



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue:	Via Zoom Meeting
Date:	Wednesday, 24 November 2021
Time:	12:30–2:00pm AEDT 9:30am–11:00pm AWST 11:30-1:00pm AEST (QLD) 12:00-1:30pm CDT (SA)

PRESENT

Fellows

Warwick Anderson	Cindy Gallois	Nathalie Nguyen
Frederik Anseel	Katharine Gelber	Fiona Paisley
Wayan Arka	Diane Gibson	Lyn Parker
Neal Ashkanasy	Nicole Gillespie	David Peetz
Marian Baird	Heather Goodall	Andrew Podger
Greg Bamber	Quentin Grafton	Martine Powell
Jill Blackmore	Adam Graycar	John Poynter
Roland Bleiker	Peter Gronn	Kalpana Ram
Harry Bloch	Richard Gunstone	Sue Richardson
Frank Bongiorno	Fiona Haines	Sharyn Roach Anleu
Heather Booth	Jane Hall (Chair)	Garry Rodan
Linda Botterill	Brian Head	David Rowe
Nicholas Brown	Richard Holden	Tim Rowse
Verity Burgmann	Terence Hull	Sean Scalmer
Andrew Burton-Jones	Andrew Jakubowicz	Rosemary Sheehan
Don Byrne	Margaret Jolly	David Stanton
Ray Chambers	Emma Kowal	David Stern
Wai Fong Chua	Carol Kulik	Deborah Stevenson
Catharine Coleborne	Gilah Leder	Julie Stout
John Cordery	Jenny Lewis	Julie Stubbs
Anne Cutler	Anne Lillis	Margaret Thornton
Susan Danby	Ottmar Lipp	David Throsby
Kate Darian-Smith	Adrian Little	Farshid Vahid
Margaret Davies	Gary Magee	Frans Verstraten
David de Vaus	Leon Mann	Helen Watt
Tim Dunne	Fethi Mansouri	Mark Western
Anne Edwards	Jane McAdam	Gillian Whitehouse
Nick Enfield	Kevin McConkey	Angela Woollacott
Karen Fisher	Warwick McKibbin	Yi-Chong Xu
Kevin Fox	Bernadette McSherry	
Raelene Frances	Felicity Meakins	
Renee Fry-McKibbin	Bronwen Morgan	
Martin Gael	Amanda Nettelbeck	

National Office

Chris Hatherly
Michelle Bruce
Anna Dennis
Alice Balnaves-Knyvett (Minute Taker)

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 12.32 pm and noted the sad news of the death of Professor Stuart Macintyre.

She noted that she had received proxies from Wilfred Prest, Steve Dovers and Mark Finane

Apologies were received from 33 Fellows:

Don Aitkin	Cristina Gibson	Iain Ross
David Andrich	David Grant	Amin Saikal
David Badcock	John Holmes	Bruce Scates
Chris Beasley	Mike Innes	Jane Simpson
Dick Blandy	Marilyn Lake	Stephen Taylor
Steve Dovers	Bill Logan	Maree Teesson
Nick Evans	Vera Mackie	Debbie Terry
Denzil Fiebig	Andrew Markus	Dennis Trewin
Ruth Fincher	Barry McGaw	Glenn Withers
Mark Finnane	Charles Mulvey	
James Fox	Christine Parker	
Margaret Gardner	Wilfrid Prest	

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 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2020, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved : Jane Hall

Seconded: Sue Richardson

Carried

4. Acknowledgment of new Fellows, Jubilee Fellows and recipients of Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research Awardees

The Chair acknowledged and congratulated 37 new Fellows elected in 2021.

- Professor Frederik Anseel
- Associate Professor Wayan Arka
- Professor Bernard Balleine
- Professor Adrian Barnett
- Professor Mark Bellgrove

- Professor Michael Berk
- Professor Heather Booth
- Professor Andrew Burton-Jones
- Professor Ray Chambers
- Professor Catharine Coleborne
- Professor Susan Danby
- Professor Sara Davies
- Professor Chris Edmond
- Professor Nisvan Erkal
- Professor Robert Faff
- Professor Michael Farrell
- Professor Marilyn Fler
- Professor Clinton Free
- Professor Nicole Gillespie
- Professor Boyd Hunter
- Professor Andrew Jakubowicz
- Mr David Kalisch
- Professor David Kinley
- Professor Paula McDonald
- Professor Bronwen Morgan
- Professor Nathalie Nguyen
- Professor Yin Paradies
- Professor Lynette Parker
- Professor Martine Powell
- Associate Professor Kalpana Ram
- Professor Alison Ritter
- Professor Sean Scalmer
- Professor Rosemary Sheehan
- Professor Tom Smith
- Professor Deborah Stevenson
- Professor Franciscus (Frans) Verstraten
- Professor Helen Watt

The Chair also congratulated the 2021 Jubilee Fellows.

