

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ACT) LIMITED (ACN 008 615 778) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2020 HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr Antonio Di Dio, AMA (ACT) President welcomed members and guests to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

2. PRESENT:

President and chair: Dr Antonio Di Dio.

Directors: Prof Steve Robson, A/Prof Andrew Miller AM, Dr Iain Dunlop AM, A/Prof Jeff Looi, Dr Rashmi Sharma OAM and Dr Balaji Bikshandi.

Members: Drs Walter Abhayaratna, Peter French, Elizabeth Gallagher, Douglas Randell, Peter Hughes, Rajeev Jyoti, Alan Shroot, Chandi Perera, Ren Tan, Kerrie Aust, Thinus Van Rensberg, Jade Stewart, Michael Levy and Peter Wilkins.

A quorum being present, the meeting proceeded.

In attendance: Peter Somerville and Tony Chase.

3. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:

Members: Drs Ian Brown, Kirsty Douglas, Michael Gillespie, Carolyn Hawkins, Jo Benson, Damien Smith, Maurizio Damiani.

4. PROXIES:

No proxies were notified.

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

Dr Di Dio referred members to the minutes of the 2019 AGM as circulated. On the motion of the Chair, the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 8 May 2019 were confirmed.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

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

Dr Miller referred members to the financial reports as circulated and presented in the Annual Report distributed to the meeting, together with his report to the members.

Dr Miller advised members present of the auditor's report and moved the report be received, seconded by Dr Di Dio and carried.

Dr Miller advised that for the 2019 financial year, the company recorded a surplus from continuing operations of \$19,949 (2018 result: deficit \$15,636). The previous year's deficit has been converted to a surplus by increasing revenue and closer attention to reducing costs.

Membership revenues have increased by \$24,513 to \$268,343. Combined Canberra Doctor and Specialist Directory revenue has also increased.

Company expenses have been pegged back to \$596,882, a saving of over \$25,000 compared with 2018.

The MOU between AMA (ACT) and AMA Ltd continues to provide the structure for support to the Company in the form of rental and IT and other support. The Board is satisfied that this provides us with medium term security however we are aware of the strategic risk this arrangement presents and are prepared to reassess the situation.

A/Prof Miller that COVID is likely to have a yet-unassessed impact on the results for the current financial year.

A/Prof thanked Tanya Smith, Corporate Accountant and CEO, Peter Somerville for their attention to the completion of the 2019 financial reporting requirements.

A/Prof Miller moved that the Treasurer's report be received, seconded by Dr Di Dio and carried.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Dr Di Dio highlighted several events and issues from the year:

- Independent Review of Workplace Culture in ACT Public Hospital; System. AMA ACT made a major submission and had been heavily involved in initial stages of implementation of Review's recommendations.
- Salaried Doctors Enterprise Agreement – awaiting approval by Fair Work Commission
- Family Doctor Week – saw AMA President, DR Tony Bartone guest of honour at our FDW dinner
- Resignation of Health Minister, Meegan Fitzharris
- The recent bushfire emergency had highlighted the impact of such events on the health of Canberrans – both directly and indirectly
- COVID – great credit must go to the hard work of all associated with the local COVID response.

Dr Di Dio thanked all members for their efforts over the course of the year. He also expressed thanks to the work of all concerned in the AMA AXT secretariat.

9. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO 50 YEAR MEMBERS: Dr Antonio Di Dio

50 Year members acknowledged - Drs Colin Andrews, Michael Flynn, Heather Lopert, Douglas Rogers and David McNicoll.

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

Deferred

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Ratification of AMA (ACT) Board's Decision to Authorise an Election for President.

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.’

Moved: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Seconded: A/Prof Andrew Miller

Carried by requisite majority.

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

MOTION:

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

Moved: Dr Antonio Di Dio

Seconded: Dr Suzanne Davey

Carried by requisite majority.

12. DECLARATION OF ELECTIONS

President: Dr Antonio Di Dio

President-Elect: Prof Walter Abhayaratna

Treasurer: A/Prof Andrew Miller

Board Members: Dr Iain Dunlop

A/Prof Jeff Looi

Dr Charles Howse

Dr Di Dio expressed his gratitude, on behalf of AMA ACT and its members for the service provided by Dr Davey and Dr Bikshandi as Board members.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

Dr Di Dio closed the meeting and thanked all those in attendance – board members, other members and staff for their efforts over the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Dr Antonio Di Dio
Chair