

Gestalt Australia New Zealand
Minutes from the Annual General Meeting Melbourne Vic & Online
Meeting commenced at 6.40pm Wednesday 27th November 2019
Lygon Therapy, 622 Lygon Street, Carlton North.

Minutes: Barbara Churcher

Apologies: Kath McCarthy

Eric Houghton

Members present

Leanne O'Shea	Leonie Sinclair	Anthony Jones	Barbara Churcher	Michelle Sier
Gabe Phillips	Julia Werner	Adin Davidson	Karolina Krysinska	Marc Moskowitz

Members Online

Camille McDonald	Alan Meara	Jelena Zeleskov Djoric	Madeleine Fogarty	Margaret Wood
Peter Burge	Annie Garrety	Clare Mullen	David Conradson	Zan Goodrich

Proxies

Mike Reed	Gail Kenny			
-----------	------------	--	--	--

Apologies

Graeme	Archer	Jane	Campbell-Kaye	Rhonda	Gibson Long	Wilhelmina	Lyffyt	Richard	Prince
Kate	Bracefield	Johanna	Coetzee	Sofie	Glaesel	Kathleen	McCarthy	Julie	Rea
Aicha	Brogan	Eva	Deligiannis	Linda	Howard	Jennifer	Muller	Stephanie	Roddick
Eden	Brown	Maria	Dolenc	Trish	Landsberger	Ashleigh	Power	Sally	Sant
Sally	Bundy	Sabin	Fernbacher	Jeffrey	Lomas	Clinton	Power	Tom	Trikojus

Business

Welcome, Apologies, Establishment of Quorum

Meeting opened by Acting President of the GANZ Council: Leanne O'Shea.
Leanne welcomed attendees.

Declaration of voting members present: 22

Declaration of Proxies.

Quorum of 20 members for AGM to progress reached.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from AGM August 19th 2018

Moved to accept: Barbara Churcher

Seconded: Anthony Jones

Accepted: Passed

Council Reports

President's Report: Leanne O'Shea

Outlined the affairs for the association since the previous AGM 19th August 2018 and explained the positions that will need to be filled for the incoming council. Leanne stated that she will not act as President for the coming 2 year period. Leanne also acknowledged the work of the outgoing members who will not stand again: Leonie Sinclair (Treasurer), Barbara Churcher (Secretary), Madeleine Fogarty (Research) and Jelena Zeleskov Djoric.

Moved to accept: Leonie Sinclair

Seconded: Adin Davidson

Accepted: Passed

Treasurer's Report: Leonie Sinclair

Outlined the financial business of GANZ for the 18/19 financial year which ended with a small loss. There was good recovery from the loss incurred by The Gathering which was largely offset by the rise in membership fees and the lack of spending by council.

Moved to accept: Madeleine Fogarty

Seconded: Barbara Churcher

Accepted: Passed

Presentation of audited Statement of Accounts for 2018/2019 financial year, and a copy of the auditor's report to the Association in relation to accounts for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Moved to accept: Madeleine Fogarty

Seconded: Marc Moskowitz

Accepted: Passed

Election of Auditors for 2018/2019 Financial Year.

Motion:

To appoint Total Audit Services (ABN 21 600 079 007) of Manly Queensland to carry out the GANZ audit for the financial year 2019/2020.

Moved: Leanne O'Shea

Seconded: Leonie Sinclair

Accepted: Passed

Request to accept reports, as presented to the meeting, and as circulated to members in advance.

Journal (Alan Meara)

Moved to accept: Barbara Churcher

Seconded: Anthony Jones

Accepted: Passed

Membership (Anthony Jones)

Moved to accept: Leonie Sinclair

Seconded: Madeleine Fogarty

Accepted: Passed

Madeleine Fogarty made the suggestion for a marketing push, challenging new members to join GANZ including student members.

Anthony Jones cited the need for more Professional Development as well as Admin support to decrease the load on council members and to increase communication. He stated that council roles are quite onerous and additional support for council members will enable more movement. He also has ideas for marketing but it was agreed that is not the forum for further discussion re this. All matters raised are for the incoming council to address, including Clare Mullen's suggestion that other members may step up and support.

A motion was put by Alan Meara re changes to the Constitution to remove errors or rephrase certain clauses. These changes relate to Clauses 13.1, 21.4 and 21.5. They were circulated to the membership as below:

In Clause 13.1 replace text describing out of date postal service communication methods for advising of notices of meetings with 'cause to be sent to each member a notice by electronic means as determined by Council, stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.'

In Clause 21.4 remove the reference to non existent clauses by deleting 'to 21.7 (inclusive)'. Add 'and Territories' after 'States' in clause 21.4 in terms of conference locations.

In Clause 21.5 remove reference to non existent clauses by deleting 'Clause 21.6 and 21.7, with'. This Clause allows for wider flexibility but is tied to a Special Resolution.

Moved to accept: Alan Meara

Seconded: Leanne O'Shea

Accepted: Passed

A motion was put by Anthony Jones to amend the Constitution to add flexibility to the number of councilors. This change related to Clauses 20.2 and 20.5 and it was circulated to the membership.

20.2 Subject to Clause 20.3 the Council shall consist of the following office bearers:

- (a) President*
- (b) Vice-President*
- (c) Secretary;*
- (d) Treasurer;*

In addition, there shall be nominally 5 other councillors, with roles specified before or at an AGM according to contemporary circumstances."

Moved to accept: Anthony Jones

Seconded: Leanne O'Shea

Accepted: Passed

Council Nominations & Elections.

Council members who remain on council are Anthony Jones (Vice President) and Marc Moskowitz (Student Representative).

Eric Houghton was nominated for the International Chair

Moved: Madeleine Fogarty

Seconded: Leanne O'Shea

Accepted: Passed

Aicha Brogan was nominated for the Community & Membership Chair.

Moved: Anthony Jones

Seconded: Leanne O'Shea

Accepted: Passed

Annie Garrety was nominated for the Research Chair.

Moved: Madeleine Fogarty

Seconded: Christine Muir (on nomination form)

Accepted: Passed

General discussion:

Madeleine Fogarty raised the matter that liaison with PACFA is not a formal position on council and should be added as a council Chair.

Madeleine further stated that should this occur, she and Jelena Zeleskov Djoric would offer support. This suggestion was supported by Annie Garrety.

Leanne O'Shea responded and suggested this is a matter for the new council.

Madeleine went on to acknowledge the work of Jelena Zeleskov Djoric on council and on behalf of council at PACFA.

Jelena Zeleskov Djoric noted that she is stepping down from her shared role as the International Chair and acknowledged Eric Houghton for the work he has done in partnership with her.

She suggested the connection with GAND should be discussed by the new council.

Madeleine Fogarty thanked Leanne O'Shea for her work as Acting President of the council.

Gabe Phillips expressed appreciation of the work of the outgoing council and of Leanne O'Shea's stepping in as Acting President.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.