

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 10.30 am
Ainslie Football Club, Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie ACT 2602

Present Annette Barbetti, President (chair)
 Peter Illidge, Vice President
 Tom Dent, Treasurer
 Anne Willenborg, Secretary *ex officio*
 Barry Schafer, Member
 Bob Steins, Member
 George Szykarski, Member
 John Blount, Member

1) Welcome

President, Annette Barbetti, opened the Annual General Meeting at 10.30 am and welcomed all current National Committee members and the 65 SCOA Australia members in attendance.

A quorum was confirmed and the agenda was approved.

2) To confirm Minutes of previous meetings

a) Annual General Meeting held 29 November 2016

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne on 29 November 2016 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved Barry Schafer
Seconded Don Campbell
Carried.

b) General Meeting held 15 March 2017

The Minutes of the General Meeting held in Sydney on 15 March 2017 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Moved Annette Barbetti
Seconded Anne Willenborg
Carried.

3) President's report

Annette Barbetti reported on activities and events during 2016/17 financial year, culminating in the creation SCOA Australia as a national organisation.

The President's report was accepted.

Moved Anne Willenborg
Seconded Dirk von Behrens
Carried.

The President's report is attached (Attachment A).

4) Treasurer's report

Tom Dent said the 2016/17 financial year had been particularly difficult. The move to restructuring the organisation and to having just one national organisation had, in reality, commenced way back in 2007 and so had taken ten years to complete. Out of many, one!

The process had been quite a challenge, with the former Federal Council winding up, former branches closing down, members and monies moved and transferred between branches, Federal Council and SCOA Australia, all to create one entity. During this time, the budgets (both that of Federal Council and SCOA Australia) had been virtually meaningless; Federal Council having recorded a loss and SCOA Australia having recorded a surplus. Adding it all up had provided an actual surplus for SCOA of some \$80,000. Said Tom, now having only one set of books will make things, and my life, a lot easier!

Tom Dent paid special thanks to Annette Barbetti, Anne Willenborg, Bob Steins, John Blount and Arlene Wilkinson and the many former branch members who had all worked hard to make the transition as smooth as possible. In the event, the process had been completed in a very orderly manner.

Tom Dent said that from now on, we should start to see some realistic trading figures emerge, however, the 2017/18 budget that had already been prepared would most likely have to be further revised pending a number of recommendations involving significant cost being agreed to by the new National Committee at its coming meeting.

Tom Dent tabled the 2017 Annual Report (Attachment B) and the 2016/17 audited financial statements (Attachment C) and moved that Hardwicke and Associates be appointed as the auditor for financial year 2017/18.

Moved Tom Dent
Seconded Barry Schafer
Carried.

George Szykarski asked about the membership status. Tom Dent said that the decrease in membership in 2016/17 had been in the order of about 12% which had been the trend for the last 3 to 5 years. The total membership was about 7,200, down from 18,000 ten years ago.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Moved John Blount
Seconded Peter Illidge
Carried.

5) The way forward for SCOA Australia

- a) Address by Peter Illidge, SCOA Australia Vice President (at Attachment D)

6) Election of new National Committee

a) *Appointment of Returning Officer*

Barry Schafer moved that Don Campbell be appointed as the Returning Officer

Moved Barry Schafer
Seconded Annette Barbetti
Carried.

b) *Tabling of proxies*

The Returning Officer tabled the proxies received and declared them all to be in order.

c) *Tabling of candidates*

The Returning Officer tabled the nomination forms for election to the National Committee, and declared them all to be in order.

d) *Election of committee members*

As the number of vacancies were equal to the number of candidates, the Returning Officer declared all candidates elected as follows:

Annette Barbetti, President
Peter Illidge, Vice President
Tom Dent, Treasurer
Barry Schafer, Member
Bob Steins, Member
George Szytkarski, Member
James Vandenberg, Member
John Blount, Member

Anne Willenborg is the *ex officio* Secretary of the National Committee.

7) Guest speaker

Michelle Watkins
Director, Ministerial and Operations Support Section
My Aged Care Operations Branch
Aged Care Access and Quality Division
Department of Health

Ms Watkins provided an overview (slide presentation) of the recently implemented new framework for the care at home program including assessment and access criteria, eligibility and cost.

Members appeared to be quite interested in the new approach, in particular about how their CSS or PSS pensions are assessed in terms of eligibility.

8) Other business

A member asked about the new replacement pensioner concession cards to replace the old cards lost as a result of the change to the taper rate for the Age Pension assets test from 1 January 2017. Annette Barbetti said that the new cards will be launched on 9 October 2017.

A member asked about the indexation of the \$1.6 million transfer balance cap. Annette Barbetti said the new limit (\$1.6 million) will be indexed annually by the CPI and increased in increments of \$100,000.

9) Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

President
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Secretary
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