

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 **VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC** **FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2022@ 12:00pm**

AGM Meeting held Via Zoom

1. Opening of meeting by President Dr Megan Chapman
Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks

President Megan Chapman opened the meeting at 12.03 pm and thanked members for their attendance online. She thanked members of the VPA committee of management for their contributions during the year and VPA Industrial Staff for their hard work and continued commitment to members. She reported that the Public Sector EBA has been signed off by Cabinet/State Government and expressed her gratitude and thanks to Rosemary Kelly, Paul Elliott, Lisa Alcock and Matt Hammond for driving the whole process over the last 2 years. She thanked Viviane Lebnan for her contribution as part of the negotiating team and colleagues of the MSAV for their assistance and hard work.

She also reported Claudia Mulder has stood down from VPA Committee and thanked her for her time, contribution and input while a VPA Committee member.

Megan also expressed thanks to Paul Elliott who is stepping down as Secretary of the MSAV and thanks him for his help with the VPA and his dedication to the Union movement over the years. She also wished Matt Hammond all the best in anticipation of his new role as Secretary of the MSAV and looks forward to the continued great work between the Unions.

2. Minutes of VPA AGM 22 September 2021

Moved: Claudia Mulder

Seconded: Ania Krysztofiak

“That the minutes of the Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. AGM dated 22 September 2021 are a true and accurate record of proceedings”

CARRIED

3. Welcome & Address by VPA Secretary Lisa Alcock

Lisa Alcock welcomed everyone and thanked members for their attendance.

Lisa expressed her purpose as Secretary of the VPA will be to bargain for better terms and conditions for all members. Her determination and passion for Industrial Relations drive her

to represent and fight for working people in the FWC. She expressed that as Secretary of the VPA she will continue to present and support members to settle disputes with employers. Lisa thanked Rosemary Kelly, Paul Elliott and Matt Hammond for their tireless work in negotiations for the Public Sector EBA that has been signed off by the state government after 2 years of negotiations. The new EBA delivers many improvements for psychologists including 400 new psychology positions over the next 4 years. She also reported on the upcoming private sector and community health bargaining negotiations that will continue in the new year. Lisa also thanked current VPA Committee members and outgoing committee member Claudia Mulder for being dedicated unionists that are passionate about representing working people.

4. Receive the Annual Finance Report and the Auditor's Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022

David Reid, Treasurer provided a verbal report.

5. Adopt the Annual Finance Report and the Auditor's Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022

Moved: Jaqueline Evans-Barker

Seconded: Claudia Mulder

CARRIED

6. Appointment of Auditors for the financial year 2022-2023

Moved: David Reid

Seconded: Megan Chapman

“That BGL Partners be appointed as Auditors for the next financial year 2022-2023”

CARRIED

7. Superannuation update by Rosemary Kelly – Quit Nukes Members to consider proposed motion.

RESOLUTION ADOPT 7 OCTOBER 2021

This meeting of the VPA recognises the devastating humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or by accident, and endorses the resolution passed by the National Council of the Health Services Union in November 2018, as set out below.

This meeting of the VPA:

1. Calls on the Australian Government to immediately sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as per ALP National Policy
2. Urges HESTA and AWARE Super, which both have significant numbers of members employed in health and community services, to immediately divest from all investments in companies that produce nuclear weapons or componentry across the whole of their portfolios

And requests the Secretary to write to the relevant bodies advising them of this resolution.

Moved: Rosemary Kelly

Seconded: Megan Chapman

Carried Unanimously

National Council of the Health Services Union Resolution November 2018

The HSU Acknowledges the devastating humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or by accident.

Acknowledges that health workers would be among the first to respond to a nuclear attack. Most hospitals and support services would be rendered non-functional.

Supports a nuclear-free defence policy for Australia. Nuclear weapons are inherently indiscriminate and inhumane. Their existence and policies for their use threaten the security of all.

Notes and welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) at the United Nations in 2017 as a significant step towards the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Congratulates the Australian-founded International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons for their role in bringing about the TPNW, for which they were awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

Calls on the Australian Government to sign and ratify the TPNW as a matter of urgency.

Close of Meeting: Meeting closed at 12:48 pm