



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date:	Wednesday, 25 November 2020
Venue:	Via Zoom Meeting
Time:	2:30–4:00pm AEDT 11:30am–2:00pm AWST 1:30-3:00pm AEST (QLD) 2:00-3:30pm CDT (SA)

PRESENT

Fellows

Professor Jane Hall (Chair)	Professor Jenny Lewis	Professor Carol Johnson
Professor Wai Fong Chua	Professor Bernadette McSherry	Professor Richard Holden
Professor Andrew Byrnes	Professor Stephen Dovers	Professor George Paxinos
Professor Geoffrey Lawrence	Professor Barbara Gillam	Professor Denis Burnham
Professor John Cordery	Professor Sue Richardson	Professor Ariadne Vromen
Professor Terence H. Hull	Professor Pauline Grosjean	Professor Mary Luszcz
Professor Warwick McKibbin	Professor Lee Godden	Professor Stephen Taylor
Professor Gillian Whitehouse	Professor Thomas Suddendorf	Professor Beryl Hesketh
Professor Andrew Neal	Professor Margaret Davies	Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya
Professor Leon Mann	Professor Katherine Boydell	Professor Cindy Gallois
Professor Katharine Gelber	Professor Fiona Paisley	Professor Fleur Johns
Associate Professor Felicity Meakins	Professor Anne Lillis	Professor Andrea Whittaker
Professor Andrew Podger	Professor Ruth Fincher	Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu
Professor Flavio Menezes	Professor David Peetz	Professor Greg Bamber
Professor James Walter	Professor Hugh White	Professor Jane McAdam
Professor Mark Finnane	Professor Shurlee Swain	Professor Sarah Wheeler
Professor Diane Kirkby	Professor Kim Cornish	Professor Jane Simpson
Professor Amanda Nettelbeck	Professor Skye McDonald	Professor Lyndsey Nickels
Professor Glenn Withers	Professor David Stern	Professor Sarah Wilson
Professor Kevin McConkey	Professor David Bradley	Professor Kate Burridge
Professor Linda Botterill	Professor Roland Bleiker	Professor Tim Rowse
Professor Peter Spearritt	Professor Emma Kowal	Professor Kevin Fox
Professor Anne Cutler	Professor David Rowe	Professor Eileen Baldry
Professor Louise Edwards	Professor Garrett Cullity	Professor Andrew Markus
Professor Ross Williams	Professor Megan Warin	Professor Verity Burgmann
Professor Rob Hyndman	Professor Farshid Vahid	Professor Susanne Karstedt
Professor Christine Parker	Professor Karen Fisher	Professor Warwick Anderson
Professor Ottmar Lipp	Professor Neal Ashkanasy	Professor Stewart Clegg
Professor Sharon Friel	Professor Baogang He	Professor Mark Western
Professor Adrian Little	Professor Peter Gronn	Professor Carla Treloar
Professor Lenore Manderson	Professor Kate Darian-Smith	Professor Kim Rubenstein
	Professor Richard Gunstone	Professor Roy MacLeod

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AGENDA ITEM

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Professor Jane Hall President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, opened the meeting at 2.33 pm (AEDT).

The Chair noted that Apologies were received from 35 Fellows:

Professor Peter Aggleton	Professor Cristina Gibson	Professor Wilfrid Prest
Professor Don Aitkin	Professor Heather Goodall	Professor Rosemary Rayfuse
Professor Jon Altman	Professor Fiona Haines	Professor Richard Robison
Professor Frank Bongiorno	Professor Ian Harper	Professor Lynette Russell
Professor Don Byrne	Professor Lesley Head	Professor Bruce Scates
Professor Victor Callan	The Hon Michael Kirby	Professor Maree Teeson
Sir William Deane	Professor Marilyn Lake	Professor Robert Tonkinson
Professor Nicholas Evans	The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh	Dr Dennis Trewin
Professor Norman Feather	Professor William Logan	Professor Maggie Walter
Professor Peter Fensham	Professor Andrew Mackinnon	Professor Claire Williams
Professor Rae Frances	Professor Peter Newton	Dr Christabel Young
Professor Gina Geffen	Professor Jonathan Pincus	

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair recognised the traditional owners of the lands from which Fellows were joining the meeting and recognised and paid respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders past and present.

