

Australasian Trauma Society Inc. (ABN 35 665 490 453)
24th Annual General Meeting
Friday, 30 October 2020 at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Attendees – President Prof Michael Reade

The Meeting opened at 12.33pm.

Sarah Adams, Keith Amarakone, Janet Amey, Savitha Bhagvan, Alaina Campbell, Grant Christey, Ian Civil, Clare Collins, Mya Cubitt, Kate Dale, Scott D'Amours, Kelly Dee, Colin Dibble, Sean Edwards, Melanie Franklyn, Belinda Gabbe, Ben Gardiner, Kellie Gumm, Michael Handy, Andrea Herring, Andrew Hooper, Michael Hunter, Alicia Jackson, Nardine Johnson, Anthony Joseph, Helen Jowett, Nicole Kelly, David Lockwood, Kate Martin, Chelsea McBride, Patricia McDougall, Cameron Palmer, Michael Parr, Bhavik Patel, Michael Reade, Katie Scott, Mirjana, Clare Stewart, Lincoln Tracy, Dinesh Varma, Jenni Ward, Melissa Webb, Rosalind Wendt, Nevin Williams, Nicole Williams, Debra Wood, Steven Wright, Martin Wullschleger.

2. Apologies – Secretary Mr Ben Gardiner

Kate Curtis, Orla Lyons, Julie Seggie, Warwick Teague, Peter Cameron and Kathy Heathcoate.

3. Review of actions from previous annual general meeting – Prof Michael Reade

Nil to note.

4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting– Prof Michael Reade

The Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 4 October 2019 were approved (Moved: Ben Gardiner & Seconded: Cameron Palmer).

5. President/Chairperson's report– Prof Michael Reade

Michael thanked the Immediate Past President Michael Parr for handing over a financially sound society. Michael thank the ATS board members for working tirelessly during 2020 to assist in delivering ATS goals and objectives. The President noted that during challenging times in the COVID-19 pandemic ATS membership numbers have remained stable.

The ATS board met in early 2020 for a face to face strategic day for future planning and growth of the ATS. An expression of interest went out to members seeking to be part of various revitalised subcommittees within the ATS. Members were encouraged to submit their interest via the secretariat. The subcommittees and their chairs were noted as such:

- Trauma Registry committee: Ben Gardiner

- Research committee: Dinesh Varma & Sarah Adams
- Conference committee: Tony Joseph & Ian Civil
- Publications committee: Ian Civil & Mya Cubitt
- Education committee: Helen Jowett
- Communications committee: Melissa Webb & Helen Jowett
- Corporate Governance committee: Ben Gardiner

Three special interest groups have been formed:

- Paediatrics SIG: Sarah Adams
- Injury Prevention SIG: Alaina Campbell & Nicole Kelly
- Radiology SIG: Dinesh Varma & Kate Dale

Accreditation and certification of trauma nurses was discussed and the ATS's interest to engage in this area. ATS will focus on providing year-round quality education programs in webinars in 2021 alongside the yearly Trauma conference.

Michael thanked the constitution subcommittee lead by Ben Gardiner for drafting and reviewing a new ATS constitution that aligns with modern Australian corporate governance requirements for the ATS. Michael thanked Tony Joseph for his submissions to parliament in 2020 on the national road safety program on behalf of the ATS. Tony Joseph was congratulated for his Order of Australia in 2020 for his contributions made.

A past president's council and restructured awards program will be implemented in 2021.

6. Treasurer's report – Ms Sarah Adams

The ATS finances remain in a sound position. There is over \$31,000 in the Cheque Account and over \$106,000 in the Cash Reserve Account. It was noted that interest rates are at a historical low rate. \$76,000 had gone to WTC2020 that was planned to take place in Brisbane 2020, this will go towards future events. Current year earnings were approximately \$32,000 a slight increase in income from membership renewals and new members.

The Treasurer encouraged current ATS members to outreach and spread the word about membership benefits to their colleagues.

It was noted that the ATS had secured a discount from Elsevier for 2020 saving the ATS approximately \$4,500.

7. Questions to directors – Prof Michael Reade

Nil to note.

8. ATS Secretary report - Mr Ben Gardiner

Ben thanked the immediate past presidents for their efforts for the ATS. The Past President Council was discussed for knowledge sharing and knowledge retention. A membership report was presented. There is an opportunity to grow in attracting allied health professionals to the ATS. Ben thanked the constitution subcommittee members for their hard work in 2020 in drafting a new ATS constitution.

9. Proposed resolution: Acceptance of the new Constitution – Prof Michael Reade

Moved: Alaina Campbell Seconded: Cameron Palmer
New ATS Constitution accepted.

10. Acceptance of financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2020 – Ms Sarah Adams

Moved: Helen Jowett Seconded: Andrea Herring

The Financial Report was accepted.

11. Acceptance of President's report – Prof Michael Reade

Moved: Kate Dale Seconded: Melissa Webb

The President's report was accepted.

12. Election of directors - Mr Ben Gardiner

According to the newly adopted ATS Constitution there is a vacancy for director on the ATS board. One nomination was received from the floor from Grant Christey, no further nominations were received. As such Grant Christey was accepted as nomination to the board recommended.

It was reiterated that a third of the board, that is five members will be retired at the next ATS AGM, members were encouraged to participate at the board.

13. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed 1.26pm.