- Professor Michael Allen
- Professor Richard Blandy
- Professor Bruce Kapferer
- Professor Yew-Kwang Ng
- Professor Iain Wallace

The Chair also congratulated the 2021 winners of the Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research

- Dr Michele Barnes
- Dr Nathan Caruana
- Dr Tim Neal
- Dr Laura Rademaker

The Chair moved that the President's Report as published in the 2021 Annual Report (page 6) be accepted.

Moved: Jane Hall

Seconded: Keith Hancock

Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Chair introduced the Treasurer, Professor Wai Fong Chua, and thanked her for her work.

The Treasurer gave a verbal report introducing the Audited Financial Statement. Noting:

- The overall deficit came from an operating surplus and investment of a portion of the Strategic Initiatives Fund which was spent on Seriously Social and the production of the State of the Social Sciences report.
- The Academy had Received a \$50K COVID cash flow payment from the Federal Government.
- The Academy had this year adopted a new accounting standard (AASB1058) which effected how it recognises the income from the government block grant that the Academy receives and that this had resulted in a restatement of the accounts of the prior year 2019-2020.

The Treasurer referred Fellows to the Audited Financial Statements published in the 2021 Annual Report (pages 22 – 55).

The Treasurer moved that the 2020/21 Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: Wai Fong Chua

Seconded: Sue Richardson

Carried

7. Appointment of external Auditor

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 recommends the re-appointment of Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd for the 2021/22 financial year.

The Treasurer moved that the current auditor, Anthony Wilson of AccountAbility (ACT) Pty Ltd, be re-appointed for the 2021/22 financial year.

Moved: Mark Western

Seconded: Greg Bamber

Carried

8. Confirmation of 2022-23 Fellowship fees

It is proposed that 2022-23 membership fees be increased by ~1.4% (with rounding); equivalent to the increase in Australian Average Full-Time Ordinary Time Earnings for the 12 months to May 2021. The proposed rates are:

- Ordinary Fellows - \$552 (inc. GST; 2021-22 rate \$545)
- Overseas/Retired Fellows - \$275 (inc. GST; 2021-22 rate: \$271)
- Honorary Fellows – no fee
- Emeritus Fellows (opt in from age 80) – no fee.

9. CEO's Report

The CEO, Dr Chris Hatherly, spoke to his report as published in the 2021 Annual Report (page 7), noting that highlights of the work of the National Office for this year included:

- The comprehensive review of and subsequent changes to the Academy's panel and election processes.
- Improvements and upgrades of the Academy's database and Fellow's Portal to streamline processes around the fellowship process.

He acknowledged the importance of the invaluable contributions that many Fellows had made to the Academy in various forms and thanked them for their participation in Academy activities.

The AGM **noted** the report.

10. Highlights

Policy

Chair of the Policy Committee. Professor Sue Richardson, thanked the committee and spoke on:

- The progress of the Climate Change project which included:
 - The development of several statements including a statement on the need for a price on carbon and the climate change statement that was agreed by resolution at the 2020 AGM;
 - Involvement of the Academy in the ACOLA energy transition to net zero project;
 - Work on introducing more appropriate climate change content in the national school curriculum; and
 - The start of the adaptation to changing climate project which had been postponed until 2022 due to capacity constraints in the National Office.
- The submissions made by the Academy including to the Technology Roadmap, Indigenous Data Strategy, Climate Adaptation Bill.
- The roundtables run in the year on the Intergenerational Report and Retirement Income.

Grants and Awards Committee

Chair of Grants and Awards Committee, Professor Neal Ashkanasky, noted that he had taken the role as Cindy Gallois had been unable to continue as Chair due to ill health. He thanked Professor Gallois for her contribution.

He noted that there had been a strong interest in the Workshop Program with 32 applications received and that 8 of the Workshops had been granted for 2022.

He also noted that the committee had discussed the Paul Bourke Award and is intending to review the award in 2022.

Communications

The CEO spoke on the Communication Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), noting:

- The Communications program at the Academy received funding from Strategic Initiatives which has been invested in creating a digital platform for the social sciences called Seriously Social. This includes a website, podcast and the production of videos on topical issues in the social sciences.

