



AMA

Australian Medical Association Limited

ABN 37 008 426 793

62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 25 May 2023

Videoconference

DRAFT MINUTES

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of Australian Medical Association Limited (AMA Ltd) commenced at 8:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Dr Kate Kearney, welcomed members to AMA Ltd's online Annual General Meeting (AGM). She noted that she was attending the meeting from Canada and that she was joined by the Federal President, Prof Steve Robson, Warwick Hough, General Manager of Policy and Irene Quah, General Manager of Corporate Services from Canberra. The Chair acknowledged apologies from the Secretary General and Company Secretary, Natalia Centellas, who is unable to join due to illness.

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which the AGM was held, and paid respect to elders past and present.

The Chair confirmed 100 members had registered to attend and that there was a quorum of ordinary members present, with 13 valid proxies lodged with the Company Secretary.

2. Notice of Meeting

The Chair informed members that the notice of meeting convening the Annual General Meeting was emailed to all AMA Ltd members and sent in hard copy to those members without an electronic address, or who choose not to receive electronic notices, on 3 May 2023.

3. Address by Federal President

The Federal President, Prof Steve Robson, welcomed members to AMA Ltd's Annual General Meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the AMA was being held.

Prof Robson acknowledged the strong foundations laid by his predecessor Dr Omar Khorshid which have led to many successes during Dr Khorshid's term so far.

Prof Robson and Vice President, Dr Danielle McMullen, have been working to create a good working relationship with the Government for them to understand the problems facing the health care system. This has resulted in meaningful investment in General Practice and inadequate indexation of Medicare is now fully understood.

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting of Members of Australian Medical Association Limited

The meeting received the minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Medical Association Limited held by videoconference at 7pm AEST on 26 May 2022. The

minutes are available on the AMA's website, information on how to access these was circulated with the Notice of AGM.

4. Annual Report and Audited Financial Reports for the year ending 31 December 2022

The Chair reported that the annual report for the year ending 31 December 2022 was lodged with ASIC on 26 April 2023. The annual report includes the audited financial reports for AMA Ltd and its controlled entities. The Chair reported the annual report had been provided to all AMA members and had been published on the AMA website.

The annual report detailed another challenging year for the AMA. The organisation continues to play a national leadership role in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic while also seeking to reinvigorate the public discussion of key policy areas including general practice, public hospitals, private health, and public health.

The Chair reported that there has been significant change within the AMA, with the election of a new President and Vice President in August along with the decision by A/Prof Rosanna Capolingua to step down as Chair of the AMA Ltd Board. The Chair acknowledged the service of Dr Omar Khorshid, Dr Chris Moy and A/Prof Rosanna Capolingua who have made incredibly significant contributions over many years of service to the AMA and its members.

The AMA also saw the departure of A/Prof Martin Laverty as Secretary General, the Board acted swiftly to recruit a replacement. The Board is pleased to say that Natalia Centellas has ably stepped into the role, supported by the capable management team that ensured the AMA continued to function during the recruitment process.

The AMA Group of companies, which includes subsidiaries AMPCo, Drs Health and AMA NT, recorded a loss after tax of (\$893k) for the year ended 31 December 2022, and total equity of \$31.6 million.

The Chair reported that Bellchambers Barrett is the AMA auditor, having completed their first audit of the AMA's accounts in 2021. In an endorsement of the strong internal checks and balances the AMA has in place, they have once again found no concerns and made no recommendations. They have noted that untaken staff leave is still high but acknowledged that COVID-19 has continued to hamper efforts to bring these accumulations down.

The meeting received the annual report and audited financial statements.

5. Directors

The Chair advised of the intended retirement from the Board of Dr Gary Speck, who has served as the AMA Victoria nominee to the Board and Dr Bavahuna Manoharan, who has served as the AMA Queensland nominee to the Board.

In noting their retirement, the Chair extend thanks to all members of the AMA Board for their diligent work over the past year and the collaborative way in which they have worked together to make decisions in the best interests of the AMA and its members.

6. Questions

The Chair and President answered questions from members.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 7 May 2024 via videoconference.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.18pm.

Appendix 1 – attendee and apology lists

Attendees:

Dr Maria Renee Boulton
Dr Francis FitzGerald
Dr Devin Deo
Dr Bronwyn Avard
Dr Rosalind Terry
Dr Bavahuna Manoharan
Dr Alexander Nirenberg
Dr Dan Owens
Dr Christine Barstad
Dr Douglas Gin
Dr Roderick McRae
Dr Ragheb Sidhom
A/Prof William Tam
Dr Kerrie Aust
Dr Sandra Hirowatari
Dr Michael Gannon
Dr Dana Phang
Dr Ryan Sheridan
Dr Nathan Abraham
Dr Jill Tomlinson
Dr Peter Joseph
Dr Antonio Di Dio
Dr Catherine Pendrey
Dr Dan Wilson
Dr John Saul
Dr Hashim Abdeen
Dr Anthony (Tony) Bartone
Dr Jennifer Jane Rogers

Apologies:

Dr Maxwell Robert Weedon
Dr Christine Thevathasan
Dr Miranda Jelbart
Dr Don Perry-Keene