

Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 19 September 2016

King Street Arts Centre, Perth

Present: Brian Lucas - President and Chair
Claudia Alessi - Vice President
Marilyn Miller - Vice President
Lauren Honcope – ACT (on skype)
Jasmine Moseley - VIC (on skype)
Elizabeth More - NSW
Tanya Voges - SA (on skype)
Simon Owen - WA
Roslyn Dundas - National CEO (ex-officio, no vote)

In attendance: Michelle Silby - NSW/VIC Director
Julie Dyson - Honorary Life Member (past National Director)
Shane Colquhoun - Honorary Life Member and TAG Chair (past National President)
Gabrielle Sullivan - WA Director

Proxy: Suzan Williams – QLD to Claudia Alessi, supporting the new

Constitution

The President opened the meeting at 9.35am and welcomed everyone to the table. Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Executive had agreed the meeting could be undertaken with both digital and physical presence (as per Constitution 6.4.1)

In commencing this EGM, the President acknowledged the achievement of the Australian Dance Awards that had been held the previous evening, reflecting on the powerful welcome to country and embedding of culture throughout the presentation.

This meeting has been convened specifically to consider constitutional reform – a key element in re-visioning Ausdance National. The President noted there would be ongoing issues of application of any changes, and that not everything can be resolved today. However, the aim is to build a new, solid foundation from which a new Board can move forward.

Paul Summers from the Transition Advisory Group and Lauren Honcope were acknowledged for the contribution and dedication to the reform process.

The National Council discussed the proposed new Constitution, noting the following:

- The major component of the reforms is the make up of the board of national directors, and the membership who selects the board
- There was a question of why the proposal retains two VPs, and it was acknowledged there is benefit in having four Executive members, and a VP title is in recognition of the engagement expected along with the Treasurer and President.
- There is an overarching role of National across the Ausdance network, however how Ausdance can and could service individual members is unclear
- A new Board will have a role in pulling together a refreshed strategy for the national office and network

National Council focused conversation onto the issue of membership, with a desire to ensure individuals can be engaged with the work of Ausdance National, and across the network. Modifications to the proposed Constitution, expanding membership of National to all individuals of state/territory offices were put forward and agreed. In expanding the membership pool, National Council also agreed to remove the limit on the number of proxies that could be held during a General Meeting. It was noted work would be required to enable this change of membership structure, and ensure 'competing' memberships did not arise.

MOTION:

That National Council resolves to adopt the Constitution as proposed (version circulated 12 September) to ensure a new form of National Council is created with the following amendments:

~~5.1.3: Each member of the National Advisory Committee whose State or Territory Ausdance is financial, has one vote at the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings of the Association. Other members of a financial State or Territory Ausdance have the right to attend but not the right to vote.~~

~~8.1.5: No member present at the Annual General Meeting may carry more than five proxy votes~~

~~8.1.9: The term of Directors other than the National Executive shall be one two years, with a maximum cumulative term of ten six years. Incumbent Directors are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.~~

Further, National Council accepts there are minor drafting matters contained within the new Constitution and arising from these amendments, and delegates the Executive with National Office to ensure these are progressed prior to the Constitution being lodged with the ACT Registrar-General.

Moved: Brian Lucas

Seconded: Simon Owen

Carried unanimously

The Extraordinary General Meeting closed at 11.15am.