3. Minutes

The Chair moved that the minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on 13 November 2018, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Richard Holden

Seconded: Greg Bamber

Carried Unanimously

4/5. Acknowledgment of new Fellows and recipients of Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research

The Chair acknowledged and congratulated the 38 new Fellows elected in 2020.

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| 1. Professor Nick Allen FASSA | 10. Professor Rob Hyndman FASSA |
| 2. Professor Garry Barrett FASSA | 11. Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya FASSA |
| 3. Professor Katherine Boydell FASSA | 12. Professor Fleur Johns FASSA |
| 4. Professor Kate Burrige FASSA, FAHA | 13. Professor Susanne Karstedt FASSA |
| 5. Professor Andrew Byrnes FASSA | 14. Professor Jeanette Kennett FASSA, FAHA |
| 6. Professor Sandra Eades FASSA | 15. Professor Jenny Lewis FASSA |
| 7. Professor Karen R. Fisher FASSA | 16. Professor Adrian Little FASSA |
| 8. Professor Pauline Grosjean FASSA | 17. Laureate Professor Alan Lopez AC, FASSA, FAHMS |
| 9. Emeritus Professor Terry Hull FASSA | 18. Professor Fethi Mansouri FASSA |

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| 19. Professor Gael Martin FASSA | 29. Professor Thomas Suddendorf FASSA |
| 20. Emeritus Professor Jude McCulloch FASSA | 30. Professor Matthew Tonts FASSA |
| 21. Associate Professor Felicity Meakins FASSA | 31. Professor Ariadne Vromen FASSA |
| 22. Professor Andrew Neal FASSA | 32. Professor Megan Warin FASSA |
| 23. Professor Amanda Nettelbeck FASSA, FAHA | 33. Professor Rob Watts FASSA |
| 24. Professor Graeme Orr FASSA | 34. Professor Sarah Wheeler FASSA |
| 25. Professor Christine Parker FASSA | 35. Professor Hugh White AO, FASSA |
| 26. Professor Bruce Preston FASSA | 36. Professor Andrea Whittaker FASSA |
| 27. Professor Michael Shields FASSA | 37. Professor Sarah Wilson FASSA, FAHMS |
| 28. Professor Jane Simpson FASSA | 38. The late Professor Tony Winefield FASSA |

The Chair also congratulated the 2020 winners of the Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research – Dr Kari Lancaster, Dr Michelle Tye, Dr Sarah Walker and Dr Dylan Lino.

6. President’s Report

The Chair moved that the President’s Report as published in the 2020 Annual Report (page 6) be accepted.

Moved: Jane Hall

Seconded: Sue Richardson

Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer’s Report

The Chair invited the Treasurer, Professor Wai Fong Chua, to deliver her report.

The Treasurer referred Fellows to the Audited Financial Statements published in the 2020 Annual Report (pages 22 – 55). She noted:

- The Academy remained in a strong financial position despite the disruptions of COVID-19.
- Revenues for the 2019-20 financial year were \$1.3M and expenses \$1.24M resulting in a small surplus of \$62,206.
- Most revenue came from the Department of Education HERP block grant and membership fees, however we were also fortunate enough to receive a \$50,000 cash flow boost from the Commonwealth Government related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Expenses have gone up slightly this year due largely to staffing changes
- Other expenses were related to the work of the national office ensuring that our business systems and software are fit for purpose, investing in a range of social media, website development and employing staff who have the right capabilities for the strategic plan that we have going forward.
- The Academy was not eligible for any JobKeeper payments as revenue was not significantly impacted by COVID-19.

