

Pilates Alliance of Australasia - AGM

Date: 14/09/2019

Venue: International Convention Centre Sydney

Meeting opened at 1600

Meeting concluded at 1700

Attendees

PAA committee members: Sharan Simmons (President), Chris Lavelle (Vice President), Robyn Rix (Treasurer), Mary McArthur (Secretary), Committee members Lisa Jackson, Ella Wong, Susan Cottrell and Felicia Darbyshire-Pirie

Systems Officer Kerry Haywood, 39 members of the PAA, 3 non members and one via Zoom

Apologies

Carolyn Antony (Member Relations Officer), Arwen McCutcheon, Marda Willey and Kara Norris

Minutes of previous AGM

16 November 2018

Accepted and approved by the members (Robyn Rix and Susan Cottrell)

President's report

President's report was presented at the meeting ([link to report](#))

Sharan Simmons delivered her report by way of a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the major achievements for the year 2019 and outlining forward planning and priorities for the PAA's new committee for 2020

Mention was made of the impact that the withdrawal of health fund rebates for Pilates has had on membership numbers and plans in place for addressing these concerns

Further to the projects projected for the next five years and which conform to the key six pillars outlined in the strategic plan, the committee will also maintain the projects already underway, as well as continue to manage the day to day operations of the association at the best level possible

The President went on to thank the committee for their support, for their dedication to the organisation and contributions made by them and PAA administration staff throughout 2019.

Sharan also expressed her gratitude to retiring Secretary, Mary McArthur and retiring committee member Jo Bezzina

Accepted and approved by the members (Robyn Rix/Jenni Guest)

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the PAA financial statements and reports for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Total current assets: \$401,464

Total current liabilities: \$177,888

Cash at bank: \$345,839

Net assets: \$223,577

Total accumulated funds: \$223,577

The Treasurer also gave a report on the Natural Health Review Research compilation of studies and trials to date.

The independent auditor's report (Shedden & Green) has been received with financial statements and reports for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Accepted and approved by the members (Mary McArthur/Bruce Hildebrand)

Election

There being no nominations received for vacant positions on the committee, nominations as per our constitution were called for from the floor.

Bruce Hildebrand - nominated by Molly Hildebrand, seconded by Jo Bezzina and elected by show of hands

Darren Vizer - nominated by Anne-Maree Jones, seconded by Katrina Edwards and elected by show of hands

Kirsti Viitala - nominated by Chris Lavelle, seconded by Olga Tamara and elected by show of hands

Karen Goh - nominated by Anne-Maree Jones, seconded by Mary McArthur and elected by show of hands

The PAA Committee for 2020: President - Sharan Simmons

Vice President - Chris Lavelle

Treasurer - Robyn Rix

Secretary - Felicia Darbyshire-Pirie*

Ordinary Councilors for 2020: Susan Cottrell

Ella Wong
Lisa Jackson
Bruce Hildebrand
Karen Goh
Kirsti Viitala
Darren Vizer

Other business

Chris Lavelle, on behalf of the committee awarded Mary McArthur Life Membership of the PAA in acknowledgement of her outstanding commitment to the PAA, her lengthy and productive time on committee and more recently her valuable work as Secretary. It was proposed that Mary continue with proof reading, editing and minute taking - however she will play no formal role or participation in committee processes and business.

Darren Vizer asked for more detail of proposed or possible changes to membership levels and criteria required for membership. Katrina Edwards also raised the issue of the cost of membership for those only working minimal hours. Olga Tamara suggested a possible studio package, where membership of those with limited hours could be somehow covered in a broader studio membership.

Acknowledgment from the Chair that these are significant issues and require further extensive investigation to reach defining acceptable membership levels and proposed changes to membership criteria. Underpinning any changes to membership requirements is the aim to allow greater membership accessibility throughout the industry. These changes are still a work in progress.

Broad agreement that information relating to the cessation of student membership fees should be broadcast more widely to students, not just via the PAA, but also via Education Bodies, face to face from mentors and supervisors and via social media.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1700

Notes

* Felicia Darbyshire-Pirie was approached by the Committee after the AGM and in light of there being no nominations received for the position of Secretary, she agreed to take on the role