



THE
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Minutes of the 155th Annual General Meeting of The Royal Society of New South Wales held in the Gallery Room, State Library of NSW, Shakespeare Place, Sydney on Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 6.00pm.

There were 52 Fellows, Members and guests in attendance.

1 WELCOME

The President Dr Susan Pond welcomed those attending this the first face-to-face Annual General Meeting since 2019.

Apologies were received from the following members:

Mr John Cameron
Mr John Hardie
Emeritus Professor Brynn Hibbert
The Honourable Virginia Judge
Ms Marian Kernahan
Dr Jessica Milner Davis
Mr Bruce Ramage
Emeritus Professor Ian Sloan
Mr Rod Stowe.

Dr Pond gave an acknowledgement of country.

In an opening statement the President highlighted the following:

- The Society met the challenges of the previous two years head on. All the Ordinary General Meetings were recorded and uploaded onto the Society's YouTube channel. The website had also been greatly improved. All activities had been maintained, delivered virtually, and retained as a permanent online record.
- The Society's bicentenary celebrations were delayed because of the pandemic. The bicentenary exhibition NEXUS in the Jean Garling Room of the State Library of NSW, due to open in June 2021 was finally launched in December 2021. Thanks to the generosity of the State Librarian, Dr John Vallance, it has been extended until 30 June 2022. The Society's Patron, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales hosted a garden party for 200 invited guests in March to mark the Society's anniversary. The year will culminate in a gala bicentennial dinner on 24 June 2022 at the Great Hall, the University of Sydney. Dr Alan Finkel AC FAA FTSE will be the guest speaker.
- During the year, the Society established a new branch in Western New South Wales with the support of Charles Sturt University.
- The significant assistance given to the Society by its volunteers.

2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCEDURAL MOTIONS CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC BALLOT

Dr Pond announced the results of the procedural motions that had been conducted by electronic ballot between 15 March and 5 April 2022. She noted that 222 ballots had been submitted from 670 eligible voters, representing an overall return of 33%.

2.1 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The motion that the minutes of the 154th Annual General Meeting held on 7 April 2021 be confirmed was carried. There were 181 votes in favour, 0 against and 41 abstentions.

2.2 Annual Report of Council and the Financial Statements for 2021

The motion that the Annual Report of Council and the Financial Statements for 2021 be received was carried. There were 193 votes in favour, 0 against and 29 abstentions.

The President said there had been several questions relating to 'contractor' in the Financial Statements 2021. She advised that the amount related to the contract for the Society's Executive Officer, Ms Wendy Enevoldsen, which ended in January 2022. The President said Ms Enevoldsen had made a significant contribution to the Society, particularly in relation to development of policy, strategy and to the mounting of the NEXUS exhibition.

2.3 Confirmation of auditors

The motion that Tinworth & Co., Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, be confirmed as the auditors of the Royal Society of New South Wales for 2022 was carried. There were 202 votes in favour, 0 against and 20 abstentions.

3 ELECTION RESULTS

Dr Pond announced the results of the Council elections. There were four (4) candidates elected from five (5) nominations.

There were 840 votes tallied with 12 abstentions from 222 ballots received. The following were elected for a 2-year term.

Professor Sean Brawley (149 votes)
Professor Philip Gale (179)
Ms Pamela Griffith (193 votes)
Emeritus Professor Robert Marks (185 votes)

The meeting closed at 6.15pm and was followed immediately by the 1302nd Ordinary General Meeting.

Signed as a true record



Susan Pond
President

15 April 2022
Date