- The Academy had taken carriage of Social Sciences Week for the second year and delivered a week long program of engaging digital events.
- There had been significant work on the *Reflect* RAP leading to it being launched in June 2021. He thanked the Academy's Indigenous Fellows that had contributed for their advice and support in its development. He also noted that a working group had been formed of Fellows, staff and ECR indigenous researchers to progress the RAP to the next stage.

International Program

The Manager – Fellowship and International Program, Ms Michelle Bruce, spoke on the work of the international program at the Academy:

- The Academy hosted the AASSREC 24th Biannual conference online in October. There were 5 Panels with over 170 attendees from the region. Fleur Johns represented the Academy with a presentation at the event and several other fellows chaired sessions.
- The Academy has held the position of President and Secretary General for the past two years, after the last meeting of ASSREC the Presidency moved to the Korean Academy, however the Academy International Secretary has been appointed Vice President and the Academy has been supported to maintain as secretary general.
- The International Committee has been newly established and will commence early in 2022 with Fleur Johns chairing as International Secretary.
- The ASSA -CASS Joint Action program has been renewed for a further 3 years
- The Australian-France program Collaborative Research Program is in its final year

She concluded by thanking Professor Jim Fox for his work leading the Academy's international program as International Secretary for the past 7 years.

The Chair thanked the Program Chairs and representatives for their reports and the AGM **noted** the reports.

11. Panel Committee Reports

Panel A Committee

The outgoing Panel A Chair, Professor Neal Ashkanasy, gave a report on the activity of Panel A, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM:

- There were 32 attendees.
- The Panel acknowledged the New Fellows to the Academy from Panel A (Professor Frederik Anseel, Associate Professor Wayan Arka, Professor Heather Booth, Professor Andrew Burton-Jones, Professor Nicole Gillespie, Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, Professor Paula McDonald, Professor Yin Paradies, Professor Lynette Parker, Associate Professor Kalpana Ram, Professor Rosemary Sheehan, Professor Deborah Stevenson) and Paul Bourke Award winner Dr Michelle Barnes (Sociology).
- The Panel had nominated Professor Nick Enfield as incoming chair from 2022 for ratification at the AGM.
- Discussed the impact of the changes to the panels following the implementation of changes following the 2021 panel and election review.

The Chair of Panel A invited Professor Jill Blackmore to speak to the creation and focus of the Australian Association of University Professors (AAUP - www.professoriate.org) in response to a number of issues

including managerialism and academic freedom. She emphasised the clear differentiation between the Australian Association of University Professors, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) and the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU). Looking at the roles of public universities and academics in Australia with a focus on staff losses and precarity of employment/funding. There followed some discussion on the role of the Academy in advocating for the protection of research and academia.

Panel B Committee

The outgoing Panel B Chair, Professor Kevin Fox, gave a report on the activity of Panel B, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM:

- There were 20 attendees.
- The Panel acknowledged the New Fellows to the Academy from Panel B (Professor Adrian Barnett, Professor Ray Chambers, Professor Chris Edmond, Professor Nisvan Erkal, Professor Robert Faff, Professor Clinton Free, Professor Boyd Hunter, Mr David Kalisch, Professor Tom Smith) and Paul Bourke Award winner Dr Tim Neal (Economics).
- There had been discussion around the challenges of selection of Paul Bourke nominees, particularly around the restriction on timing for publishing which affected the potential nominees in the Panel. He recommended a review of the Paul Bourke nomination guidelines would be appropriate to address this issue.
- There had been discussion on the changes to the panels following the 2021 panel and election review which, for Panel B, has resulted in a structure that is consistent with the standard structure in a business school with the addition of management to the disciplines of the Panel. It had also resulted in better gender and disciplinary diversity for the Panel.
- The Panel had nominated Professor Renee Fry-McKibbin as incoming chair from 2022 for ratification at the AGM.
- They had discussed the election of a representative to the Membership Committee to be made in 2022 due to the changed structure of the panels.
- That David Throsby had nominated to be added to the Grants and Awards Committee.

The outgoing Chair of Panel B welcomed the new members of the Panel B Committee and thanked the outgoing members as well as the National Office.

