

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:45pm (AEDT)

Friday 27 November 2020

Via Zoom

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting opened at 1.45pm. WHA CEO, Barb Vernon welcomed participants to the meeting.

1. ATTENDANCE

Anne Sneddon (President, Griffith University, QLD); Gill Evans (Mercy Hospital for Women, VIC); Jodi Graham (King Edward Memorial Hospital, WA); Patrick Turner (Gold Coast University Hospital, QLD); Lisa Lynch (The Royal Women's Hospital, VIC); Jane Jennings (Women' & Children's Health Network, SA); Michael Nicholl (Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW); Patricia Smith (Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital); Kate Reynolds (WA Country Health, WA) Tessa Kowaliw (WHA Special Purpose Director, Consumer); Susan Gannon (Dept of Health & Human Services, Tas); Naomi McKeown (WHA Special Purpose Director) Graeme Boardley (King Edward Memorial Hospital, WA);

Ex Officio: Barb Vernon (WHA)

Apologies: Boon Lim (Centenary Hospital for Women and Children)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution: That the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 be approved as a true & accurate record of the meeting

Moved: Anne Sneddon

2nd: Michael Nicholl

Carried.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

Barb Vernon, WHA CEO ran through the Presidents slides on Anne Sneddon's behalf.

Anne Sneddon WHA President acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we were meeting. She presented the annual report to participants and encouraged them to review in full. She thanked all the member hospitals who actively participate in the networks and events through the year and thanked her fellow Directors who volunteer their time and expertise to guide WHA's strategic focus and performance. Annie also acknowledged the fantastic and dedicated team of staff at the WHA office.

Anne then introduced Barb Vernon, WHA CEO to provide an update on success and challenges throughout 2019-2020. Which included Some growth in participation in the WHA community in the 19-20 financial year taking membership up to about 123 maternity units across the country.

Resolution: That the President's report be accepted

Moved: Graeme Boardley
2nd: Michael Nicholl
Carried.

3.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Barb Vernon summarised the Auditor's report by Kothes Accountants, highlighting WHAs secure position. Members were encouraged to look at the report in more detail. Question or comments were requested but none were raised.

Resolution: That the Financial Report be accepted

Moved: Michael Nicholl
2nd: Anne Sneddon
Carried.

4. Election of Directors

The call for nominations went out on 27 October 2020 and one nomination was received from Kate Reynolds.

Resolution: Kate Reynolds was elected to the WHA Board for another 4-year term

Moved: Susan Gannon
2nd: Naomi McKeown
Carried.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE AUDITOR

Resolution: That Kothes Accountants be appointed to Audit the WHA finances for 2020-21

Moved: Kate Reynolds
2nd: Graeme Boardley
Carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Members Questions & Answers

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask the Board and/or CEO any questions and/or to provide comment on WHA's activities and performance over the past year.

7. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 AGM will be hopefully be held in conjunction with the WHA Safety & Quality in Maternity Care Forum, in the last week of November 2021.

Meeting closed: 2.01pm