

ASPERA
AGM Minutes 15.11.2017 9.15am

NOTICE OF AGM
AUSTRALIAN SCREEN PRODUCTION EDUCATION & RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
(ASPERA)

DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 2017

TIME: 9AM

LOCATION: University of Technology Sydney, Collaborative Theatre (Room 5) Level 3
Building 8 - Dr Chau Chak Wing Building (CB08.03.005), 14 Ultimo Road, Ultimo

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Chair of the Meeting (The President) to ensure a quorum is present by reference to the Register of Members
 - James - we have quorum and will begin the meeting.
1. University of Canberra - Susan Twaites
2. University of Newcastle - Simon Weaving
3. Swinburne University - Steven
4. Griffith University - Margaret McVeigh
5. UTS - Bettina Franakham
6. QUT -Rory
7. Flinders University - Alison Wotherspoon
8. RMIT - Marsha Berry
9. Curtin University - Sarah Stollman
10. Western Sydney University - Maryellen

Thank you to Simon Weaving for all the work done on the constitutional changes.

1. Confirm minutes of the previous AGM

Move to accept - accepted by James; seconded by Tim Thomas

2. Vote on Special Resolutions to change the Constitution
 - a. Special resolution 1: That the changes as set out in the document entitled "Minor changes to the Constitution" be made to the Constitution of the organization.

James Verdon to move to make change. - 10 accept - YES unanimous.

- b. Special resolution 2: That the changes as set out in the document entitled “Changes to Sections 15 & 2 of the Constitution” be made to the Constitution of the organization.

JV to move to make change. - 10 accept - YES unanimous.

- c. Special resolution 3: That the changes as set out in the document entitled “Changes to Section 21 of the Constitution” be made to the Constitution of the organization.

JV to move to make change. - 10 accept - YES unanimous.

Meeting is now going in direction of receiving committee reports. In the past, we have presented individuals within the executive report, but this year we did a full committee report.

3. Receive the Committee’s Report on Activities for the Year ended 30 June 2017. Thank you to Bettina for compiling the committee report. James is not going through the report now which has been passed out in hard copy to those in attendance.

4. Receive the Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2017.

Alison Wotherspoon-first year ASPERA has done proper financial reports as is required by the constitution.

Simon Weaving-The year ending 2016-17 yielded a surplus of \$1715. Added to previous surplus now approximately \$7500. Therefore ASPERA is solvent and able to pay what is due/invoices coming in. The surplus is from what we have spent for the year. Represented by money in the bank and debts that we may have.

What is the minimum balance we can operate on?

SW-better to think about a balance in the year to take care of expenditure. We reconstructed the accounts for the previous years and there was a loss of about\$ 6500., eating into previous surpluses.

AW-it’s all neat now and ASPERA is clear on available finances.

Thank you to Alison and to Simon for revolutionizing the approach to bookkeeping and finances for ASPERA.

5. Appointment of Office-Bearers.

As specified by Section 25 (3) of the Constitution, no other business will be conducted at the AGM.

Elect office bearers or 2 years. **JV** listed the positions.

JV-thank you for your service on the committee. We decided that we will start with nominations for president. No expressions of interest for the president position. (must have served in any capacity on the committee in the last five years).

Are there any nominations for president? For two years from this AGM? Alison would like to nominate James; Bettina seconds that nomination.

Any other nominations?

Silence. Again, any other nominations?

We have one nomination.

JV-I am happy to accept the nomination so no vote required.

SW-make ASPERA great again.

We have one nomination for **VP** - Bettina. Are there any other nominations? Silence.

Nomination accepted.

Treasurer? One nomination **SW**. Are there any other nominations? Silence.

Nomination accepted

Secretary? No nominations. It is noted that not many men nominate for secretary.

[Michael from Bond joined the AGM at 10.15 am]

Michael nominating Tim Thomas and TT nominates himself. Are there any other nominations? Silence.

Nomination accepted.

Between 1-3 ordinary members.

Margaret, Craig, Rory, Alison have all nominated.

Intentions around ordinary membership:

Craig - for those who don't know me -Craig Batty from RMIT - chair research subcommittee - push forward the research agenda for the next two years. Research trajectory and mentorship.

Margaret -film theory at Griffith University.

I was new last year to the ASPERA committee and after first conference at Canberra was thrilled to find an organization that mentored and assisted in the Australian educational context....as a newbie on the committee learned a lot-worked with the proceedings subcommittee - and would like to assist on the proceedings development and publishing. Would like to offer to my colleagues advice, etc. on how to broach the research arena.

Rory - mainly screen studies - text analysis; collaborated with Sean Maher, now in LA.

Would like to reiterate MM point of advice to advance careers - sessional people.

Industry screenings-promote and screen culture here and abroad. Screen distribution.

Alison

Associate Professor at Flinders University and was at the original meeting of ASPERA and have a lot of prior knowledge. Interested in its past and in its future. Coming from a production side, as opposed to the theory/research side. Doing workshops in Hong Kong on practice research. Practice led/practice based. Focus on what is it. Exciting that the last 12-

15 years ASPERA has been going, have started many people on HDR track. Intersested in maintaining a strong Industry connection and being proactive and supportive of casual positions, etc. Need voices in state and federal government in regard to jobs in universities.

Now that Michael is here, we now have 11 members voting
Bond University - Michael Sergei

Vote

19 - Craig

29 Rory

31 Margaret

31 Alison

revote for tie

Alison gains majority

Outcome: ordinary members - Craig, Rory, Alison