2023 Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy

Wednesday, 29th of November 2023
LT315, Easter Avenue Complex, University of Sydney Camperdown Campus and via Zoom
13:15-14:15

Minutes

Attendance: Andrew Benjamin, Andrew Inkpin, Annie Sandrussi, Brigid Martin, Brendan Duncan-Shah, Charles Barbour, Chris O'Neill, Christine Polowyj, Daniel Brennan, Daniele Fulvi, Dimitris Vardoulakis, Jacinta Sassine, Jack Reynolds, Jessica Marian, Joe Hughes, Joeri Mol, John Lechte, Katrina Jaworski, Marguerite La Caze, Marilyn Stendera, Neil Vallely Norma Lam-Saw, Pat McConville, Peter Banki, Porter Mattinson, Robert Hazeltine, Robert Sinnerbrink, Sean Ryan, Simone Drichel, Venessa Ercole, William Wilding,
Apologies: Thomas Corbin

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

2. Approval of minutes from 2022 AGM
    a. The minutes are available on the website.
    b. Motion to approve the minutes put forward by Dimitris Vardoulakis, seconded by Jacinta Sassine, motion passes unanimously

3. Reports
    a. Chair – Dimitris Vardoulakis (see attached)
        i. There is some discussion of the 2024 conference, which will be held at Deakin. The Society thanks Jack Reynolds for facilitating this.
        ii. The Society thanks Dimitris for his great work during his first term.
    b. Secretary – Marilyn Stendera
        i. 237 members for 2023 so far.
        ii. There were more members in 2022 due to a higher number of free registrations from other societies participating in the Congress. The 2023 number meets or exceeds the average from previous years.
    c. Treasurer – Charles Barbour
        i. Accounts are in the black, further details available on request. Conference costs will only be paid after the AGM, so these numbers will change soon.
        ii. Overseeing the Society's financials has been made easier by significant developments this year, including the establishment of a new PayPal account.
        iii. There is discussion of (a) potentially using the funds to support additional events and/or distribute more bursaries and (b) the need for a contingency fund, especially given that we will have no university support for the conference in the foreseeable future.

4. Elections
    a. Chair
        i. Nominee: Dimitris Vardoulakis; seconded by Marilyn Stendera; elected unopposed
    b. Deputy Chair
        i. Nominee: Jack Reynolds; seconded by Marilyn Stendera; elected unopposed
        ii. The Society thanks the outgoing Deputy Chair Robert Sinnerbrink.
    c. Secretary

i. Nominee: Marilyn Stendera; seconded by Dimitris Vardoulakis; elected unopposed

d. Treasurer
    i. Nominee: Daniel Brennan; seconded by Marguerite La Caze; elected unopposed.
    ii. Procedural note: This means that Daniel Brennan, as incoming Treasurer, will have full access to the Society's bank account and has full authority to make transactions. Generally, access and use of the account requires authorisation by one of any of the following: the Chair, the Treasurer, or the Secretary.
    iii. The Society thanks the outgoing Treasurer Charles Barbour for his incredible work.

CVs were received by the Secretary; candidate statements were presented at the AGM.

5. Changes to the constitution

a. The updated constitution and an executive summary can be found online.
b. Motion to accept the changes put forward by Dimitris Vardoulakis, seconded by Jacinta Sassine, the motion passes unanimously.

6. Other business

a. Members have raised questions about the process for dealing with safety concerns and complaints. The Executive will explore making the required constitutional and policy changes next year, and will invest in legal advice. The committee will aim to present the changes to members by the next AGM.
b. The Society would also like to thank:
    i. Fiona Jenkins for her work in developing the EDI policy while EDI Officer.
    ii. The members of the conference organising committee and other committee members involved in putting together events for the conference, especially Christine, Polowyj, Joe Hughes, Jacinta Sassine, Annie Sandrussi, Thomas Corbin, and Norma Lam-Saw.