The Treasurer proposed that the 2019/20 Financial Statements and Treasurer’s Report be accepted

Moved: David Bradley

Seconded: Richard Holden

Carried Unanimously

8. Appointment of external Auditor

The Treasurer noted that the Office of Regulatory Services requires the Academy's Financial Statements to be audited by a registered company auditor. To meet this requirement, the Executive Committee recommended the re-appointment of Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Treasurer proposed that the current auditor, Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd, be re-appointed for the 2020/21 financial year.

Moved: Steve Dovers

Seconded: Richard Holden

Carried Unanimously

9. Confirmation of 2020-21 Fellowship fees

The Treasurer noted that in March 2020, the Executive Committee decided to negate the previously agreed 2.5% increase in 2020-21 membership fees by way of a COVID-19 supplement. This effectively kept 2020-21 fees at 2019-20 levels, namely:

- Ordinary Fellows - \$ 531 (inc GST)
- Overseas/Retired Fellows - \$ 265 (inc GST)

It was proposed that 2021-22 membership fees be increased by 2.5% to the level previously agreed for 2020-21, namely:

- Ordinary Fellows - \$ 545 (inc GST)
- Overseas/Retired Fellows - \$ 271 (inc GST)

The Treasurer proposed that the membership fees for 2021-22 (inc GST) be set at:

- Ordinary Fellows - \$ 545 (inc GST)
- Overseas/Retired Fellows - \$ 271 (inc GST)

Moved: Flavio Menezes

Seconded: Lenore Manderson

Carried Unanimously

10. CEO's Report

The Chair invited the CEO, Dr Chris Hatherly, to deliver his report.

The CEO spoke to his report published in the 2020 Annual Report (page 7) and summarised some of the highlights of the 2019-20 year being:

- establishment of The Parliamentary Friends of Social Sciences;
- launch of the communications initiative Seriously Social;
- success of the Social Sciences Week program in September; and
- commencement of the Academy's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan.

He also spoke to the focus for the Academy in 2020-21, including:

- Running a 50-year Anniversary program;
- Continuing to grow the communications and policy programs of the Academy;
- Continued work on the State of the Social Sciences Report;
- Establishment of an early and mid-career researcher (EMCR) national network and forum, potentially in collaboration with the Academy of the Humanities; and
- Progression of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

He acknowledged and thanked the Executive Committee and Fellows and the staff of the National Office for their extraordinary efforts and professionalism during a challenging year. He also thanked the Academy Fellows for his warm welcome as CEO.

The Chair proposed that the CEO's Report be accepted.

Moved: Kevin Fox

Seconded: Eileen Baldry

Carried Unanimously

11. Year in Review

The Chair invited the Chair of the Policy Committee, Professor Sue Richardson, the Chair of the Communications Committee, Professor Richard Holden, and the International Secretary, Professor Jim Fox, to report on their respective committee or program area.

Policy

The Chair of the Policy Committee spoke on the work of the Policy Committee during the year, including:

- Climate Policy Program

She spoke on the release of the Efficient, Effective and Fair Discussion Paper and subsequent stakeholder roundtable with representation from 50 diverse organisations. She noted that the climate program of work is planned to extend over three years with the work of the program dependent on the interest of the Fellows that are contributing to the program and their ability to commit time to the program. She noted that future activity for the program may include creating a curriculum for primary school teachers on presenting material on climate change and a program of work on transitioning to a low carbon economy.

- Submissions

She spoke on the Academy's submissions to inquiries and other projects. These included;

- o Submission on the release and availability of public sector data for research purposes
- o Letter of support for Zali Steggall OAM MP's bill on climate change
- o Submission on the draft of the technology roadmap

She noted that all the Academy's submissions are available on the website.

She noted that it was a surprisingly active year given the constraints of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked the Policy Committee and steering group on Climate Change Policy for their work.

