

# EFA 2014 Annual General Meeting –Minutes

Date: 23rd November 2014

Location: Internet Relay Chat

## Meeting Open

Meeting called to order at 15:01 AEDT.

## Meeting Business

### 1. Minutes of 2013 AGM

Motion: That the meeting accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2013 as a true and correct record.

*Moved: Mark Suter; Seconded: Heather Gray.*

*Result: 19 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 1 abstention. **Carried.***

### 2. Minutes of 2014 SGM

Motion: That the meeting accept the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 10th June 2014 as a true and correct record.

*Moved: Kim Heitman; Seconded: Fletcher Boyd.*

*Result: 13 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 5 abstentions. **Carried.***

### 3. Annual Accounts

Motion: That the meeting accept the financial report for the 2013-2014 financial year.

*Moved: Mark Suter; Seconded: Daemon Singer.*

*Result: 21 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 0 abstentions. **Carried.***

### 4. Annual Report

Motion: That the meeting accept the 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Board of Management.

*Moved: David Cake; Seconded: Peter Tonoli.*

*Result: 19 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 0 abstentions. **Carried.***

### 5. Auditor

Motion: That the meeting authorise the board to appoint an auditor for the EFA accounts for the 2014-2015 financial year if the board considers it appropriate.

*Moved: Alex Schlotzer; Seconded: Mark Suter.*

*Result: 20 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 0 abstentions. **Carried.***

### 6. Halden Burns Working Group

Motion: That, should there be insufficient volunteers by the end of November 2014 to constitute a Working Group, the issue will then be considered resolved, and the Governance and Finance Standing Committee will be tasked with developing rules relating to the appointment of external consultants, taking into consideration the Halden Burns experience, and input solicited from the membership.

*Moved: Daemon Singer; Seconded: Peter Tonoli.*

*Result: 18 votes in favour. 0 votes against. 4 abstentions. **Carried.***

## **7. Election of the 2014-2015 Board Members**

In accordance with Rule 10, there are five Board Member positions vacant. Six nominations have been received and an election is therefore required. Full details of the election process are available below. The election will conclude at 15:30 AEDT on Sunday 23rd November 2014 (30 minutes after the start of the AGM). The Returning Officer will then report the results of the election during the AGM. Note: In accordance with Rule 9.6, Officers of the Association (Chair, Vice-chair, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer) will be appointed from the Board Members by resolution of the Board at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

The election was conducted using the Opavote online voting platform. Each member had five votes to cast, of equal value. Members were not obliged to use all five votes.

### ***Election results***

*Ballots were received from 81 members.*

#### *Candidate Votes received*

*Mike Kent 71 votes*

*Fletcher Boyd 69 votes*

*David Cake 67 votes*

*Nicholas Kavadias 61 votes*

*Daryl Sheppard 56 votes*

*Chris Berg 53 votes*

*Mike Kent, Fletcher Boyd, David Cake, Nicholas Kavadias and Daryl Sheppard were elected.*

## **8. Other Business**

There are no formal motions associated with the following items, however the Board seeks feedback from members and therefore wishes to assign some time for discussion of these issues.

### **8a. Creation of a new sub-type of Life Membership**

The Board proposes to create a new sub-type of Life Membership - Honoured Life Member – to distinguish those that have been awarded Life Members from those that have purchased Life Membership. The creation of this new sub-type of Life Membership will not affect the standing of existing Life Members in any way. Feedback on this proposal is sought from members.

### **8b. Cessation of offering Life Members for purchase**

The Board proposes to cease offering Life Memberships for purchase. Although they provide welcome revenue in the short term, on a long-term basis they represent a potential and significant drain on ongoing revenue. The Board proposes to offer a five year membership option, alongside the existing one and two year membership options, in lieu of Life Memberships for purchase. Feedback on this proposal is sought from members.

There was constructive discussion around both points noted above, which will inform the new Board's decisions.

## **Meeting Close**

Meeting declared closed at 17:15 AEDT.