

MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (VIC) INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SAVAGE CLUB ON 12TH DECEMBER 2018.

1. Attendance

Present: *Mr Peter Adams* acted as Chairperson due to the President *Mr Chris Briggs* being in Sydney and unable to attend. It was confirmed by the Secretary, *David Rees* that 5 valid voting proxies had been obtained from absent members and that these with the members present, constituted a quorum. The Chairperson therefore opened the proceedings at 12H07. The members in attendance were: *Peter Adams, Ken Beadle, Patrick Moore, Jeremy Ashton, David Rand, Colin Chipperfield, Peter Baines, Quentin van Abbe, Philip Stewart, Daryl Daley, Chris Davey, George Lefroy & David Rees.*

Apologies were received from: *Chris Briggs, Janelle Ward, Fabrice Boucherat, Jeremy Platt, Trish Mullen, Tony Pagone, Raul Sanchez-Urribarri, Annabelle Walker & Anona Armstrong.*

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2017 AGM.

Copies of the 2017 AGM Minutes were tabled by the *Secretary* and a motion was moved by *David Rand* and seconded by *Patrick Moore* to adopt the Minutes as written. The motion was carried.

3. President's Report.

The President's written report for 2018 was tabled by the *Chairperson, Peter Adams* who read the report in full. The report mentioned the strengthening of the Society through increased membership, a continuing increase in the number of successful social events held during the year and the maintenance of a strong financial position. The President thanked all 267 members for their continuing support of the Society's aims and in particular thanked the Secretary (*David Rees*) and the Treasurer (*Jeremy Platt*) for their support and commitment to the Society as well as their professional administration of all matters. He was saddened by the departure of *David Rees* who had been the backbone of the Committee during the last 4 years but it was now time to bring in some young committee members and continue his good work. It was proposed by *Peter Adams* and seconded by *Ken Beadle* that the President's report be accepted. The motion was carried. As *Chris Briggs* was standing down as President, a unanimous vote of thanks was moved for the excellent way in which he had steered the Society during the last 3 years.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled by the Chairperson who stated that the Society had made an increased surplus of \$1,065.48 in 2017-18 compared with the previous year. The Equity in terms of Assets-less-Liabilities had also increased to \$10,807.75 and the Society was financially in good shape. *David Rand* questioned how the surplus was being used and whether there were always sufficient funds available to pay deposits prior to social functions. The Chairperson stated that the control of monies was well managed by the Treasurer to either subsidise events, pay deposits or occasionally to make gifts to Australia Scholarships out of surpluses. *Patrick Moore* stated that no deposits were required for the annual dinner at the Melbourne Club due to his role as host and that 64 Scholarships to Cambridge had been awarded by CAS so far, so the Society should be proud of its indirect financial support of CAS. It was moved by *Peter Baines* and seconded by *Colin Chipperfield* that the Treasurer's financial report be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Honorary Auditor's report.

The Auditors Certificate & signed Financial Statement were tabled by the Secretary confirming the accuracy of Society accounts for 2017-18 by the new Auditor *Mr Douglas Soden*. It was moved by *Daryl Daley* and seconded by *Colin Chipperfield* that the Certificate & Statement be adopted.

6. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor



The Chairperson stated that *Mr Douglas Soden*, the current Auditor had offered to conduct audits of the 2019 Society's books and it was proposed by *Peter Adams* and seconded by *Peter Baines* that the offer be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Level of Annual Subscriptions

The *Secretary* proposed that the Members Subscription payments commencing 1st November 2019 should remain unchanged and should be as follows:

Melbourne	\$25 for 1 year,	\$45 for 2 years,	\$90 for 5 years
Country	\$25 for 2 years,	\$45 for 4 years,	\$90 for 10 years

Patrick Moore and *David Rand* questioned why the Subscription rates had remained the same for the last 5 years and whether more consideration should be given to increasing the rates in order to reflect the importance of belonging to the Society and its perceived status. The Secretary agreed that matter would be taken into consideration by the Committee next year. The proposal was seconded by *Ken Beadle* and carried unanimously.

8. Election of Committee and Office Bearers.

Patrick Moore took the chair and read out the nominations received for the appointment of Committee Members for 2019. They were:

President	<i>Raul Sanchez-Urribarri</i>	Vice President	*****
Secretary	*****	Treasurer	<i>Jerry Platt</i>
Committee members	<i>Peter Adams, Peter Baines (Magister Prandii), Trish Mullen, Annabelle Walker, Antara Mascarenhas, Michelle Cooper, Fabrice Boucherat & Brandon Jenvey.</i>		
Past President	<i>(ex officio) Chris Briggs</i>		

In the absence of an appointed Secretary, it was accepted that *David Rees* would act as temporary acting Secretary until the new Secretarial positions on the Committee had been filled. The appointment of a new VP would be left to the new President after his return from overseas. As the number of nominations was less than the maximum allowed, *Patrick Moore* declared the President- *Raul Sanchez-Urribarri* and Treasurer- *Jerry Platt* duly elected as well as the 8 Committee members named above. It was also moved by *Jeremy Ashton* and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be given to the continuing members of the Committee for their dedication and diligence in running the Society and providing such a successful and enjoyable programme of social events in 2018.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairperson praised *David Rees*, the now Acting Secretary for his efforts in the last 4 years and expressed his sadness that he was retiring from the position. He had brought a high degree of professionalism to the role and made a big difference to the successful operation of the Society. He had been very active in introducing changes to the way the Committee operates and had adopted a progressive approach towards moving the Society forward with the times. His presence would be missed. *David Rees* thanked the Chairperson for his generous remarks and thanked the members for their trust and confidence in him as secretary. He wished the Society well for the future and the best of luck.

10. Conclusion

It was noted that the Society's esteemed Auditor for many years *Prof Anthony Bailey* had passed away earlier in 2018. Condolences were expressed prior to the meeting closing at 12H32.

David Rees Acting Secretary