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## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016/17

Held at  
WSU Campbelltown  
Building 30, Main Lecture Theater  
Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm

### **1. OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Annual General Meeting opened at 7.50pm. Present were all members noted in the attendance register. The Retiring President, Tony Law, chaired the meeting and the Retiring Secretary, Jack Goralewski, was appointed to take the minutes. Apologies were received from Ned Pastor, Dick Everett, John Rhombi and Ragbir Bhathal.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 16th May 2016**

The minutes were distributed to all members three weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. A show of hands by members present indicated that an overwhelming majority had read the minutes. A Motion: "That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as an accurate record of the 2016 Annual General Meeting," was moved by Tony Law, seconded by Barry Moore, and carried unanimously. The President ordered that the minutes be filed in the Secretary's formal records.

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

### **4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2015-2016**

The 2016-2017 Annual Report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Tony Law read the President's Annual Report. He thanked the Committee and members who had contributed during the year, attending meetings, observing sessions, fundraising events and assisted with public outreach.

Tony gave a special thank you to Rhonda Griffiths and staff at WSU, for the continual support of the MAS. As a mark of appreciation, these members were given associate memberships to MAS.

The Annual Financial Reports by the Treasurer and Auditor were taken as read. Graeme Bellamy's audit report showed that the Society is in good shape with total assets of \$28824.05, compared with \$25825.73 twelve months ago.

Graeme Bellamy noted a typographical error in the Statement of Financial Affairs, circulated to members. The operating profit increase between 2016 and 2017 should read \$2167.17 not \$2191.17. The Statement of Financial Affairs was amended by Grahame.

A Motion: "That the Annual Reports presented by the President, Treasurer and Auditor be accepted," was moved Tony Law, seconded by Rick Forster and carried unanimously.

There was no business arising from the reports. The President ordered that the 2016-2017 Annual Report be filed in the Secretary's formal records. The Annual Report will also form part of these minutes.

### **5. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Tony Law presented the following membership awards:

Five year awards: Peter Scott, Penny Reid

Ten year awards: Chris Malickoff, Grahame Bellamy and Bob Monkcom

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER**

Roger Powell was endorsed by the meeting as Returning Officer and Tony Law vacated the chair.

## **7. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2016-2017**

Roger Powell declared all positions vacant and advised that nominations closed on the 10th of April and only one nomination was received for each position. Accordingly, the following were each duly declared elected and the meeting endorsed each by acclamation:

President: Tony Law;

Vice-President: Stewart Grainger;

Secretary: Barry Moore;

Treasurer: Richard Curley;

Committee Members: Henry Swierk, Carol McVeigh, John Rombi.

On behalf of the members, Roger Powell congratulated the new committee and wished them well for the coming year. He then vacated the chair for the incoming President, Tony Law.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Changes to the MAS Constitution were proposed by Tony Law details of the were circulated to the members prior to the annual general meeting. The changes proposed included deleting point *e* of 4.2 *Membership Fees*, and rewording 4.3 *Admission and Rejection of Members*. The changes were seconded by Stewart Grainger and carried unanimously.

Andy Milton proposed funding memberships of students from local high schools in an attempt to gain a younger audience in the society. The membership discussed the difficulty in gaining interest from local high schools in attending public nights hosted by MAS, but agreed that the society should continue its outreach programs to local students.

## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Tony Law took the chair and thanked the members for their support. He congratulated the new committee and assured the members that the new committee will continue with their best efforts on behalf of the Society. He thanked the members for attending.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8:33pm.

Members reconvened as a General Monthly Meeting, with a Q&A Session hosted by Tony Law

*Jack Goralewski*  
Secretary  
30th April 2017

*Tony Law*  
President  
30th April 2017