Panel C Committee

The Panel C Chair, Professor Kate Darian-Smith, gave a report on the activity of Panel C, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM:

- There were approximately 40 attendees.
- The Panel acknowledged the New Fellows to the Academy from Panel C (Professor Catharine Coleborne, Professor Sara Davies, Professor David Kinley, Professor Bronwen Morgan, Professor Nathalie Nguyen, Professor Sean Scalmer) and Paul Bourke Award winner Dr Laura Rademaker (History).
- There had been discussion on the changes to the panels following the implementation of changes following the 2021 panel and election review which resulted several disciplines, Political Science and Public Policy, moving to Panel A. This discussion had focused on the need for the Academy to implement mechanisms to ensure cross-disciplinary perspectives across panels for the work of the Academy including in projects, assessment of Fellowship and Paul Bourke Award nominations.
- There had been discussion on what the Academy could do to advocate for evidence led policy at the next election, noting that the Academy of Science surveys its fellows on the top 10 issues of note for upcoming elections.

She thanked the Manager, Fellowship and International Program, Michelle Bruce, for all the work she has done in supporting the Panel C committee. She also acknowledged the outgoing members of the Panel C committee and noted that there were some openings that had not yet been filled due to the panel changes, but that this would be done in 2022 in line with those changes.

Panel D Committee

The Panel D Chair, Professor Don Byrne, gave a report on the activity of Panel D, noting that at the Panel meeting before the AGM:

- There were 23 attendees and 4 apologies had been received.
- The Panel acknowledged the New Fellows to the Academy from Panel C (Professor Bernard Balleine, Professor Mark Bellgrove, Professor Michael Berk, Professor Susan Danby, Professor Michael Farrell, Professor Marilyn Fler, Professor Martine Powell, Professor Alison Ritter, Professor Franciscus (Frans) Verstraten, Professor Helen Watt) and Paul Bourke Award winner Dr Nathan Caruana (Cognitive Science)
- Discussed the impact of the changes to the panels following the implementation of changes following the 2021 panel and election review and noted that the review hadn't materially affected the Panel.
- The Panel Committee was largely not changing, but they welcomed Russell Tytler who was joining the Panel Committee as a representative for Education and thanked outgoing committee member Annemaree Carroll.
- They discussed the open position on the membership committee and had called from nominations.
- There was discussion on the process for election of Fellows, noting that it could be more transparent particularly around unsuccessful nominations. They noted concern about the wording of the letter to unsuccessful nominees, particularly requesting that it needed a more encouraging tone. They also noted that there should be less focus on restricting numbers and instead more on being inclusive of people who had displayed excellence in the Social Sciences.
- They discussed the capacity of the National Office and noted that some thought should be given to increasing staff resources rather than expenses involved with in person meetings once the country opens up once again.

The Chair thanked the Panel Chairs for their reports and the AGM **noted** the Panel Chair reports.

12. State Convenors Reports

The Chair invited the State Convenors to report on the activity in their states during the year and expressed her regret that she wasn't able to travel to attend state based activity due to the COVID pandemic.

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:

- With sadness the passing of Professor Stuart Macintyre.
- Normal activities were again affected by the restrictions of the COVID pandemic, several dinner meetings were held attended by around 15 Fellows and thanked the Manager, Fellowship and International Program, Michelle Bruce, and Events & Fellowship Coordinator, Anna Dennis, for their assistance with these events.
- That Professor Sharon Roach-Anleu and Marika Tiggemann will be taking over as co-convenors

for South Australia in 2022.

Western Australia

The convenor for Western Australia, Emeritus Professor Harry Bloch, provided an overview of activity in that state. He noted:

- The impacts of the COVID19 pandemic have made it especially difficult for Fellows in WA to be involved in the broader activities of the Academy.
- In December, 2020, a dinner event was held to introduce Fellows to the new inductees for the year. This was a successful event that attracted most of the new Fellows and a pleasing number of the broader cohort of Fellows in Perth. The dinner was combined with an informal discussion of how some of the changes in the higher education system are impacting different institutions and departments in WA.
- In August, 2021 a further dinner event and meeting was held on the occasion of the Academy's 50th anniversary. It attracted 18 attendees, a good number. Because Fellows at the previous meeting had expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to discuss and debate changes in the higher education system, more structured discussion was held. Professor John Cordery led the discussions with a presentation based on his current research and his experience as a senior university manager.
- Attempts had been made to bring speakers from the Eastern States to join us in the discussions. However, the uncertainties of travel caused by the COVID19 pandemic made this impossible. Hopefully, the coming year will give us more opportunities for interaction and collaboration at the national level.

