Guelph, Canada) won the Oral prizes awarded by SDR Clinical Technology and CEPP, respectively.

Ivana Kuo (ANU) and Robiul Islam (University of QLD) won the Poster prizes awarded by SDR Clinical Technology and CEPP, respectively.

Thanks to Blackwell Science, CEPP and SDR Clinical Technology for supporting the prizes. Thanks also to the members (too numerous to list here) who judged the above prizes.

8. Proposal for AuPS Teaching Award

To be named after Michael Roberts. Council has asked Phil Poronnik and Ann Sefton to coordinate application procedure, selection criteria and judging. The award has been supported financially by the Universities of Adelaide and SA, although AuPS will also contribute. The exact prize will be announced later. It is expected that the first award will be made at the December 2010 Adelaide meeting.

9. President's Report

The outgoing President spoke briefly about the main events that occurred during his Presidential tenure. The Newsletter now provides a regular President's report.

10. National Secretary's Report

The National Secretary spoke briefly to his report. This and the other AuPS executive reports mentioned below are available on the AuPS website
<http://www.aups.org.au/Meetings/201001/>

11. Treasurer's Report

This report was presented at the meeting. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report: moved Joe Lynch, seconded Graham Lamb. Accepted (none opposed)

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12. Editor's Report

Available on website.

13. IT Manager's Report

Available on website.

14. Webmasters Report

Available on website.

15. AuPS MEETINGS :

15.1 2010 Adelaide (30Nov – 3Dec) This will be held as a joint meeting with ASB. Andrea Yool (University of Adelaide) is local organizer, with Simon Brookes (Flinders University) and Caroline McMillan (University of SA) as co-organisers.

15.2 2011 Perth (4 - 7Dec). This will be held as a joint meeting with ASCEPT and HBPRCA. Don Robertson and Livia Hool (both University of WA) represent AuPS on the local organizing committee.

Joe Lynch
National Secretary
8th March, 2010

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Attachment 1: Approved Constitution Change (changes in red)

- 4.1 The governing body of the Society is a Council consisting of: the Officers; an Associate Editor who shall assist the Editor and be responsible for the Society Newsletter; a Webmaster responsible for the Society's web site; an IT Manager responsible for technical aspects of the web site, on-line Proceedings, membership database and mailing lists; and six Councillors elected by the Ordinary Members and a seventh Councillor elected by the Student Members, together with such members as may be co-opted to Council in accordance with sub-clause 12 of this clause.
- 4.2 The Officers of the Society shall be the President, **the President-elect if applicable in accordance with sub-section 4.1 and 5 of this clause**, the National Secretary, the Treasurer and the Editor, who shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- 4.3 The first Council consists of the persons whose names, offices and term of office are set out in the Second Schedule to this Constitution.
- 4.4.1 The President-**elect** shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting on the nomination of the Council. **This election will take place one year before the due date for the retirement of the President.** In the event that the Annual General Meeting should not wish to accept the Council's nomination, the matter shall be referred back to the Council who shall make a further nomination at the next business meeting of the Society.
- 4.4.2 The National Secretary, the Treasurer and elected Councillors shall be elected by ballot among the members of the Society, conducted in accordance with the rules set out in the Third Schedule.
- 4.4.3 The Council shall appoint the Editor, Associate Editor, IT Manager, and Webmaster.
- 4.5 The President may hold office for the period between **four** Annual General Meetings, and may be re-elected for a further period of two years. After expiration of continuous tenure of office, the President will not be eligible for re-election until the period between four annual general meetings has elapsed. **The office of President will, upon the retirement of the incumbent President, be assumed by the person who occupies the office of President-elect.**

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Attachment 2: Applications for new membership

Ronald Sluyter,
Kieron B Rooney
Simon Green
Belinda A Henry
Amr Al Abed
Leonard K Pattenden
Douglas G Whyte
Brett Bennetts
Christopher F Sharpley
Marianne Tare
Jordan M Willcox
Nicola King
Jiao Li
Stephen J Fairweather
Nathan L Absalom
Janet L McLeod
Lesley G Ulman
Martin J Spencer
Imju Jeong
Adrian Rodriguez-Contreras
Jens R. Coorssen
Christine A Lucas
David K Chelvanayagam
Lindsay M Edwards
Paul A Dawson