



IABC NSW Chapter AGM 2023 Minutes

Date: Tuesday 12 December, 2023

Time: 4:30pm - 5.30pm

Location:

In person: FTI Consulting Boardroom, 1 Macquarie Place, Gateway, Level 22, Sydney NSW 2000

Virtual: Teams

Chair: Megan Thomas

Attendees: Karen Godfrey, Chris Saxby, Anthea Cudworth, Jen Black, Jane Hamilton, Asha Oberoi, Luke Morgan, Alicia Baertsoen, Cat Dundas, Catherine Hollyman, Andrew Blunt, Paula Batho, Lucy Hose, Lucy Newcomb, Jacqueline Burns, Jeremy Hyman, Lana Boardman, Calvin Lu, Patrick Armstrong, Aleks Gorgievski, James Robson, Louise Denver

Apologies: Sue Woodward

Agenda Topics

1. [Registration and welcome](#)

- All attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

2. [Acknowledge and accept the minutes of the last AGM](#)

- Chris put the AGM minutes forward from the last meeting and these were endorsed by Cat and seconded by Luke. There were no conflicts of interest.

3. [President's Report 2023 – Megan Thomas](#)

- Refer to President's report. Megan Thomas presented the President's report. This was accepted by the Board. Megan congratulated the Board for their hard work this year and noted that we have increased our membership and achieved many of the goals we set out at the beginning of the year, as well as running some fantastic events.

4. [Finance Report July 2021 to June 2022 – Anthea Cudworth](#)

- The NSW Chapter has a very healthy balance sheet, thanks to continued prudent financial management. For the financial year to 30 June 2023, we reported a loss of just over A\$3,000. This was mainly caused by some unexpectedly delayed income payments and the active decision by the Board to offer free events to members.
- The reserves account, held in a Term Deposit, was moved to a 6-month term, which considerably lifted the interest return during a period of rising rates.
- With a strong cash balance in the Chapter's cheque account, the Chapter has been able to run several member offers, at a time when members are facing cost of living pressures and employer budget austerity.
- In 2023, the Chapter won its inaugural Chapter Management Award for financial management.



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5. Exiting Board Members – Megan Thomas

- Megan thanked our outgoing Board members Karen Godfrey, Jen Black, Chris Saxby, Anthea Cudworth, Cat Dundas, Andrew Blunt and Catherine Hollyman. She noted the value that each has provided and the commitment they have given to their roles.
- All seven have indicated they will continue to provide support to the board in an advisory capacity. Karen Godfrey will lead a new board alumni program.

6. Nominations of new Board members – Megan Thomas

- Megan outlined the steps undertaken in the nomination process for the vacant Board positions. Megan welcomed eight new Board members into the Chapter's leadership: Lucy Hose, Jacqueline Burns, Jeremy Hyman, Lana Boardman, Patrick Armstrong, Aleks Gorgievski, Paula Batho and Sue Woodward.
- Megan moved to accept the new Board members, which was endorsed by Alicia and seconded by Asha.
- Two early career professionals Calvin Lu and James Robson joined as Board Associates and will be assisting the Board with Member Experience and administrative tasks.

7. Confirmation of continuing Board Members – Megan Thomas

- Megan proposed the following existing Board members were endorsed to continue on the Board for 2024: Megan Thomas (President), Asha Oberoi (Vice President), Jane Hamilton (Secretary), Luke Morgan (Treasurer and Events Program) and Alicia Baertsoen (Director, Events).

8. Close