

39th Annual General Meeting
of
the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology Inc.,
held on the 12th of November 2019 in the SARDI Auditorium, Adelaide

1. Attendance

The Chair, Dr Anthony Robinson, noted that a quorum was present in accordance with the constitution and declared the Annual General Meeting open at 5:07pm

Thirty-five (35) members, were in attendance as recorded on sheets at door of meeting;

Hugh Armstrong	Bob Dambergs	Paul Henschke	Tony Robinson
Gary Baldwin	Peter Dry	Markus Herderich	Con Simos
Eveline Bartowsky	Richard Gawel	Anna Hooper	Richard Smart
Kristy Bartrop	Paul Grbin	Brooke Howell	Cristian Varela
Rob Bramley	Richard Hamilton	Patrick Iland	Garry Wall
Chris Brodie	Bill Hardy	Russell Johnstone	Kerry Wilkinson
Dimitra Capone	Richard Haselgrove	Mark Krstic	David Wollan
Andy Clarke	Peter Hayes	Mardi Longbottom	Richard Fennessy
Brian Croser	Mike Hayes	Paul Petrie	

Ten (10) members submitted proxy forms;

Anthony Devitt	Jeremy Dineen	Mike De Garis	Nick Bulleid
Brian Walsh	Mark Gishen	Mike Trought	
Corrina Wright	Mark O'Callaghan	Murray Paterson	

2. Apologies

Twenty-seven (27) member's apologies were recorded.

Jason Amos	Di Davidson	Dan Johnson	Alexander Sammut
Sheila Attersley	Mike DeGaris	Philip Laffer	Mike Trought
Peter Barry	Anthony Devitt	Mark Lloyd	Rob Walker
Paul Boss	Jeremy Dineen	Jacqui McRae	Brian Walsh
Nick Bulleid	Kathy Evans	Murray Paterson	Liz Waters
Jason Cappello	Martin Grandsen	Tony Proffitt	Corrina Wright
Veronique Cheynier	Bruce Henderson	Louisa Rose	

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 12th of November 2018.

MOTION: That the minutes are recorded as a true and correct record of the 38th AGM.

The motion was moved by Tony Robinson and seconded by Peter Hayes
The motion was carried.

4. President's report.

The Chair presented the report to the members making particular mention of the many and varied voluntary contributions to the Society from members who served on advisory committees, planning committees and other advisory roles.

The Chair acknowledged and thanked employers who allowed Directors to spend time on the Society matters.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 to the members.

The Treasurer summarised the report noting that a small surplus had been delivered. Revenue was higher than the previous year as a result of increased membership and invested reserve funds. The Treasurer noted that the equity was stable and that cash reserves were increasing.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report is accepted.

The motion was moved by Kristy Bartrop and seconded by Paul Grbin
The motion was carried.

6. Board elections

The Chair reported the outcomes of the election. The chair welcomed two newly elected Directors Dr Eveline Bartowsky and Mike Hayes and revealed that Brooke Howell, Dr Mardi Longbottom and Dr Anthony Robinson had been re-elected. The Chair thanked all candidates for their participation and acknowledged the other candidates for their desire and willingness to play a greater role in the Society.

7. Admission of Fellows of the Society

The chair stated the ASVO Board of Directors had decided that three members be invited as Fellows of the Society. The Chair noted that the constitution states that ordinarily up to two members should be invited and the Board had decided that Dr Jordan's case was not ordinary and a further two Fellows had been invited by the Board.

The Chair announced that Gary Baldwin and Dr Richard Hamilton had been invited to become fellows of the ASVO and both had accepted the invitation.

The Chair invited Michele Jordan to give a response on the late Dr Jordan's behalf.

Michele conveyed Dr Jordan's appreciation of being invited by the members of the Society to become a Fellow of the Society.

The Chair invited Gary Baldwin to give a response.

Mr Baldwin expressed his appreciation of being invited by the members of the Society to become a Fellow of the Society.

The Chair invited Dr Richard Hamilton to give a response.

Dr Hamilton expressed his appreciation of being invited by the members of the Society to become a Fellow of the Society.

8. Other business

The Chair stated that two questions had been received from members.

Question from Richard Smart:

Will the ASVO assist the Australian grape and wine sector to develop mitigation strategies to combat climate change?- Richard Smart

The chair invited Richard Smart to elaborate on the question.

Richard Smart told the meeting that it was his opinion that the wine industry has a responsibility to implement mitigative measures. To reconsider wine packaging and to stop treating the atmosphere as a sewer.

Richard urged the members present to read "The Uninhabitable Earth, a story of the future" by David Wallace-Wells (Penguin 2019) and/or " There is no Planet B" by Mike Berners-Lee (University of Cambridge 2019).

The chair thanked Richard for raising these concerns and opened the meeting to members for comment.

Brian Croser said that Wine Australia's remit was to advance the cause of the Australian Wine community with advanced innovation. Brian said that Wine Australia had debated whether the organisation had a responsibility be involved with mitigation and had decided that with limited funding that the focus was on means to adapt the inevitable changes. Brian said that they had clearly communicated to Australian Grape and Wine that they needed to harness the collective conscious and efforts and expertise of their membership and if they do that Wine Australia would support them.

Mark Krstic replied that much work was being done by AWRI and all research partners with research into and extension of means of adapting to climate

change but mitigation had not achieved the level of focus as adaptation has received.

The chair summarised the comments thanking Richard for raising the issue and challenging the industry. The Chair invited Richard to share information on mitigation from a research & scientific perspective and the Society would take it into consideration when preparing future seminar content.

The chair read the question put to the Board from Mike Trought:

I suspect there are a limited number of researchers paying for journal articles directly from Wiley and/or ASVO. Given the increasing availability of open access journals, and in some cases, those funding research requiring publication of sponsored research to be available in open access format, should articles published by members of the society in AJWR be available open access. This may increase the membership (encouraging authors to join the society before submitting journal articles). - Mike Trought.

The chair thanked Mike for raising the question and told members that the subject of Open Access had been discussed at length by the Journal Advisory committee over the last two years to get a better understanding of the mechanism involved.

The chair stated that the AJGWR is already a hybrid model that allows authors to pay the publisher a fee to have their paper published as Open Access in the Journal, so this option is available to authors.

The chair stated that with the increasing international interest in open access the Board had appointed an advisory group to look more closely at the financial model for the Journal to understand our ability to better facilitate Open Access for our members. However, at this point in time it is not financially viable to provide Open Access at no charge to members due to the cost of Open Access Creative Commons licences.

The Chair invited all those present to raise any further matters that have not been dealt with on the agenda

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:05pm

