

Australian Association of Gerontology

2016 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 12.30pm

National Convention Centre, Canberra, Australia

Minutes

The Meeting commenced at 12:43pm.

The Chairperson (AAG President) commenced the meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land and paying respect to the elders past and present.

The Chair then welcomed everyone to the AAG AGM and advised that only AAG financial members can vote or accept a proxy vote. The Chairperson instructed all attendees to sign the Attendance Register that was at the entrance to the AGM room.

1. PRESENT

Attendees at the meeting were:

Helen Barrie (Chairperson)	Josephine Root	Richard Cumpston
James Beckford Saunders (CEO)	Mahjabeen Ahmad	Jenny Davis
Sejal Shah (Minutes)	Frances Batchelor	Carol Davy
Andrea Petriwskyj	Irene Blackberry	Lui DiVenuto
Christine Stirling	Pam Bongers	Briony Dow
Barbara Squires	Anthony Brown	Annesley Farthing
Leon Flicker	Lynsey Brown	Michael Fine
Claudia Meyer	Julie Byles	Sarah Fogg
Sue McGrath	Elisa Campbell	Sandra Forster
Tracy Robinson	Belinda Cash	Jane Fyfield
Katrina Radford	Mark Cooper – Stanbury	Dianne Goeman
Trudy Sutton	Helen Creasey	Robin Harvey
Danny Hills	Marianne Cummins	Cilla Haywood
Ngairé Hobbins	Anna Howe	Linda Isherwood
Yun-Hee Jeon	Marijan Jukic	Reza Kahlaee
Sook Ting Lee	Constance Kourbelis	Helen Kimberley
Donna Lennon	Catherine Lock	Susan McGrath
Jan McGregor	Jane Mears	Claudia Meyer
Joanne Mihelcic	Briony Murphy	Chiara Naseri
Stephen Neville	Debra O'Connor	Rosalie Pace
Lynne Parkinson	Helen Rawson	Tracy Robinson
Constance Schneider	Christopher Shanley	Jane Sims
Michael Tan	Christine Toyne	Joanne Tropea
Renuka Visvanathan	Yvonne Wells	Christopher Westacott
Ruth Williams		

2. APOLOGIES

The Chairperson read the apologies as follows and asked if there were further apologies:

Annette Byron	Ruth Inall	Kathryn Resili
Jennie Somerville	Andrea Maier	Rhonda Nay
Janni Goss	Roger Warne	Frank Schaper
Tony Broe	Kylie Radford	Sharon Wall

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 5th November 2015 in Alice Springs.

The Chairperson stated that the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held on 5th November 2015 had been circulated prior to the AGM. The Chairperson invited discussion of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM and asked if there was any business arising from them.

The Chairperson asked for a member to move that:

Motion: the minutes from the 05 November 2015 Annual General Meeting of the AAG be received and accepted.

MOVED:	Christine Stirling		
SECONDED:	Briony Dow		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President presented her President’s Report as follows:

The 2016 Australian Association of Gerontology’s Conference is being held on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal peoples and I wish to acknowledge them as the traditional owners of the land and pay my respects to their Elders, both past and present, as well as the Elders from other countries who may be here with us today.

The past 12 months has been, as usual, a very busy and active year for the AAG. I feel the organisation is going from strength to strength both in terms of reputation and influence but also in terms of reach. Below is list of the highlights of activities and achievements over the past year, but is by no means covers all activities conducted on behalf of the organisation.

Highlights of the past year:

- Development and launch of the ATSIAG “Closing Remote Communities: Effects on Ageing in Place” report, which was launched by Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon.

Ken Wyatt MP at the Conference on Wednesday. This report is the outcome of the successful workshop held in Alice Springs at the 2015 AAG conference.

