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**AIMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGM MINUTES 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Attendees:**

Peter Murday, John Holden, Andrew Graver, Susan Hull, Michael Sierp, Allen Wade, Razzak Syed, Ferdous Amin, David Hepburn, Michel Lagesse, Reaz Shahid, Mick Diggles, Emmanuel Ezekiel- Hart, William Burton, Jay Lindsay, Refren Delos Reyes, Ranulfo Tanudra, and Brian Convery.

**Apologies:**

Munaf Shaikh, Jasil Malliyackal, Chris Carrington, Brendan Garner, Paul Willing, and Eric McIlwain.

Note takers CEO & Michael Sierp

Meeting opened at 1530hrs

**1. Opening Address**

The meeting was opened by the Secretary who offered the Welcome to Country tribute and made acknowledgement of the local Ngunnawal people. The Secretary then welcomed the members and made the apologies on behalf of the members. He also extended the AIMS condolences to Mr Eric McIlwain who was unable to attend the meeting due to the tragic passing of his daughter.

**2. Opening Agenda Items**

- a. The Secretary asked that the minutes of the 2019 AGM were agreed as true and correct and whether there were any matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM that were still open for discussion or action. There were no matters raised arising from the minutes of the previous AGM and the members moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct.

**Moved by the Secretary**

**Seconded by the President**

**Carried unanimously**

- b. The Secretary officially advised that no nominations were received for the position of President of the AIMS and as such no voting would take place for this role.
- c. The Secretary noted to the members that current AIMS President Captain Peter Murday had officially advised that should no nominations be received he would continue his tenure until the next AGM.
- d. The Secretary stated for the record that Capt Murday would continue his term and AIMS members and The Executive group congratulated Captain Murday and thanked him for his ongoing service to the Institute.

**3. CEO's Report – 2018 / 2019 Overview and Financial Report**

The CEO, SH gave an in-depth report about business operations at the AIMS and positive relationships with AMSA including the Indigenous trainee program and the funding letter. The Financial Statements were discussed as overly positive and the mention of the turnaround in finance assets was discussed. The CEO discussed the success in keeping the Grain Surveyor's list in place with the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture now agreeing to the list despite it being targeted for cancellation.

#### **4. State Representative Reports**

##### **Amin Ferdous – WA**

Captain Amin discussed that WA membership was steady and that he had recently taken on the role so was yet to have a meeting as WA chair.

##### **Razzak Syed – Victoria**

Captain Syed discussed that Victorian membership was steady and that the AO program issues had caused some difficulties in Victoria.

##### **Andrew Graver - NSW**

Captain Graver discussed how NSW membership was steady but holding state meetings was proving to be relatively pointless in NSW as members did not turn out for state meetings.

##### **Michael Sierp - SA**

Dr Sierp discussed how membership is steady but low in S.A. due to the small state population and that only around 16 AIMS members exist. He discussed that two meetings are held each year one mid year and one at Christmas as a breakup and that the last meeting discussed the EPA grey water system, grain surveying.

##### **John Holden - QLD (Lieu of Eric McIlwain's absence)**

Mr John Holden gave a brief round up of QLD's membership and some local issues around grain

##### **Emmanuel Ezekiel Hart - ACT**

Mr Hart discussed how he was happy to be the new ACT AIMS member and that with a membership of 1 that membership was steady.

#### **5. General Business**

##### **a. Changes proposed by Briar Maritime for the eligibility criteria for full membership**

The Secretary announced the decision of the Executive committee that this issue would be deferred as Captain Peters was unable to make the meeting to illustrate the details of the proposal.

##### **b. Conflict of interest issues Authorised Officers**

The Secretary announced the decision of the Executive committee that this issue could not be tabled as it was the decision of the Executive committee that the AO program was not under the control of the AIMS.

##### **c. Proposed introduction of Company and Affiliate Membership**

The CEO spoke to this agenda item illustrating the new categories of membership that may be available to members and the requirements for adding these to the Constitution.

##### **d. Proposed changes to the makeup of the Council**

The CEO spoke to this agenda item. It was discussed that due to the poor turnout of the members at State Council meetings that subcommittees may be better placed to get business done at AIMS. It was determined that it voted upon as a special resolution to progress with members. The motion was moved and seconded by Captains Graver and Syed. A vote was given to the members on the floor to proceed. It was a unanimous decision to proceed with it as a special resolution.

The Secretary thanked the members for attending and welcomed them to stay for refreshments outside the room in the foyer.

The Annual General Meeting AGM was closed at 1700hrs