

## Minutes of the 2015 RACI Annual General Meeting

Held at 8.30 am, Saturday, 21<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at the Airport Holiday Inn - Tullamarine

### Present – Full members

NAME	NAME	NAME
Paul Bernhardt	Yasser Sokeirik	Anthony O’Mullane
Peter Junk	Joseph Bevitt	John Zavras
Mark Buntine	Hao Wang	Mark Ogden
David Edmonds	Kevin Jack	Greg Qiao
Scott Kable	Greg Metha	Lisa Stevens
Steven Langford	Damien Blackwell	Megan Cook
Sam Adeloju	Kay Latham	Jamie Tregear
Adam Cawley	Alf Larcher	Ben Fletcher
Matt Sykes	Emily Hilder	Roger Stapleford
Tania Notaras	Chris Thompson	
Amanda Ellis	David Beattie	

### Attendees – non voting

Pam Chantrell, Ruth Meaney

### Apologies

G. Koutsantonis, T. Spurling, Gary Bowman, John Tsanaktsidis, Ashraf Ghanem, Seigbert Schmid

#### 1. Quorum

31 full voting members present, meeting quorate

#### 2. Proxies

No Proxies received

#### 3. Confirmation Minutes

##### 3.1 2014 AGM

##### Motion

The minutes of the 2013 AGM are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: S. Kable

Seconded: D. Edmonds

Carried without dissension

Minutes to be signed by the Chair

### **3.2 Special General Meeting Minutes 9/7/2015**

#### **Motion**

The minutes of the 2013 AGM are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: P. Bernhardt

Seconded: R Stapleford

Carried without dissension

Minutes to be signed by the Chair

### **3.3 Business arising**

No business arising.

## **4. Ordinary Business**

### **4.1 Board President's Report**

Three major projects were undertaken by the Board during the year:-

- 2014 Congress successfully held
- Constitutional change made to increase flexibility and change board composition
- Outputs driven accreditation process trial launched
- Decadal plan completed
- ANCQ administration was transferred to National Office

### **4.2 Financial Report**

Motion

The meeting receive and adopt the 2013-14 financial report.

Moved: by D. Edmonds

Seconded by S. Kable

Carried without dissent

### **4.3 Appointed Board Member**

The change of constitution resulted in the regional representative Board positions falling away. M. Sykes had only completed one of the two year cycle as a regional representative Board member it was proposed to utilise the appointed Board member position to allow M Sykes to see out his 2 year period.

Motion

M. Sykes be appointed as a Board member until the 2016 AGM.

Moved: by P. Bernhardt

Seconded by D. Edmonds

Abstention – M. Sykes.

Carried without dissent

### **4.4 2015-16 Board**

The meeting received and recorded the names of the new members of the Board elected for the ensuing term of office,

Mrs. Tania Notaras

Prof Amanda Ellis.

The president thanked the outgoing members, Dr Adam Cawley and Prof Samuel Adeloju for their contributions over the past 4 years.

## Board for 2016

Position	Member	Until End
President	Paul Bernhardt	2016
President Elect	Peter Junk	2016
Hon Gen Treasurer	David Edmonds	2016
Hon Gen Secretary	Scott Kable	2017
National Rep	Steven Langford	2016
Board Member	Tania Notaras	2017
Board Member	Amanda Ellis	2017
Appointed Board Member	Matt Sykes	2016

## 4.5 2013-14 Branch Presidents

The meeting received and recorded the names of the Branch Presidents for the ensuing year.

Australian Capital Territories	Ashraf Ghanem
New South Wales	Joseph Bevitt
Northern Territories	Hao Wang
Queensland	Kevin Jack
South Australia	Greg Metha
Tasmania	Damien Blackwell
Victoria	Kay Latham
Western Australia	Alf Larcher

## 4.6 2013-14 Division Chairs

The meeting received and recorded the names of the Division Chairs elected for the ensuing year.

Analytical	Emily Hilder
Carbon	John Stride
Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology	Michael Kassiou
Chemical Education	Chris Thompson
Interfaces, Colloids & Nano-materials	David Beattie
Electrochemistry	Anthony O'Mullane
Industrial Chemistry	Gary Bowman
Inorganic Chemistry	George Koutsantonis
Materials	Siggi Schmid
Organic Chemistry	John Tsanaktisidis
Physical Chemistry	Michelle Coote
Polymer	Greg Qiao
Radio Chemistry	Megan Cooke
Health Safety and Environment	Lisa Stevens

#### **4.7 Appointment of 2015-16 Auditors**

##### **Motion**

Retain William Buck Audit (VIC) Pty Ltd. as Auditor for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Moved from the chair  
Seconded by D. Edmonds  
Carried without dissent

#### **5. Other Business**

It was noted that the RACI has begun to compile a portfolio of policy statements. It was understood that there would never be a total agreement on individual policies however it was important that a policy bank be developed. All members are called upon to contribute.

#### **6. AGM Close**

The meeting closed at 09:05 am.

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Paul Bernhardt  
President Elect