- We have three new Special Interest Groups – the Regional, Rural and Remote SIG, the Housing and the Built Environment SIG and the Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Ageing SIG in addition to the six SIGS already in the AAG. These special interest groups offer members an opportunity to connect with a focused community of interest under the broad, multidisciplinary field of gerontology. SIGs have carried out many activities over the past 12 months including submissions to enquiries, representation with other organisations and peak bodies and workshops and meetings at the conference.
- Congratulations to the LGBTI special interest group on their collaboration with the Australasian Journal on Ageing in creating a special edition of the Journal in late 2015.
- The Student and Early Career Group represents approximately a third of the AAG membership and continues to go from strength to strength, having successfully moved from a state based model to a national model. The SECG group have run two webinars over the past year and a pre-conference workshop. I would like to make special mention of the hard work that Belinda Cash has put into the SECG group over the past four years as President and as Belinda steps down from this role at this conference, congratulate and thank Constance Kourbelis on taking up the role of president of the SECG moving forward. I would also like to thank the other 13 student and early career researchers who have offered up their time to the SECG working groups in 2017.
- We have been very lucky to have a very generous and engaging Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow, in Paul Cann from Age UK Oxfordshire. I would like to thank Paul for his active engagement with AAG members.
- I would also like to thank Professor Julie Byles, Director of the Research Centre of Generational and Healthy Ageing at the University of New South Wales for taking up the 2016 Glenda Powell National Travelling Fellow role.
- Professor Julie Byles, along with Professor Keith Hill have also worked tirelessly as Secretary and President respectively, as well as AAG's representative's on the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia Pacific Region Executive Committee, helping engagement across the region.
- In 2016 the AAG ran 9 webinars, engaging approximately 1,200 people overall. I would particularly like to thank Michael and Jess from the AAG head office for co-ordinating and running these webinars, which have become a critical way for the AAG to reach a large audience.
- In addition to these 8 webinars the AAG state, territory and chapter groups have run 22 other events, including forums, seminars and regional conferences. This is an incredible amount of effort from a volunteer base and as an organisation we are really grateful for the impact and reach this enables the AAG to have.
- The AAG has also seen many changes in the head office, with the addition of Michael Tan, Jess Prabhakar and Tonye Segbedzi on the AAG team. Michael has taken up a role managing membership and marketing, as well as systems expert, Jess is working as our new administration officer and Tonye is the first paid senior policy officer for the AAG.
- We have also been very excited by the recent surprise receipt of a large bequest to AAG. In July 2016 William Nicholson bequeathed \$1 million dollars to AAG with the wish that it be used to further research in ageing. AAG have set up a separate deductible gift recipient entity called the Australian Association of Gerontology Research Trust. AAG is the Trustee for the AAG Research Trust, which will be able to take tax deductible donations of \$2 or more. There will be more to follow on this in the coming months.

- Another exciting development is the strengthening relationship we have developed with the New Zealand Association of Gerontology over the past 12 months. This includes planning a joint symposium for 2017. I would like to thank Stephen Neville, the President of the NZAG for his engagement with this partnership.
- And finally, thanks to all those who have been involved in this year's conference – particularly Cassie, Sejal and Michael from the AAG office for their continuing hard work in creating a world class conference. I know how incredibly hard Cassie and the team works for the whole year in order to give us such a fantastic event. For the first time we have over 500 delegates at the AAG conference, including a remarkable number of impressive key note presenters. It is at this conference every year that we see the amazing breadth and depth of research and activity that happens in the field of ageing.

All of these activities can only happen because of the dedication and commitment of a large number of people – and I am sure if I start to list everyone I am going to miss some people out! But there are some groups of people I would like to acknowledge here:

Firstly, James Beckford Saunders, the AAG CEO and the dedicated small, hardworking team he leads in the AAG office who take care of all the machinations that an organisation of over 1,000 members requires – from the conference and events to membership, the newsletter, website, funding and finances, peak body and policy engagement and member enquiries. The AAG would not be able function on the scale it does without their hard work.

I would also like to thank the Board for the commitment to the organisation. As a group of volunteers, all of whom have very demanding day jobs, their contribution to the financial management and strategic direction of the organisation as a whole is commendable. In addition to this I know many of them undertake other AAG roles in special interest groups, state and territory committees, on conference committees and as presenters and convenors of AAG activities.

