

Minutes – ASCP Annual General Meeting

Friday 10th December, 2021

Bond University, QLD and online via Blackboard Collaborate

Attendance (online): Anisha Sankar, Brigid Martin, Charles Barbour, Daniel Brennan, Dimitris Vardoulakis, Elese Dowden, Ian Andrews, Jo Faulkner, Jean-Philippe Derranty, Katrina Jaworski, Laura Roberts, Magdalena Zolkos, Marilyn Stendera, Mike Grimshaw, Mohit Abrol, Neil Vallely, Pat McConville, Robert Sinnerbrink, Simone Drichel, Thomas Corbin.

Attendance (at Bond): Bridget Allan, Daniel Brennan, Richard College, Marguerite La Caze, Gabrielle Mardon, Louise Richardson-Self, Arden Rushwood, Madeleine Shield

Apologies: Fiona Jenkins

Meeting opened at 12PM AEST - Chair, Dimitris Vardoulakis; minutes prepared by Marilyn Stendera

1. **Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country (Dimitris Vardoulakis)**
2. **Approval of minutes from 2020 AGM and matters arising**
 - a. **Vote:** Motion to approve minutes put forward by Dimitris Vardoulakis, seconded by Marilyn Stendera; carried by majority of votes
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair's Report (Dimitris Vardoulakis)**
See the attached report.

An extended discussion followed Item 9 of the Chair's Report, which details the Society's participation in the inaugural Congress of the Council of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Key points that were clarified in response to attendees' questions:

- The ASCP conference will still be a standalone event held at the usual time (late November/early December). The ASCP will maintain full autonomy over the program, keynotes, streams and submissions. The key difference is that this will coincide with those held by other societies, allowing members to attend multiple conferences if they so choose. The increased funding and infrastructure support increases bargaining power and options for venues, logistics, catering and accommodation. This is not a continuing arrangement, but if the first attempt is successful, it may become one, with conferences rotating between states/institutions as usual.
- The conference organisation will be split between the ASCP executive and a CHASS conference committee (featuring one representative from each organisation, in this case Dimitris). The executive will need to nominate someone to oversee the conference organisation, and possibly form a sub-committee.
- While CHASS will provide website infrastructure and software licensing, the ASCP will continue to manage delegates' personal details.

Proposal: Members requested to be informed about the progress of the organizing for 2022 and for any plans about the Congress conference in 2023. To this effect, the Executive has proposed to invite members to an Executive Committee meeting (likely in July or August) at which the progress of the 2022 will be assessed and participation in the 2023 Congress will be decided.

- b. **Secretary's Report (Marilyn Stendera)**
 - i. 278 members in 2021 (241 carried over, 37 joined online); so far, 199 members have joined for 2022 (197 through the conference, 2 online)
- c. **Treasurer (Charles Barbour)**
 - i. See the attached financial report. Due to the pandemic, there were no expenditures prior to the 2021 conference, with a small amount of revenue coming from interest on the bank account.

4. Changes to the constitution

- a. **Summary of changes:** The Chair explained that the proposed changes to the constitution clarify procedures and committee positions, including responsibilities and terms for all positions. Members were provided with a summary of the changes as well as a copy of the new Constitution prior to the AGM.
- b. **Discussion:** Members asked whether the changes to the constitution commit the Society to participating in the Congress. The Chair clarified that this is not the case.
- c. **Vote:** The proposed changes to the constitution are accepted by the majority of attendees.

5. Executive committee for 2022

the Chair thanked Ingo Farin and Mark Kelly for all their work in the respective roles of the Deputy Chair and Treasurer. After each resigned, the executive committee nominated Robert Sinnerbrink as the interim Deputy Chair and Charles Barbour as the interim Treasurer. As per the constitution, these interim terms conclude at the conference, with the positions now open for election.

a. Elected positions

- i. Deputy Chair: The sole candidate is Robert Sinnerbrink, who is therefore elected unopposed.
- ii. Treasurer: The sole candidate is Charles Barbour, who is therefore elected unopposed.

b. Appointed positions

- i. Postgraduate representative: Anisha Sankar has agreed to take up this position for another term, and will be confirmed in this role at the next executive committee meeting. The committee asks attendees to thank and welcome Anisha.

6. Other business: None.

Meeting closed at 1:30PM AEST.