

2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 28 May 2016

Judith Wright Centre, Brisbane

Present: Brian Lucas - President and Chair
Claudia Alessi - Vice President
Peter Bayliss - Treasurer
Marilyn Miller - Vice President (on phone)
Suzan Williams - QLD
Lauren Honcope - ACT
Jasmine Moseley - VIC (on skype)
Elizabeth More - NSW
Tanya Voges - SA (on skype)
Roslyn Dundas - National CEO (ex-officio)

In attendance: Michelle Silby - NSW/VIC Director
Angela Chaplin - QLD Director
Neil Roach - National Projects Officer
Julie Dyson - Honorary Life Member
Paul Summers - Honorary Life Member
Shane Colquhoun - Honorary Life Member

Apologies: Ausdance WA

The meeting commenced at 11.15am

The President welcomed attendees and acknowledged the current circumstances of the organisation following the announcement by the Australia Council in early May, that Ausdance was unsuccessful in its application for organisational funding from 2017.

2. Minutes of previous meeting AGM (22 March 2015)

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held on 22 March 2015 be accepted

Moved: Suzan Williams

Seconded: Lauren Honcope

CARRIED

3. Annual Report of Activities for 2015

The Director spoke to the written report and acknowledged how Ausdance National had succeeded in what was a challenging year. Administratively the organisation worked

through a transition in leadership, a change in office space and increased work-load through the delivery of the Australian Dance Awards.

The Annual Report was acknowledged as not only providing an overview of what we did, who with and who for but also looks at how we capture and disseminate the outcomes.

Motion: That the Report of activities be accepted

Moved: Claudia Alessi

Seconded: Elizabeth More

CARRIED

4. Presentation of 2015 Audit

The Treasurer spoke to the audited Financial Statements, paying recognition to the turn in bottom line outcomes as website now fully depreciated and work taking place administratively to manage expenses. The organisation is in a relatively healthy state and has a strong cash holding.

There was discussion about the treatment of the reserves, and recognition that the bequests are better placed as liabilities and that this was being progressed.

Motion: That the Financial report, incorporating the 2015 Audit be accepted

Moved: Peter Bayliss

Seconded: Lauren Honcope

CARRIED

Motion: That bellchambers barrett be appointed as auditors for 2016.

Moved: Peter Bayliss

Seconded: Elizabeth More

CARRIED

5. Acknowledgement by President

The President spoke of the current demands on the sector, and acknowledged the work of the staff team at National Office and all the state and territory offices who have continued to deliver efficiently and effectively in difficult times.

The President went onto acknowledge and thank the volunteers of National Council for the ongoing engagement, and the review and reflection they bring as leaders for Ausdance.

6. Confirmation of Executive positions

Noting the recommendation from the National Leadership Group (established in 2015 to review the strategic direction of the organisation) that Ausdance progress towards a skill based board, and the discussion by National Council to accept that recommendation, it was proposed the current Executive be appointed to interim positions, and therefore a full election process not be undertaken.

It was discussed there was need to progress decisions on constitutional reform, and irrelevant of the outcome there would be a transition period for the Executive. A Special General Meeting was proposed for September 2016 to carry issues forward.

The current Executive were invited to indicate their willingness to be re-appointed to their current roles, and all agreed.

Motion: That Brian Lucas be appointed interim President, until 31 October 2016.

Moved: Lauren Honcope

Seconded: Suzan Williams

CARRIED

Motion: That Claudia Alessi be appointed interim co Vice-President, until 31 October 2016.

Moved: Suzan Williams

Seconded: Lauren Honcope

CARRIED

Motion: That Marilyn Miller be appointed interim co Vice-President, until 31 October 2016.

Moved: Lauren Honcope

Seconded: Jasmine Moseley

CARRIED

Motion: That Peter Bayliss be appointed as interim Treasurer, until 31 October 2016.

Moved: Elizabeth More

Seconded: Suzan Williams

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.50am