Communications

The Chair of the Communications Committee noted that the impact of restrictions around COVID-19 had made for a challenging year for the communications activity of the Academy, particularly in the delivery of annual lectures and symposia. He noted that it has also presented opportunity for the Academy to explore options for digital delivery of events and activities. He noted that going forward the committee will consider how to retain the benefits of online engagement when in-person meetings resume. He spoke on the work of the Communications Committee for 2019/2020, including:

- Social Sciences Week

The 2020 Social Sciences Week program took place in September and the Academy will be

even more actively engaged in Social Sciences Week in the future. He flagged that there are exciting initiatives that are being planned for future programs including the development of a national schools component for the program.

- Seriously Social

He noted that the release of Seriously Social has been the major Communications initiative of the Academy. He spoke on the program and noted that it had been the focus of big strategic investment on the part of the Academy to attempt to have a more public facing communications approach and the capacity to focus on relevant topical issues more quickly. He spoke on the Seriously Social podcast series and noted that 23 podcasts had successfully been released to date featuring Academy Fellows from across various fields. He acknowledged the host of the Academy's podcast series, Ginger Gorman, and noted that the program has done well in a crowded space. He also noted that the Seriously Social website has been released and encouraged fellows to view and share the resource with colleagues.

International

The International Secretary spoke on the work of the International Program during 2019-2020, including:

- International Science Council

He noted that the Academy became an affiliate member of the International Science Council allowing us to join a range of forums.

- Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC)

He noted that the Academy currently holds the Presidency of AASSREC, which is the primary regional Asia Pacific linking body for the social sciences. He noted that India has re-joined AASSREC after a two- or three-year break and the Philippines has joined which means that it is now the largest number of Academies involved in the Council. He acknowledged his colleagues from Vietnam and Thailand on the AASSREC Executive Council.

- Royal Society Te Apārangi (New Zealand)

He spoke on the Academy's work in co-operation with the Royal Society Te Apārangi which has included the International Secretary's involvement in their fellowship selection process, joint planning on activity with the International Science Council and a program of work drawing all the different countries in the South Pacific into a newly created single academic council.

- International Grants

He spoke on the Academy's International Grants program. He noted that Academy's Australia-China Joint Action Program, which began 28 years ago, is still active. He noted concern that there may have been difficulties with this year's program given the current context, but that there has been outstanding co-operation between the two Academies and this year saw the highest number of applications we have had in the history of the program. He spoke on the Australia-France Collaborative Research Program and noted that the process of assessing the grant applications was currently running.

- Indonesia

He spoke on the seminar on scholarly communication and open access in Indonesia that has been in the planning stage for a while. He noted that it had become a webinar due to restriction in travel due to COVID19 and is expected to be run sometime in the new year.

The International Secretary thanked Michelle Bruce, Manager – Fellowship, International & Awards, for her work in making this range of work possible.

The Chair thanked the Program Charis and moved that their reports be accepted.

Moved: Jane Hall

Seconded: David Peetz

Carried Unanimously

12. Panel Committee Reports

The Chair invited the Chairs of the Panel Committees to report on their respective Panels.

Panel A

The Panel A Chair, Professor Neil Ashkanasy, provided an overview of the Panel meeting held prior to the AGM. He noted:

- 30 members of the panel attended the meeting.
- The election of the late Professor Tony Winefield, who sadly passed away earlier this year.
- The Panel discussed the Panel and Election review. Particularly the new disciplines proposed for inclusion, opportunities for Fellows to provide feedback, and on the timeframe for the review to be implemented.
- The Panel discussed how best to manage potential disadvantages and biases in the election process and requested some additional guidance on the assessment of candidates.
- The Panel discussed the State of the Social Sciences report.
- The Panel Chair thanked outgoing Panel Committee member Professor Victoria Burbank and thanked Professor Robert van Krieken who will continue on the Panel Committee
- He also welcomed incoming Panel Committee members Professors Emma Kowal and Carol Kulik

Panel B

The Panel B Chair, Professor Kevin Fox, provided an overview of the Panel meeting held prior to the AGM. He noted:

