



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ACT) LIMITED
(ACN 008 615 778)**

7.00 PM WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2020

AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual General Meeting will be conducted by videoconference and teleconference. Members may join the meeting by using the following link or telephone number:

Videoconference: <https://meet.lync.com/ama-act.com.au/psomerville/3NSJW6ZF>

Teleconference: 02 8318 0005 Conference ID: 871193001

CHAIR: DR ANTONIO DI DIO.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENT

A roll call of members will be conducted at the commencement of the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

4. PROXIES

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2019:

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. TREASURER'S REPORT and REPORT OF THE AUDITOR: A/Prof Andrew Miller AM

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr Antonio Di Dio

9. CERTIFICATES FOR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Dr Colin Andrews, Dr Michael Flynn, Dr Heather Lopert, Dr David McNicol and Dr Douglas Rogers.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Dr Antonio Di Dio

This award is presented annually to a person who, in the opinion of the President, has made a significant contribution to the Association and to the profession in the ACT.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Ratification of AMA (ACT) Board's Decision to Authorise an Election for President. Further information is attached to this agenda, below.

MOTION:

'That the Members hereby ratify and affirm the resolution adopted by the AMA (ACT) Board at its meeting of 8 April 2020 in the following terms:

"The AMA (ACT) Board authorises an election for the office of President be held as part of the next ordinary cycle of AMA (ACT) elections to commence on 9 April 2020. The President so elected will hold office, in accordance with Article 8.2 of the AMA (ACT) Articles of Association"

as valid and effective.'

- B. Increasing the size of the AMA (ACT) Board by two

'That the AMA (ACT) Board be increased in number by the creation of two, additional ordinary Board members.'

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

FURTHER INFORMATION:

AGENDA ITEM 11.A. RATIFICATION

In the ordinary course of events, under the AMA (ACT) Articles of Association [AOA], the outgoing President is succeeded by the President-Elect. While Dr Suzanne Davey had kindly volunteered to take on the position of AMA (ACT) President-Elect for this term, when current President, Dr Antonio Di Dio, expressed a wish to continue in his role, Dr Davey agreed to Dr Di Dio's request, and vacated her position.

Replacing the President-Elect requires the calling of a special general meeting and an election for the office. The timing of such an election meant that the election would have paralleled the ordinary elections for the AMA (ACT) Board due to be held in the lead up to, and declared at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

As a result, at its April 2020 meeting, the AMA (ACT) Board considered the options of either holding an election to replace the outgoing President-Elect or of including the office of President as part of the ordinary cycle of elections due to be declared at the 2020 AGM.

The AMA (ACT) Board considered that there was considerable potential for confusion if two elections were held including where the position of President-Elect overlaps between the elections.

In particular, parallel elections would mean holding an election for a replacement President-Elect on the current Board while holding an election that included an election for President-Elect on the new Board.

Further, it is potentially confusing that an election to replace the President-Elect would be a de facto election for President. This fact would need to have been made very clear to members that the election for a replacement President-Elect would be, in effect, an election for President.

Finally, it was a fundamental consideration for the Board that elections be held in a transparent and democratic manner. This is not to say that parallel elections are necessarily unsatisfactory but rather the risk of confusion and misunderstanding by members during parallel elections was considered by Board.

Of particular note, however, is that the AOA contains no mechanism for holding an election for President.

After considering these matters, the Board authorised an election for the office of President in the current round of elections and proposed this current item of business for the AGM that seeks the members' ratification of the Board's decision.