I would also like to thank all the state and territory committees, the convenors of special interest groups, the ATSIAG advisory board and the SECG working groups for the time and dedication as volunteers to this organisation. Without these hard working members most of the AAG activities would not happen.

The AAG continues to go from strength to strength – attested by the 1,000+ membership, the vast number of activities and events that help us reach a larger audience, our increasing engagement with policy makes at both the state and federal level, and our international reach through organisations such as the IAGG-R and the ILC-Aus. This breadth of activity is how we achieve our goal of expanding knowledge of ageing. This is only achieved by the active participation of its membership base. So my final thankyou is to you, all of the AAG members, who make this organisation what it is today.

The Chairperson invited questions or discussion of the Report.

The Chairperson asked for a member to move that:

Motion: the AAG President's Report be received and adopted.

MOVED:	Andrea Petriwskyj		
SECONDED:	Michael Fine		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

5. Financial Report, Director’s Report and Auditor’s Report for the year ended 30 June 2016

With the recent retirement of Frank Schaper as Treasurer of the AAG Board, Barbara Squires was appointed by the Board as interim Treasurer. Barbara presented the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

- a. Revenue increased by \$290K and expenditure increased by \$350K.
- b. Changes primarily due to the AAG bringing the management of the conference in-house.
- c. AAG reported a surplus of \$1,649 for the 2015-16 financial year. While a small surplus, it is positive as the Board had budgeted for a deficit.

The Treasurer invited discussion of the Treasurer’s Report and Audited Accounts.

The Chairperson asked for a member to move that:

Motion: the AAG Treasurer’s Report and Audited Accounts for AAG Ltd. (1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016) be received and adopted.

MOVED:	Danny Hills		
SECONDED:	Chris Shanley		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

6. 2017/2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Treasurer tabled the 2017/2018 AAG Membership Fees as recommended by the AAG Board as follows:

Membership ¹	2017/18	
	Without AJA	With AJA
Corporate (1-2 member nominees)	N/A	\$540
Corporate (3-5 member nominees)	N/A	\$1050
Individual	N/A	\$290
Student	\$55	\$165



Early Career Researcher/ Practitioner:	\$95	\$205
Concession/ Retiree:	\$95	\$205
ATSI	N/A	N/A
Honorary/ Life	N/A	\$110

The Treasurer asked for a member to move that:

Motion: The 2017/2018 fees as put forward by the AAG Board be received and adopted.

MOVED:	Ralph Hampson		
SECONDED:	Yvonne Wells		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

7. Appointment and fixing of remuneration of the Auditor

The President asked for a member to move that:

Motion: The appointment of APL financial as the auditor for the 2016/17 financial year and fixing of remuneration at \$5800 + GST as put forward by the AAG Board be received and adopted.

MOVED:	Marianne Cummins		
SECONDED:	Chris Westacott		
	CARRIED	DEFEATED	DEFERRED

8. Election of Directors

The Chairperson thanked Briony Dow (VIC) and Jo Root (ACT) for their extensive service to the Board.

The Chairperson announced the appointment of the following Directors onto the AAG Board:

Name of appointee	AAG Division
Dr Claudia Meyer	Victoria
Sue McGrath	ACT

The Chairperson congratulated the appointed Directors noting that they would take office at the close of the AGM.

9. AJA Book Award

Yvonne Wells, editor of book reviews, announced the following awards:

Highly commended book: *Advanced Australia: The Politics of Ageing* by Mark Butler.

Winner of the 2016 AJA Book Award: Prof. Gideon Capman for *Geriatric Medicine: An Introduction*.

10. Other Business

The Chairperson invited discussion on any Association issues relevant to the AGM.

Anna Howe commended the Board on making sound and secure arrangements through the AAG Research Trust for the money received in a bequest from the Estate of the Late William Peter Steel Nicolson.

11. Close

The Chairperson closed the AAG Annual General Meeting for 2016 at 1:23pm.