- 27 members of the panel attended the meeting, and 8 apologies were received.
- Thanks to outgoing committee member Professor Amarjit Kaur, and to Professor Lisa Cameron who will be continuing on the Committee.
- Welcome to incoming committee member Professor Pauline Grosjean.
- Professor Roger Simnett nominated for the Grants and Awards Committee.
- The Panel Committee welcomed 7 new Fellows to the Panel – Professors Garry Barrett, Pauline Grosjean, Rob Hyndman, Gael Martin, Bruce Preston, Michael Shields and Sarah Wheeler.
- Congratulations to Dr Sarah Walker, winner of the Paul Bourke Award for Panel B.
- The Panel Committee discussed the fall in nominations from Panel B for the Paul Bourke Award since the definition of early career researcher moved from seven to five years. There was some concern that it is possible there is a much smaller pool to nominate from because of publication lags in the disciplines covered by Panel B. This will be taken forward for consideration to the Executive Committee.
- The Panel Committee discussed the election and panel review that is being undertaken by the Academy. The Panel confirmed that it was happy to be called the business and economics panel. There was some discussion around the possible use of research codes to identify the disciplines that fall within the Panels. There was overall support for the idea, but some concern was expressed specifically that a) Economic History does not have a distinct research

code and there is support to keep it as an explicitly recognised discipline, and b) the Statistics research code is in a separate division to most of the other business and economics disciplines.

- The Panel Committee discussed the activities of the Academy, particularly its new initiatives around Seriously Social and other social media activities.
- The Policy Committee Chair, who is a member of Panel B, gave an update on what has been happening in the Climate Change program which has included the work of many other people from Panel B.

Panel C

The Panel C Chair, Professor Kate Darian-Smith, provided an overview of the Panel meeting held prior to the AGM. She noted:

- 40 members of the Panel attended, and 10 apologies were received, which is the biggest turnout for a Panel meeting in the Chair's time at the Academy.
- Thanks to outgoing committee member Professor Brian Head for his contribution over the last 7 years and to Professor Janna Thompson who will be continuing on the Committee
- Welcome to incoming committee members Professors Roland Bleiker and Yi-chong Xu.
- Professor Fleur Johns nominated for the Grants and Awards Committee.
- Welcome to the 11 new Fellows joining Panel C this year.
- Congratulation to Dr Dylan Lino, winner of the Paul Bourke Award for Panel C.
- The Panel discussed the election and panel review. There was discussion around the possible use of research codes to identify the disciplines that fall within the Panels and how that would affect Panel C. She flagged that there would be further contribution from the Panel once it had been distributed and open for feedback.
- The Panel discussed the Workshop program and whether the Grants and Awards Committee could consider allowing greater flexibility in the requirement for the Academy workshops, particularly in the light of travel restrictions because of COVID and the benefits gained from video conferencing programs, for example being able to better engage early career researchers and others.
- The Panel discussed the Paul Bourke Award. They noted that the quality of nominations for the Panel C Award were excellent. They suggested that a short-list of nominations could be published and promoted to give greater recognition to these early to mid-career researchers. They also discussed the diversity of candidates and noted that all four recipients of the award this year were from group of eight universities. They noted that candidates that have already received a number of awards through either universities or disciplinary associations would likely be more competitive for the Paul Bourke Award and suggested the Academy consider refining the criteria for nomination of the award to encourage broader diversity. They suggested that the Academy also consider whether the potential reduction in funding requirements for the Workshop program allowed for an increase in awards for early to mid-career researchers.
- The Panel discussed the Climate Change program. They expressed concern that there was a focus on economics and noted that other perspectives and dimensions including clinical science, law, and history among others need to be taken into consideration in shaping responses. They requested broader thinking on this issue and the involvement of wider expertise and cross-disciplinary approach within the fellowship.