Victoria

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

- Normal activities were affected by the restrictions around COVID-19 and of several planned events only one, online, event took place. This was a combination 50th Anniversary event and COVID Symposium. The Chair acknowledged the help of the National Office and Professor Leon Mann in the design and implementation of the event.
- The State Conveners were looking forward to 2022 in the hope that more normal activity could recommence.

Australian Capital Territory

The convenor for the Australian Capital Territory, Professor Linda Botterill, provided an overview of activity in that territory. She noted:

- The ACT branch became active in 2021, but due to the lockdown imposed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the territory only one dinner event was held in which Professor Frank Bongiorno gave a presentation. It was a sombre start for the group, but a good evening.
- That she hopes that more events will be able to be held in 2022 and thanked the National Office staff for their support.

Queensland

Professor Neal Ashkanasky spoke on the 50th Anniversary event he and Professor Cindy Gallois had organised in Queensland in which Professor Deborah Terry, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland (UQ) presented on the future of the social sciences and UQ. He also advised that there had been some discussion on reviving the Queensland branch.

The Chair thanked the State Convenors for their reports and the AGM **noted** the State Convenors reports.

13. Revisions to the Academy Constitution

The Chair introduced the proposed changes to the Academy's Constitution as circulated with the meeting papers, noting an amendment to the proposed clauses:

Clause 3.4 – process for conferring honorary Fellowship

3.4. On the recommendation of the Academy President and with support of at least three other Fellows, the Executive Committee may from time to time confer the title of Honorary Fellow to individuals for such periods as it thinks fit. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not at any time exceed one-tenth of the number of Fellows and such Honorary Fellows shall be eligible for membership of any Committee and election to any office other than that of President.

Clause 3.7: Emeritus Fellow entitlements

3.7. When a Fellow of the Academy reaches 80 years of age they are offered the option of becoming an Emeritus Fellow. Emeritus Fellows will retain voting privileges, pay no annual subscription and continue to receive Academy papers.

Clause 3.9 - Grounds for suspension or expulsion from Fellowship

3.9. Fellows of the Academy may be expelled or suspended from membership, have part of their membership rights revoked, or be asked to comply with conditions if in the opinion of the Executive Committee they may have:

- a) acted prejudicially to the interests of the Academy;
- b) refused or neglected to comply with its Constitution or a condition imposed by the Executive Committee;
- c) Acted in a manner contrary to or inconsistent with the Academy's Code of Conduct
- d) Acted in a way that could bring the Academy into disrepute.

Such decisions shall be made known in writing to Fellows who have the right of appeal as set out in the Academy's Code of Conduct.

Clause 5.5 - Executive Committee composition

5.5. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, International Secretary, Committee Chairs, Panel Chairs, Immediate Past President for the first two years of a President's term, and a President-elect for the third year of a President's term.

She noted that the substantive changes to clause 3.4 came out of the 2021 panel and election review and the substantive changes to clause 3.9 came out of a review of the Academy's code of conduct.

She moved that the changes be accepted by the AGM:

Moved: Kevin Fox

Seconded: Greg Bamber

Carried

14. Appointment of Office Holders and Committee Chairs

The Chair acknowledged that the President-Elect Richard Holden will take the position of President from 1 January 2022.

The Chair advised that the following Officers will continue in their capacity as office holders and committee chairs in 2022:

Treasurer – Wai Fong Chua

Panel C Committee – Kate Darian-Smith

Panel D Committee – Don Byrne

The Chair advised that nominations have been received to fill vacancies as Chairs of Academy Committees from 2022 as follows.

Committee	Outgoing	Nominations Received
International Secretary	Professor Jim Fox	Professor Fleur Johns
Policy Committee	Professor Sue Richardson	Professor Kevin McConkey
Grants and Awards Committee	Professor Cindy Gallois	Professor Neal Ashkanasy
Panel A	Professor Neal Ashkanasy	Professor Nick Enfield
Panel B	Professor Kevin Fox	Professor Renee Fry-McKibbon

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: Richard Holden

Carried

15. Other Business

The Chair as President thanked the Executive Committee and Fellows of the Academy for the support she received during her term as President and welcomed Professor Richard Holden to the Presidency.

Professor Richard Holden thanked Professor Jane Hall for her leadership and stewardship of the Academy through a difficult and challenging time on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Fellows of the Academy. He particularly noted her commitment to working towards reconciliation with the implementation of the Academy's Reconciliation Action Plan and her work in guiding the Academy to become more outwardly focused.

13. Closure

With thanks to National Office and attendees for a successful meeting the Chair closed the meeting at 2.11 pm