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Australian Screen Production
Education & Research Association

Annual General Meeting
via Zoom

13 June 2025
1:00pm AEST

2025 AGM MINUTES

Attending executive:

Anne Chesher – SAE (President)
Susan Kerrigan – Swinburne University of Technology (Vice President)
Tom Young - Flinders (Treasurer)
Aaron Burton – University of Wollongong (Secretary)
Kath Dooley – UniSA (Ordinary Member)
Patrick Kelly - RMIT (Ordinary Member)

Attending representatives of member organisations:

AFTRS Stephen Murphy
RMIT Rachel Wilson
UTS Bettina Frankham
GRIFFITH Nico Meissner

Others in attendance:

Alejandra Canales
David Balfour

Apologies and proxy representation:

BOND Michael Sergi - proxy Aaron Burton
DEAKIN Sian Mitchell - proxy Anne Chesher
USC Christine Rogers

Location

<https://navitas.zoom.us/j/8752940796>

Meeting start – 1:00 pm AEST

1. Welcome.
2. Acknowledgement of Country – the Gadigal people who are the traditional custodians of the Eora Nation.
3. Chair of the Meeting to ensure a quorum is present by reference to the Register of Members.

4. AGM 2024 Minutes for ratification
First - Kath Dooley, Second - Tom Young

Executive committee reports on the activities of the association for the financial (and calendar) year ended 31 December 2024.

- Meetings:
 - During the 2024 year, the Executive Committee met monthly via Zoom.
 - Annual Working Bee was held at RMIT in June.
- Executive roles continued unchanged from 2023:
 - President – Anne Chesher (SAE University College)
 - Vice President – Susan Kerrigan (Swinburne University of Technology)
 - Tom Young – Treasurer (Flinders University) - re-elected 2024
 - Aaron Burton – Secretary (University of Wollongong) - re-elected 2024
 - Kath Dooley – Ordinary Member (University of South Australia)
- Sub-Committees continued and remained active (see reports below):
 - Research Sub-Committee
 - Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee
- Conferences:
 - **2024** Annual Conference was successfully convened by Susan Kerrigan at Swinburne University in November through the Department of Film, Games and Animation, and the School of Social Sciences, Media, Film and Education.

The theme FILMMAKING INTELLIGENCES drew papers and presentations from around the nation focusing on the future of authentic, creative and artificial approaches in teaching and research.

The event was preceded by a five-hour pre-conference Research Sub-Committee Boot Camp at Swinburne covering research methodologies, practice-led research, ethics, NTRO assessment, and funding strategies.

The T&L Sub-Committee held their annual **Roundtable** at the Conference providing a platform to discuss generative AI / machine learning in the screen production classroom and the implications for tertiary educators.

Some papers from the Conference have been submitted for peer-review to a Special Issue of the Journal of Media Practice, to be published early in 2026.

- **2025** Annual Conference will be convened by Aaron Burton at the University of Wollongong through the School of the Arts, English and Media in 25th –27th November. The Call for Papers (Abstracts) deadline – 23rd June. The theme: Experiments in Screen

1. Industry Awareness: SUSAN KERRIGAN

- o Initiation of a collaborative research project between ASPERA and Screen Careers – a nationally focused not-for-profit organisation that builds and sustains careers in the Australian screen industry.
- o Project Plan (RP3): *Graduate Employment in Screen Careers*.
- o Description: By targeting Below the Line skills shortages, they offer training and upskilling for freelancers and employees at all levels to support long term careers goals. Screen Careers has deployed a short survey to Screen Industry workers and they want to know more about the skills that are developed through formal education pathways within University and Vocational Training. ASPERA is the peak disciplinary body for Screen Production Education in Australia and they would like more detail on where their students find employment after they graduate.
- o Status – Ethics application has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

2. Research Sub-Committee: BETTINA FRANKHAM

2025 Research Sub-Committee Annual Report

3. Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee: NICO MEISSNER

2025 ASPERA Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee Annual Report

4. Finance: TOM YOUNG

The 2024 Finance Report (1 January – 31 December 2024)

5. Election of new members and roles: ANNE CHESHER / AARON BURTON

Call for nominations

Nominations -

President Kath Dooley

Vice President Susan Kerrigan

Ordinary Member - Alejandra Canales

Elected uncontested

Congratulations to all elected into new executive roles.

6. Motion to acknowledge Anne Cheshers's remarkable contributions and leadership for ASPERA

Proposed by Rachel Wilson, seconded by Tom Young, carried by executive committee and AGM attendees

7. Next ASPERA executive committee meeting

23rd June 3pm

8. Next ASPERA working bee in Melbourne

4th of August

Thank you to all for your great efforts in another successful year for ASPERA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Anne Chesher

President

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