Panel D

The Panel D Chair, Professor Kevin McConkey, provided an overview of the Panel meeting held prior to the AGM. He noted:

- 27 members of the Panel attended, and apologies were received
- Professor Don Byrne was confirmed as the only nomination for the Chair of the Panel D Committee
- Thanks to Michelle Bruce, Manager – Fellowship, International & Awards for her work in supporting the Panel Committees.
- Welcome to the new Fellows joining Panel D this year.
- Congratulations to Dr Michelle Tye, winner of the Paul Bourke Award for Panel D.
- The Panel Committee discussed the importance of early career researchers in the Academy strategic plan and noted that given the changes that are happening across the university sector the next number of years will be a particularly challenging period for early career researchers.
- The Panel Committee discussed the effects of the COVID19 pandemic, noting the pandemic is likely to have an exceptionally long tail both in a medical sense and in the societal and individual impacts. Committee members suggested that there may be value in a coordinated Academy program focusing on social recovery and reconstruction following COVID-19.
- The Panel Committee discussed the importance of getting evidence-based information to government. They noted there seems to be an increasing gap between scholarly evidence and practice or policy decisions are and suggested that the Academy could potentially position itself more strongly as an independent and reputable source of evidence-based advice for government on issues that affect society.
- The Panel Committee discussed the Academy's submissions to government and encouraged the Academy to also consider the potential long-term impacts of policy in future submissions.
- The Panel Committee applauded the work that has been done by the National Office and Communications Committee on raising the profile of the Academy to a wider range of audiences. They expressed support for this work to continue and expanded with the aim that the Academy comes the top of mind for advice and information about matters of social sciences.
- The Panel Committee suggested that the Academy could better encourage its Fellows to become more actively involved, particularly using digital forms of communication such as video conferencing. They suggested that online meetings could be held regularly around different issues of particular importance to groups of Fellows.

The Chair thanked the Panel Chairs. She noted that the Panel and Election Review is in process and that the intention of the Executive Committee is to make a report available to all Fellows inviting feedback and discussion in the new year.

The Chair proposed that the Panel Reports be accepted.

Moved: Steve Dovers

Seconded: Richard Holden

Carried Unanimously

13. State Convenors Reports

The Chair invited the State Convenors for South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria to report on activity in their states.

South Australia

The Convenor for South Australia, Professor Keith Hancock, provided an overview of activity in that state on behalf of himself and co-convenor Dr Jonathan Pincus. He noted:

- Normal activities were affected by the restrictions around COVID-19. Two dinner discussion meetings were cancelled and two were held, but with reduced numbers. In the first of the events Professor Mike Innes spoke on the challenges likely to be imposed by artificial intelligence for the health and helping professions. In the second of the events Professor Carol Kulik spoke about gender diversity at the top – good intentions and unexpected consequences.
- Thanks to Professor Mike Young who chaired the first of the dinner discussions which neither of the convenors was able to attend.
- Thanks to the Academy for the support of the dinner discussion events.
- Thanks to Michelle Bruce for her invaluable assistance.
- Congratulations to the Academy on what has been achieved over the past year.

New South Wales

The Convenor for New South Wales, Professor Roy MacLeod, provided an overview of activity in that state. He noted:

- The 2020 Four Academies Forum was held on 5 November at Government House in Sydney with the gracious permission of the Governor of NSW. The event was held but followed established rules for social distancing which limited physical attendance to so only 30 people, including two from each Academy, alongside around 250 virtual attendees. The title of the event was After COVID19: Creating the best of times from the worst of times. It was introduced by Dr Peter Hobbins and moderated by Professor Eric Knight. Ten invited scholars, scientists, medical administrators, cultural analysts, and public servants spoke to an agenda that was devised principally by Dr Susan Pond, Vice-President of the Society. This covered four main themes - forging a resilient future, changes to Australia's healthcare system, the impact of the pandemic on Australia's cultural and creative industries and the potential influence of the pandemic on the reshaping of Australia's institutions. A full account of speakers and subjects and a recording of the talks has been posted on the Royal Society's website.

