

Australasian Trauma Society Inc. (ABN 35 665 490 453)
23rd Annual General Meeting
Friday, 4 October 2019 at 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm
Sydney Room, Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney 2000

MINUTES

1. Meeting Opened & Attendees

The Meeting opened at 12.50pm

Sarah Adams, Kay Best, Savitha Bhagvan, Ian Civil, Kate Curtis, Dan Ellis, Mark Friedericksen, Belinda Gabbe, Ben Gardiner, Carla Harding, Andrea Herring, Andrew Holland, Andrew Hooper, Li Hsee, Alicia Jackson, Anthony Joseph, Helen Jowett, Nicole Kelly, David Lockwood, Kate Martin, Kate Moore, Sally McCarthy, Trish McDougall Anni Paasilahiti, Cameron Palmer, Michael Parr, Dinesh Varma, Melissa Webb, Deb Wood, Steve Wright.

2. Apologies

Cino Bendinelli

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting held 5 October 2018 were approved (Moved, Sarah Adams & Seconded, Anthony Joseph)

4. Association Executive Reports for the 2018/19 Financial Year

a) President (*M Parr*)

Michael Parr thanked the ATS board and members for their support and creating an environment of congeniality during his past two years as President. Michael reiterated that the ATS is run by volunteers and their contribution has been monumental in making Trauma 2019 a success. Trauma 2019 numbers were lower than expected, however, the meeting was proving to be a success, and all sponsors were thanked. Trauma 2019 has exceptionally high-quality content and speakers.

Michael noted that during his tenure as ATS President there is a new and highly functional website and the long-standing relationship with Elsevier, publishers of *Injury Journal*, has improved. The World Trauma Congress 2020 in Brisbane has preparations under way. Michael wished his replacement best wishes and support in accomplishing the goals of ATS.

b) Treasurer (*S Adams*)

The ATS finances remain in a sound position. There is over \$53,000 in the Cheque Account and over \$106,000 in the Cash Reserve Account. Unfortunately, membership income is down, in 2019 it amounted to \$28,558.45, as opposed to previous \$30,920.35. The Treasurer encouraged current ATS members to outreach and spread the word about membership benefits to their colleagues.

The Treasurer noted that the ATS board was in discussions on whether to move to an alternate bank to achieve higher interest for the Cash Reserve Account. It was noted and discussed by ATS members that interest rates are at a historical low rate and it was not a good idea to move to another bank.

Moved: The Cash Reserve Account to remain with Westpac

c) Secretary (K Martin)

There are currently 206 ATS members, which has decreased since 2019 where there were 218 members and in 2017 when there was 271 members. Kate restated that it was beholden to current ATS members to encourage and spread the word about ATS. ATS comprises members from a diverse and multi-disciplinary background across Australia & New Zealand. The combined ATS & ANZAST membership has had a positive effect especially via the DSTC courses and opportunities.

5. Association Executive Reports for the 2018/19 Financial Year

a) Programme / Scientific Committee (A Joseph)

Tony asked ATS members to thank the sponsors and exhibitors for their support at Trauma 2019. Sponsorship was lower than expected for Trauma 2019, however, planning for the World Trauma Congress 2020 is going well. The Programme Committee was in contact with international speakers and like-minded societies. Hosting international societies will include speakers from diverse backgrounds and the Pre-Conference programme will be filled with workshops. Marketing is being re-examined to increase awareness of research work and include more posters. Tony encouraged members to increase awareness of the World Trauma Congress using signage in their workplaces. ATS Secretary, Kate Martin has the email banners which can also be used to increase awareness.

2020: The aim for the World Trauma Congress is to reach 800 delegates, which does involve a significant outlay, but is achievable. The Brisbane location is hoped to attract many Queensland members and non-members.

2021: ATS / Trauma Association Canada venue in Vancouver was booked and will offer an exciting programme.

2021: ATS AGM in Melbourne, date in October is to be confirmed.

It was agreed that the Secretariat will distribute to the ATS Board members email banners for both the ATS and the World Trauma Congress Brisbane 2020 so that all members can attach them to their emails and start advertising.

b) Publication Committee (I Civil)

Injury Journal

There has been a long-term affiliation with the *Injury Journal* and ATS. ATS members contribute regularly to the journal. The ATS logo and Trauma conference are advertised regularly.

Trauma Talk

Trauma Talk is distributed four times per year and past issues are now available online on the ATS website. Ian encouraged ATS members to contribute more articles and input. Examples of articles could be interesting research work or articles members have found.

c) Research / Registry Committee (K Martin / K Curtis)

Kate Martin thanked Belinda Gabbe and colleagues for all their hard work on the Disaster Preparedness Survey. This was completed with input from the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada.

TQI Clinical Trauma Practice Challenges survey. Kate discussed with ATS members that this survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete and was emailed to the membership base. ATS members participation is encouraged as they are best placed to ascertain what the trauma priorities are.

6. To receive and consider the financial report for the year ending 30 June 2019.

The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

7. Reappointment of auditors

Michael Parr discussed that the ATS board will discuss on an annual basis the need for an audit. ATS is a small society and legislation only requires societies that earn more than \$250,000 per year to undergo auditing. Michael Parr reiterated that the ATS board has been fiscally conservative. ATS members spoke of their support of the ATS board and their management of the societies' finances.

Michael Parr moved to reappoint Tinworth & Co as auditors for the financial year 2019/2020, should the Executive consider an audit desirable. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. To elect members of the Committee

11 nominations were received for the 14 positions available and were duly elected. Additional nominations were called from the floor for the remaining 3 Executive positions. Three nominations were received and were duly elected.

The elected board for 2019-2021:

Sarah Adams
Savitha Bhagvan
Alaina Campbell
Ian Civil
Mya Cubitt
Kate Dale
Ben Gardiner
Anthony Joseph
Helen Jowett
Nicole Kelly
Michael Parr
Michael Reade
Dinesh Varma
Melissa Webb

9. Formation of a Constitution Subcommittee

There was discussion on forming a committee to review the Constitution, following which a motion was proposed by the Chair and accepted unanimously.

The Chair requested volunteers from the floor to be part of this subcommittee. The following 7 members volunteered:

Savitha Bhagvan

Helen Jowett
Kate Martin
Cameron Palmer
Michael Parr
Melissa Webb
Tony Joseph

10. Confirmation of the Date for the Next AGM of the Society

Expected to be 28th October 2020 in Brisbane.

11. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed 1.26pm