

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 7th November 2020 at 11am
via Zoom Teleconference**

MINUTES

1. Open Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Annual General Meeting opened at 11am with an Acknowledgement of Country. The AGM was preceded by a presentation by Dr Red Ruby Scarlet entitled *Exploring the Places and Spaces of Educators in the 'New Normal'*.

2. Attendance

Present:

Sue Atkinson Lopez, Susan Bradshaw, Tess Brooks, Andrea Broughton, Coral Campbell, Julie-Mary Carmel, Dorothy Connop, Carol Doran, Alannah Dore, Judy Dunn, Susan Emmett, Kevin Fell, Susan Fitzgerald, Angela Follacchio, Hua Goh, Wendy Grenfell, Shirley Groves-Klebaner, Alexandra Heard, Louise Hennessy, Kay Hirst, Helen Holden, Anne Houghton, Martina Jones, Michelle Jose, Candy Koch, Nicole Lees, Carolyn Lunt, Kay Margetts, Nichola Marriott, Sandra McCarthy-Wilson, Avril McHugh, Majida Mehana, Ros Molyneux, Anna Munari, Rob Nguyen, Sarah O'Donnell, Kristy O'Toole, Sophia Patitsas, Bridie Raban, Andrew Ross, Gillian Shelley, Lorraine Tankard, Danielle Thompson, Helen Walker-Cook, Pauline Whyte, Maree Wiggins

Guests: Ray Bullen, Liz Potter

Apologies & Proxy Votes:

Helen Baker, Barb Joyce, Mrs.V.C. Kelleher, Beverley Morwood, Geraldine Ryan, and Sarah Young

3. Welcome by President

4. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2019

Motion (4.1): that the amended minutes of the AGM meeting held on 9 November 2019 be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Moved: Candy Koch

Seconded: Maree Wiggins

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

6. Additional Items for General Business

There was no additional business.

8. Annual Reports for 2019/2020

8.1 President's Report

Alannah Dore spoke to her written report.

8.2 The AGECS Financial Report

The President introduced the Honorary Treasurer, Avril McHugh and Trustee, Ray Bullen.

Foundation Trustee Ray Bullen spoke to the current financial position of AGECS. Questions were raised regarding the AGECS's ethical investing position. A sub-committee of Council will be formed to meet to develop The AGECS's position on ethical investing.

Motion (8.2.1): That the Auditor's Reports 2019/2020 as circulated be accepted.

Moved: Sophia Patitsas

Seconded: Dorothy Connop

Motion (8.2.2:) That Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd be appointed as auditor of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies for 2020/2021

Moved: Coral Campbell

Seconded: Susan Emmett

8.3 Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies Report

Kevin Fell spoke to the circulated report.

The President thanked Avril McHugh and Trevor Jewell for managing the finances of the AGECS and thanked the Trustees and boards of the Warrawong and Forest Hill grants for their contribution to the ECE community in Victoria and nationwide.

Motion (8.3:) That all reports be accepted.

Moved: Wendy Grenfell

Seconded: Sophia Patitsas

9. Constitution Steering Committee

Members are invited to lodge via email to info@agecs.org.au an expression of interest in November 2020 to participate on the Steering Committee to be put before Council at its December 2020 meeting.

Motion (9.1): That a steering committee be established to review the Constitution (2011).

Moved: Dorothy Connop

Seconded: Coral Campbell

10. Elections

10.1 Election of The AGECS Council Members

The President thanked members for their graciousness and patience with the nomination procedures changes due to COVID-19. All Council members stepped down, except the President who was elected at the 2019 AGM for a two year term. The President took nominations from the floor.

Dorothy Connop self nominated, seconded Sarah O'Donnell
Susan Emmett self nominated, seconded Wendy Grenfell
Wendy Grenfell self nominated, seconded Sarah O'Donnell
Sandra McCarthy-Wilson self nominated, seconded Maree Wiggins
Avril McHugh nominated by Maree Wiggins, seconded Tess Brooks
Nichola Marriott self nominated, seconded Sarah O'Donnell
Sarah O'Donnell self nominated, seconded Wendy Grenfell
Sophia Patitsas self nominated, seconded Kay Margetts
Bridie Raban self nominated, seconded Tess Brooks
Gillian Shelley nominated by Sarah O'Donnell, seconded Wendy Grenfell
Maree Wiggins self nominated, seconded Sandra McCarthy-Wilson

Motion (10.1): That successful nominees be accepted.

Moved: Tess Brooks

Seconded: Carolyn Lunt

The AGECS Constitution states that Council members must be under 73 years of age.

Motion (10.2): That current nominations will include candidates who are older than 72 years for 2021.

Moved: Kay Margetts

Seconded: Sophia Patitsas

11. General Business

There was no general business.

The President thanked members for their attendance.

12. Close Meeting: 12.21pm