



ANZTS Annual General Meeting 2025

Minutes

Minutes of the Australian and New Zealand Trauma Society Annual General Meeting, held on 23 October 2025, between 12.30m and 1.07pm NZDT, at Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre, New Zealand

Welcome

The Chairperson, Belinda Gabbe (ANZTS President), welcomed attendees to the Annual General Meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and acknowledged the Māori as Tangata Whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand. She restated ANZTS's shared commitment to advancing Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori health and education.

1. Proxies and Apologies

Apologies were noted from:

- Trish McDougall
- Luke Hayes
- Peter Clarke

ANZTS received proxies from:

- Lincoln Tracy - Belinda Gabbe
- Michael Noonan - Melissa Webb
- Jennifer Jamieson - Rohan Lynham
- Tom Ryan - Chair of the meeting
- Pradeep Sanjamala - Chair of the meeting
- Kate Curtis - Chair of the meeting
- Adam Mahoney - Chair of the meeting
- Fran Williamson - Chair of the meeting
- Kate King - Chair of the meeting
- Lara Kimmel - Melissa Webb
- Sara Calthorpe - Melissa Webb
- Tim Andrews - Melissa Webb

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM, held on Friday 25 October 2024 were unanimously accepted by the members as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Ben Gardiner

Seconded: Kat Quick

Motion carried.

3. President's Report

Belinda Gabbe presented the President's Report, acknowledging her limited time in the role. She highlighted:

- The Society had constituted the Committees in 2024/2025, and she recognised the work of the Conference Committee to deliver the 2025 ANZTS Conference.
- She thanked the Committee chairs for their efforts
- The membership were invited to engage and volunteer to join the Committees, which were the “workhorses” of the Society
- The achievements from the 2025 work plan were outlined, including:
 - A review of the ANZTS Constitution
 - Planning for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 conferences
 - Development of the Fellowship Trauma Registry – hopefully this would form the basis for similar fellowships in the future
 - Representation at World Trauma Congress 2025, and an endorsed plan for collaboration in 2026
 - Supporting the implementation of Trauma Grand Rounds with ANZAST, supporting with speaker recommendations and joint marketing
 - ANZTS representation on the ANZTR Board and the RACS Trauma Verification Committee
 - Reconnecting with Trauma Association of Canada and exploration of future collaboration activities
- The 2026 work plan was outlined, including:
 - Undertaking a review of the By Laws in alignment with the Constitution
 - Extending Committee membership
 - Exploring membership recruitment and retention initiatives
 - Increasing the profile of the Society and its members, including via social media channels
 - Strengthening international relationships and exploring opportunities for collaboration
 - future collaboration activities
- On behalf of the Board and membership, she thanked the outgoing directors:
 - Dinesh Varma
 - Annelise Cocco
- The membership statistics were shared, noting that recruitment of new members was a focus for the 2026 work plan

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

Proposed: Kate Martin

Seconded: Helen Jowett

Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Melissa Webb, presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighting:

- The Society was in a strong financial position, and had achieved a profit of \$164,310 for the period
- The main source of revenue for the Society was membership and the conference, which had increased significantly from the prior year
- Expenses were being carefully controlled and had reduced from the previous year
- ANZTS had exceeded the threshold required by ASIC for an independent review of the accounts. ANZTS undertook a financial review with Tinworth Chartered Accountants, which was approved by the Board

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Review be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Savitha Bhagvan

Seconded: Helen Jowett

Motion carried.

5. ANZTS Constitution – Special Resolution

The Secretary outlined the extensive consultation and amendment process that had been undertaken to develop the proposed Constitution being presented to the membership for approval.

It was acknowledged that not all membership recommendations had been adopted and clarified that the Constitution version presented was to be voted; it was not possible to approve a version with proposed amendments due to the required notice periods.

Ben Gardiner shared feedback on changes that had previously been recommended; and Mel Webb outlined the rationale for how these items had been addressed in the draft Constitution. She confirmed that once the ANZTS By Laws were finalised, these would be made available on the ANZTS website and acknowledged this had been an oversight previously.

The Board were thanked for their efforts and feedback was received from the membership that they recognised that it was not possible to adopt all recommendations and highlighted that the Constitution was a "live" document that could be reviewed and updated as the needs of the Society evolved.

Motion: That the Meeting table and accept the amended Constitution as presented

Proposed:

Seconded:

Motion carried.

6. Election of Directors

The Secretary confirmed that there were five positions vacant, and the response had been very positive, with ten nominations received. Online voting had been conducted



throughout the meeting via QR code, and with physical voting forms available as needed.

The Directors elected for the 2025-28 term were:

- Savitha Bhagvan
- Adam Mahoney
- Kate Dale
- Joseph Mathew
- Clare Swanson

The new Board for 2025-26 was confirmed, and it was noted that representation across region and craft group met the requirements of the current bylaws.

Motions: That the members present agree to vote on all Director appointments as one resolution

Proposed: Helen Jowett

Seconded: Cameron Palmer

Motion carried.

Motions: That the members approve the elected Board of Directors for 2025-2028

Proposed: Helen Jowett

Seconded: Nicole Kelly

Motion carried.

The President acknowledged the outgoing directors and sincerely thanked Helen Jowett for her service to the Society over many years.

7. Other Business

Belinda advised the membership that ANZTS would be transitioning to an online Annual General Meeting separate from the Conference as members that were unable to attend the conference were disadvantaged by it being held at the event.

It was queried if ANZTS was considering ways to invest the profits in the Society. The Committees were exploring opportunities for investment and benefits, and the membership were invited to share any concepts that they may have with the Board or Committee Chairs.

Broadening ANZTS social media presence was suggested and the Board confirmed that they were currently working with their current provider and committee to enhance ANZTS presence across all platforms. ANZTS welcomed advice and support from members in this area.

8. Close

The Chairperson declared the 2025 Annual General Meeting Australian and New Zealand Trauma Society closed at 1.07pm NZDT.

Appendix: Meeting Attendees

1. Belinda Gabbe
2. Kat Quick
3. Mel Webb
4. Helen Jowett
5. Nicole Kelly
6. Grant Christey
7. Michael Handy
8. Michael Stenrou
9. Haider Aluhaichi
10. Lola Sikora
11. Steven Dingley
12. Jo Harding
13. Sarah Shannon
14. Kate Martin
15. Darren Webb
16. Andrew Henry
17. James Moore
18. Ian Civil
19. Michael Reade
20. Martin Wulschleger
21. Cameron Palmer
22. Kate Oll
23. Kellie Gumm
24. Jenny Santosh
25. Georgina Lau
26. Ben Gardiner
27. Clare Mitchell
28. Clare Swanson
29. Ryan Salter
30. Savitha Bhagvan
31. Emma Collins
32. Courtney Pasfield