

Interpretation Australia



Annual General Meeting

DATE: Thursday, 19 November 2020

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Royal Botanic Garden Sydney (Moore Room) NSW 2000 & Via Google Meet

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 6:11pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: No formal apologies were received

Members present: There were 23 members attending the AGM and are listed below:

| Sydney Room (8 members) | Via Google Meet (15 members) |
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| Beata Kade | Benjamin Clarke |
| Martina Muller | Sally Malone |
| Heidi Rederer | Leanne Hayter |
| Graham Chalcraft | Sarah Agterhuis |
| Fiona R Tucker | Rikki Clarke |
| Sophie Daniel | Jody Steele |
| Kylie Christian | Angela Breeding |
| Kerime Danis | Hohepa Ruhe |
| | Jenny Gardener |
| | Adrian Buman |
| | Katherine Masiulanis |
| | Paula Simpson |
| | Roslyn Hull |
| | Jenny Rambling |
| | Lynette Nilaweera |

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM on 16 October 2019

Motion: Move that we accept the Minutes (President Sarah Agterhuis explained that these were in the form of notes) of the October 2019 AGM, and apologized for the lack of minutes due to the covid circumstances.

Proposed – Paula Simpson

Seconded – Rikki Clarke

Passed

3. Reports

3.1 Annual Report of the Executive on IA's activities for 2019-2020 was circulated prior to the AGM and briefly presented by the President, Sarah Agterhuis (SA)

3.2 Financial Report of IA for 2019-2020 was circulated to the members prior to the AGM:

Motion: Move that we accept the 2019-2020 Financial Report

No comments or objections have been raised. All present agreed.

Passed

SA acknowledged the Country and apologized if this was not done at the beginning of the AGM

4. General business

4.1. Roles and Responsibilities of Executive Committee Members

Circulated prior to the meeting and it was noted that we need to focus on the appointment of state reps. No questions raised.

4.2 Election of IA Executive 2020-2021

The existing Executive stepped down and President Sarah Agterhuis (SA) handed over to Jenny Gardener (JG) then thanked the Executive and Benjamin Clarke for the support and help during the challenges of 2020.

JG thanked the last year's Executive. Noted that there were single nominations for each position and asked if there were any objections then handed back to SA as the new President of IA. Individually each nominee was considered and welcomed back to the Executive. No objections were raised to any of the nominations. JG noted that there is still vacancy for the conference coordinator.

| Executive Position | Nominee | Nominator | Secunder |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| President | Sarah Agterhuis | Jody Steele | Lynette Nilaweera |
| Vice President | Jody Steele | Sarah Agterhuis | Lynette Nilaweera |
| Secretary | Kerime Danis | Sarah Agterhuis | Kylie Christian |
| Treasurer | Kylie Christian | Kylie Christian | Gavin Patton |
| General Executive Member 1 | Lynette Nilaweera | Sarah Agterhuis | Jody Steele |
| General Executive Member 2 | No nomination received | | |

4.2. Nomination of IA Portfolio Convenors and non-executive positions

State Chapter Representatives

| Non-executive Position | Nominee | Nominator | Secunder |
|--|---|------------------|-----------------|
| State Representative (NSW) | Nominated during the AGM – Jointly to be held by Fiona Tucker & Heidi Rederer | | |
| State Representative (South Australia) | Jessica Wilson & | Jessica Wilson | Angela Breeding |
| State Representative (South Australia) | Nominated during the AGM – will be held jointly Grace Blake | | |
| State Representative (Queensland NTH) | Maree Treadwell-Kerr | N/A | N/A |
| State Representative (ACT) | Alexandra Gillespie | Laila Christie | Caolan Mitchell |

Other states WA, NT, QLD STH and VIC remain vacant.

Portfolio Managers

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| Webinars | |
| Managers | Naias Mingo-Poch |
| Team | John Pastorelli |
| Awards 2021 | |
| Sarah Agterhuis | |
| Conference 2021 | |
| N/A | |
| Resources | |
| Vacant | |

5. Other Business

5.1 National Event/Conference/Workshop Format proposal

SA noted that –

- at the 2019 AGM it was decided to do no conference and instead we wanted to do small state events due to restrictions and all states wanted to be different. Under the covid situation we will be doing workshops, day workshops and other state events as much as possible.

All agreed with the approach.

5.2 The Executive Committee sought feedback of the Interpretation Australia members on the format of the Awards to allow consideration of alternative formats whether –

- a) *To keep the format as currently stands; or*
- b) *Change it to a non-financial category format*

SA said that –

- we wish to put a working group to work out the format of the awards
- we may be changing the type to compare apple with apple instead of just relaying on financial categories and breakdown of them type of the interpretation if there is any appetite to breakdown and the working group will look into the categories for implementation in the 2021 awards.

Jenny Gardener said that –

- this is something we discussed several years ago and the challenge is looking into different categories makes sense, however, when you come to financing the categories as some categories and suggestions may not be easy to judge and some of the suggested criteria are already part of the judging criteria such as inclusiveness and sustainability.

Further comments were provided in the Chat Box (Copied below) –

- gingerblue75 (Rikki Clarke): *I agree we should investigate new categories*
- Katherine Masiulanis: *Hi! I think the categories are a great idea. AILAs awards are also based on their values around sustainability, indigenous content etc.*
- Hohepa Ruhe: *categories sounds like a good idea - more able to compare 'apples with apples'*
- Katherine Masiulanis: *Built works, programs and tours?*
- Jessica Wilson: *I like the category idea. Could we start with two key categories (then a couple of other sub categories) of 'captive' and 'non-captive' audiences?*
- Paula Simpson: *is it worth doing some recon of what categories people have applied for in the past. i.e if there is lots in built form, then that might need to be broken down further in to cost.*
- Paula Simpson: *I'll put my hand up for it. having written lots of applications, i understand the work involved*

The following IA members volunteered to be in the Working Group:

- Jenny Rambling (Google Meet attendee)
- Paula Simpson (Google Meet attendee)
- Heidi Rederer (Sydney room)
- Graham Chalcraft (Sydney room)
- John Pastorelli (Pre-AGM by SA)
- Dee Rogers from Interpretive Design (Pre-AGM by SA)

SA asked if there was any other business –

- Jenny Gardener added a few points on Social Media suggesting that the State Representatives should remain in the role to improve activities on the social media.
- Kylie Christian (via Chat Box): *Need to compare process with best practice standards*

Meeting Closed at 6:36pm

Members were invited to remain on Google Meet for the online presentation of the awards after a 15min break.