



PESA Annual General Meeting Minutes 16 May 2022

**Sky Room, Brisbane Conference and
Exhibition Centre**

1. Chairman's Welcome

The PESA Chairman, Steve Mackie, opened the meeting at 5:05 pm. he welcomed all attendees to the 2022 PESA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

2. Attendance and Apologies

The Chairman advised that there were currently 27 people present; 3 of whom had already put in proxies (24 proxies were held in total)– this made a quorum and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was declared open. One apology from Dr Robert Seggie was noted.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

Dr Mackie noted that the papers associated with the AGM had already been circulated to the members. It was assumed that everyone had had the chance to look at these documents.

The Minutes of the previous AGM meeting were presented, and any changes or comments were invited from the meeting. None were received.

- Moved by Barry Smith and seconded by Nathan Parker that the Minutes of the previous AGM: be accepted. Dr Mackie advised that all but two votes were in favour of accepting. The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted.

4. Chairman's Report

Dr Mackie opened the Chairman's Report by stating that one of the main things PESA is working on is promoting professional and technical excellence in geoscience. Dr Mackie noted that PESA had been focusing heavily on this in its the Strategic Plan *Towards 2024*. The plan's objective was for PESA to have the ability to deliver benefit to members and together with disciplined capital allocation to continue to generate value. Dr Mackie stressed that the plan was built on four pillars:

- Creating value for our members,
- Communicating PESA'S Values,
- Building agility,
- Sustaining financial resistance.

These pillars are based on our Society's values, Integrity, Professionalism, Technical excellence, Innovation and Accountability

A great deal had already been achieved. On behalf of the board, Dr Mackie thanked all members for their support.

- Moved by Phillip Cooney and seconded by Sue Slater to accept the Chairman's Report: There was only one objection and the Chairman's Report was accepted.

5. President's Report

The PESA President, Bronwyn Camac listed the highlights of the past year, summarising her already distributed report:

Highlights:

- Membership numbers are up (+44 members in the year)
- Webinars, hugely successful with 1400 registrants over the last year, special thanks to Peter Hoiles and RFD and Helen Debenham.
- AEGC Virtual conference, delivered a profit under challenging circumstances, special thanks to Rachel Kieft and Sue Slater
- Technical Library with all back-issues of PESA News now available
- New free educational and cost saving initiatives delivered
 - GeoClerk-Searcher partnership
 - Geologize's Practical Geocommunication 2.0
 - Energy Transition Special Interest Group formation
 - CABS IV Conference in Darwin later this year
 - Strong partnership with APPEA, EAGE, AAPG resulting in member discounts
- Strategic plan updated for the clean energy and post-pandemic world
- 5 Meritorious Service Awards – congratulations to all recipients! (No DSA awarded during this period)

Lowlights:

- Continuing reduction in activity due to COVID in some states
- AEGC in-person conference deferred to 2023, incurring a heavy associated loss
- Progress of “Towards 2024” Strategic Plan slowed but remains on track
- Loss of \$61,676, -\$31k above the budgeted deficit, driven by AEGC in-person conference irretrievable costs, larger than forecast website costs (including both improvements and depreciation), as well as Covid related income losses

Challenges:

- Continuing to build and retain membership by offering relevant membership benefits and responding to changing industry needs
- Attracting people into earth sciences, by continuing and improving our message that geoscience is a required ongoing skill

The President thanked members for their ongoing support & all our volunteers who give their time for the betterment of PESA

- Moved by Sue Slater and seconded by Toby Colson that the meeting accepts the President's Report: Approved with only one dissenting vote.

6. Treasurer's Report

The PESA Treasurer, Carissa Digance, presented the audited financial report to the members and advised that PESA had a loss for 2021 of \$61,676 compared with the 2021 surplus of \$23,669. This loss (\$31k above the budgeted deficit) was driven by AEGC in-person conference irretrievable costs and larger than forecast website costs (including both improvements and depreciation). The operating revenue for the Society at year end 2021 was \$373,441 which was almost the same as the result of 2020 (\$373,994). At year-end 2021, total assets were \$1,297,572. (\$1,359,248 in 2020)

Carissa stated that, looking forward into 2022, it is hoped that there will be a return to a profit. We hope the AEGC 2023 conference in March next year will be well attended. Training courses and symposia will also have a big impact on how we travel during the year,

Carissa provided a quick summary on how we've been tracking over the last 10 years: and showed that our revenue has been falling but so have our expenses. Carissa thought that the Society is in a stable position now and in a good position to move forward.

7. Auditor's Report

The audit report from StewartBrown is available on the website. The audited accounts were sent out with the meeting notes.

Carissa noted that we are happy with the new auditor StewartBrown and recommends that we continue with them.

- Moved by Bonnie Lowe-Young and Toby Colson to accept the Treasurer's Report, the Auditor's Report and the recommendation that we continue with the current auditor:
- Dr Mackie advised that only one vote opposed the motion. The Financial and Auditor's Report was accepted as was the recommendation to continue with StewartBrown as our auditor.

8. 2021 Service Awards

Meritorious Service Award

The PESA Meritorious Service Award recognises members who voluntarily provide exceptional service to PESA at State or Federal level over a significant period of time.

The five 2022 MSAs are awarded to:

- Prof. Simon Lang WA Branch
- Dr Rachel Kieft Qld. Branch
- Dr Tobias Colson Qld. Branch
- Prof Robert Seggie WA Branch
- Bonnie Lowe-Young SA Branch

9. Nominations of Office Bearers

Dr Mackie, advised that only one nomination per position for the 2022/2023 Federal Executive had been received. The nominations were:

- President – Bronwyn Camac (SA/NT Branch)
- Vice President – Helen Debenham (WA Branch)
- Treasurer – Carissa Digance (Qld. Branch)
- Secretary – Phil Cooney (NSW Branch)

All four nominees were declared elected. Additional appointees were,

- Immediate Past President – Nathan Parker (QLD Branch) appointed per Rule 45(3)
- Chairman – Steve Mackie (SA/NT Branch) appointed per Rule 46(9)

State Branch Representatives appointed as per Rule 55:

- NSW/ACT – Titus Murray
- QLD – Sam Ware
- VIC/TAS – Tim O'Brien
- SA/NT – Iain Campbell
- WA – Adam Craig

Thank you to outgoing board members.

Dr Camac advised that she would like to thank the outgoing Federal Board members:

- Treasurer: Max Williamson – NSW/ACT Branch who resigned 31/12/2021
- NSW/ACT Branch President Alex Bruce who resigned 12/4/2022

10. General business

Sue Slater asked if any changes to the name and objectives of PESA had been progressed, Dr Mackie replied that it was intended to register the name PESA Limited for future use.

In closing, Dr Mackie thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Dr Mackie also thanked the two outgoing Board members. Dr Mackie commented that the Society is run by volunteers for volunteers, and he greatly appreciated all the effort everybody has put in.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 5.40 pm (Queensland Time).

Signed as a correct version of the meeting:

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Steve Mackie
Chairman