

## **MINUTES**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015** **VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC**

**WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**The Treacy Centre**

**126 The Avenue Parkville**

**Annual General Meeting commenced at 1:10 pm**

**1. Opening of meeting by President**

The President Stephen Edwards opened the meeting and thanked members for their attendance.

**2. Attendance: 21 members (As per attendance sheet)**

3. As per the Apologies sheet. Apologies of Committee members Jacinta Bleaser and Natalie Genardini noted.

**4. Minutes of 2014 AGM**

Moved: Vivian Lebnan      Seconded: Andy Prodromidis

“That the minutes as circulated are a true and fair record of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Psychologists Association Inc .”

CARRIED

**5. Welcome & Address by President & Secretary**

Stephen Edwards (President) tabled the President’s Report for 2015. Stephen announced his intention to resign from the VPA Inc Committee after 15 years as a Committee member and 5 years as President.

He thanked Dr Jacinta Bleaser, who is also retiring from the Committee for her contribution, particularly during public sector EBA negotiations. Steve reminded members that 2016 would be another EBA year and that it was important that members network and organize around EBA issues in 2016.

The Secretary, Rosemary Kelly, then thanked Stephen Edwards for the enormous contribution he had made to the VPA as both a member of the Committee and as President.

**6. Receive the Annual Finance Report and the Auditor's Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015**

The Annual Finance Report was tabled by the Treasurer, Katerina Volny.

The service agreement between the VPA Inc and the MSAV for the provision of industrial services to members of the VPA Inc during 2014-2015 was noted.

Due to a lower number of members in 2014-2015 compared to the previous year, both the income from membership fees and the fees to the MSAV were around \$5,000 lower.

At 30 June 2015 the accumulated surplus was \$102,794 compared to \$94,375 as at 30 June 2014. This was mainly due to the lower administration expenses in 2014-2015, attributable to the lower costs associated with the preparation of the VPA history.

**7. Adopt the Annual Finance Report and the Auditor's Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015**

Moved: Katerina Volny      Seconded: Rowena Beecham

“That the Annual Finance Report and the Auditor's Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015 be adopted”

CARRIED

**8. Elections of Members of VPA Inc Committee**

Election of members of VPA Inc Committee for two year terms under Rules of the VPA Inc take place every two years at the Annual General Meeting. The last elections were in 2013.

The President note that neither he or Dr Bleaser would not be renominating.

## **President**

As no nominations were received for the position of President, discussion ensued regarding the current President, Steve Edwards, remaining in the position until early 2016 to allow the new Committee time to consider how to fill the position. Steve Edwards had advised that he had decided not to stand again as President or as a Committee member in 2015-2016, but was prepared to remain as President until the new Committee selected a new President.

Moved: Rosemary Kelly                      Seconded: Katerina Volny

That Stephen Edwards be elected as President and will remain as President until such time as a new President is elected by the Committee in 2016.

CARRIED

Stephen Edwards continued to chair the meeting.

*Note: Under Rule 59 of the VPA Rules, the Committee may appoint an eligible member of the Association to a position that was not filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. Any person so appointed will hold office until the AGM at which elections are due (ie 2017). The Committee may continue to act despite any vacancy in its membership.*

## **Secretary**

Rosemary Kelly was nominated to the position of Secretary

**Nominated:** Vivian Lebnan

**Seconded:** Katerina Volny

As there was only one candidate for the position, Rosemary Kelly was elected as Secretary.

## **Treasurer**

Katerina Volny was nominated to the position of Treasurer.

**Nominated:** Andy Prodromidis

**Seconded:** Carol Pitt

As there was only one candidate, Katerina Volny was elected as Secretary.

## **Committee Members**

Vivian Lebnan (Mercy Public Hospital), Andy Prodromidis (Melbourne Health) and David Reid (Royal Children's Hospital) advised the meeting that they were willing to accept being nominated to the Committee for 2015-2017.

Stephen Edwards advised that Natalie Genardini, who was unable to attend the AGM, was willing to accept nomination to the Committee.

Moved: Rosemary Kelly

Seconded: Stephen Edwards

That there be four ordinary members of the Committee of the Victorian Psychologists Association for the period 2015-2017

CARRIED

1 Vivian Lebnan was nominated as a member of the VPA Committee

**Nominated:** Rosemary Kelly

**Seconded:** Stephen Edwards

Vivian Lebnan was elected as a member of the VPA Committee

2 Andy Prodromidis was nominated as a member of the VPA Committee

**Nominated:** Stephen Edwards

**Seconded:** Katerina Volny

Andy Prodromidis was elected as a member of the VPA Committee

3 David Reid was nominated as a member of the VPA Committee

**Nominated:** Stephen Edwards

**Seconded:** Helen Kambouridis

David Reid was elected as a member of the VPA Committee

4 Natalie Genardini was nominated as a member of the VPA Committee

**Nominated:** Stephen Edwards

**Seconded:** Rosemary Kelly

Natalie Genardini was elected as a member of the VPA Committee

**9. Appoint the Auditors for the next financial year 2015-2016 (BGL Partners)**

Moved: Katerina Volny    Seconded: Carol Pitt

“That BGL Partners be appointed as Auditors for the next financial year 2015-2016.”

CARRIED

***Close of meeting at 1:45 pm***

**Presentations**

A presentation was made to Stephen Edwards in recognition of the contribution he had made to the VPA Inc. Rosemary Kelly spoke to Steve’s contributions to the VPA, including the important role he had played in negotiating the public sector enterprise agreements, supporting and championing the writing of the VPA history and developing the VPA position on government mental health policies at the State and federal level.

Rosemary Kelly noted that Dr Bleeser was an apology for the meeting but that the Committee wanted the meeting to recognise the contribution of Dr Bleeser to the work of the VPA, including being part of negotiations for the public sector enterprise agreements. As part of this Dr Bleeser was instrumental in negotiating the classification structure and definitions for psychologists.