Victoria

The convenor for Victoria, Professor Greg Bamber, provided an overview of activity in that state on behalf of himself and co-convenors Professor Janna Thompson and Dr Dennis Trewin. He noted:

- Normal activities were affected by the restrictions around COVID-19 and no events were able to be held during the year.
- Two events that were not formally Academy events were held just before the Melbourne lockdown. The first was a memorial lunch tribute to the late Professor Joe Isaac AO, former Academy President. He thanked the CEO and Fellows, including former Presidents, who were able to attend, and thanked the CEO for producing a short tribute video including other Fellows of the Academy. The Second was an international webinar *Building a New Social Contract: Lessons from the COVID Pandemic, Black Lives Matter and Renewed Worker Activism* with Academy Fellow Professor Margaret Gardner and a world-leading industrial relations expert Professor Tom Kochan from MIT. A recording of this will be provided to the Academy to be included on the website.
- Thanks to Michelle Bruce and other Academy staff for their support.

The Chair thanked the State Convenors for their reports and called for Fellows interested in becoming a State Convenor, particularly in New South Wales and Queensland, to contact the National Office. She proposed that the State Convenors reports be accepted.

Moved: David Peetz

Seconded: John Cordery

Carried Unanimously

14. Election of President Elect

The Chair put the following motion:

The Academy President serves a three-year term, preceded by one year as President-Elect and followed by two years as Immediate Past President. The term of the current President concludes on 31 December 2021.

The Academy's Executive Committee's has nominated Professor Richard Holden for the role of President-Elect. No other nominations have been received. Therefore, it is proposed that Richard Holden is elected President Elect of the Academy commencing January 2021.

Moved: Jane Hall

Seconded: Flavio Menezes

Carried Unanimously

15. Election of Committee Chairs

The Chair advised that nominations have been received to fill vacancies as Chairs of Academy Committees as follows.

Committee	Outgoing	Nominations Received
Communications Committee (previously Public Forums & Communications Committee)	Professor Richard Holden	Professor Richard Holden
Grants and Awards Committee (previously Workshops Committee)	Professor Mike Innes	Professor Cindy Gallois
Panel D	Professor Kevin McConkey	Professor Don Byrne

The Chair moved that these individuals be endorsed as Chairs of Committees, and in that capacity as members of the Academy's Executive Committee.

Moved: Jane Hall

Seconded: Dennis Burnham

Carried Unanimously

16. Other Resolutions

Climate Change Resolution

Professor George Paxinos spoke to the Climate Change resolution:

That

- (a) informed by the reality of anthropogenic global warming,*
- (b) following the release of and feedback on the Academy's Efficient, Effective and Fair: Climate Policy in Australia discussion paper,*

- (c) noting the impact of climate change on oceans, forests, food and water supply, health and wellbeing, business and industry, and*
- (d) recognising the central role of the social sciences in assisting government, business and the community to engage in mitigation and adaptation to climate change,*

the Academy resolves to:

- i. establish by 31 January 2021 a working party to develop a statement on action needed by Australia for consideration by the Policy Committee and the Executive Committee,*
- ii. request a draft statement be distributed by the Executive Committee to the Fellowship no later than 30 April 2021, and*
- iii. authorise the President to release the statement on behalf of the Academy following consideration by the Executive Committee of comments from Fellows.*

A question on how this will interact with the Climate Policy Work was asked.

The Policy Committee Chair and Professor Paxinos responded that this would be complimentary to the work of the Climate Change Program run by the Policy Committee and would consider additional issues.

Concern was expressed that it was not the appropriate time for an Academy resolution on this issue as it does not yet have a developed position.

The Chair and Professor Kevin McConkey clarified that this motion is to establish a working party to develop a statement to be considered by the Executive Committee and Policy Committee, not to endorse a position of the Academy.

Moved: George Paxinos

Seconded: Dennis Burnham

Carried

11. Other Business

The Chair advised that other business would need to be deferred due to time constraints and advised Fellows who wished to raise further business to contact the Executive Committee, the National Office or their Panel Chair.

13. Meeting Close

The Chair thanked the National Office and attendees for the successful meeting. The meeting closed at 4.17 pm