



## **PESA Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**15 May 2023**

**City Rooms 1 & 2, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide SA**

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## 2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies and attendance
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 16 May 2022
4. Federal Executive Reports
  - o Chairman's report
  - o President's report
  - o Treasurer's report
5. Acceptance of the Audited Financial Reports for 2022
6. Appointment of Auditor for 2023
7. 2022 PESA Meritorious Service Award & Barry Goldstein Medal for Innovation, Collaboration & Communication in Geoscience
8. Recognition of Long-Standing PESA Members
9. Nominations for Elected Member positions
10. General Business



## **1. Chairman's Welcome**

The PESA Chairman, Steve Mackie, opened the meeting at 5:07 pm. he welcomed all attendees to the 2023 PESA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

## **2. Attendance and Apologies**

The Chairman advised that there were currently 28 people present and 12 proxies were held. In total this made a quorum and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was declared open.

## **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 Carissa Digance and seconded by Phillip Cooney that the Minutes of the previous AGM: be accepted. There being no votes against, the Minutes of the 2021 AGM were declared unanimously accepted.

## **4. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **PESA FEDERAL CHAIRMAN REPORT Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The Chairman began his report by congratulating PESA on having celebrated 56 years since its formation as the professional Division of APEA in 1967. He believes PESA is still closer to its sunrise than its sunset. PESA is about promoting professional and technical excellence in energy geoscience and the Chairman referred to its new logo.

After several years of COVID restrictions, 2022 was the year of all things old are new again!" We launched the new PESA logo, replacing Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia with Energy Geoscience. The board was keen to adapt to the changing environment in which our members work by broadening our gambit to include all energy geoscience whilst at the same time keeping our well recognised brand. Although the legal entity is still named Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Ltd, our brand awareness will be PESA – Energy Geoscience. We continued the virtual networking events and webinars that were successful during COVID but were able to get back to in-person networking events, monthly technical meetings and even conferences (CABS was held in person and AEGC 2022 was held virtually). The fostering of forums to communicate technical innovations and lessons learnt to individuals on a national basis via Special Interest Groups (SIG) was extremely well received by members. Presenting views and facilitating discussion of technical and professional matters pertinent to the upstream energy industry were successfully achieved via the publication of the quarterly PESA News, expanding of the technical library and adding access to Knowledgette recordings on our website. I especially want to thank all members for maintaining a high standard of professional conduct. We are the personal face of the energy geoscience industry and it is a real pleasure to be associated with our members who show such professional integrity. Your board meet in a strategy day during 2022 to review the various elements of our strategy, "Towards 2024." With this being the second of our Strategic Plans one of its key aims is to allow current and future Federal



Boards and State Committees to work towards defined goals across the nation by creating value and communicating that value to the broader community. The Plan documents how we aim to build agility to keep pace with our evolving and volatile industry as well as member's needs, together with developing the financial fluency as a board in order for PESA to be clear about how finances are serving members. The current Federal Board was enthusiastically involved in reviewing this Plan and saw no reasons within the changing environment to change the Plan. It will serve as a facilitator in allowing PESA to be relevant to each individual member now and into the future. I emphasise that the Plan is built on our Society's values: integrity, professionalism, technical excellence, innovation and accountability. All of us should continually strive to follow our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics which embrace these values. One of the unique features of PESA is that it is a volunteer organisation with a continuously changing Federal Board, Federal Committees and State Committees. These groups of volunteers have achieved tremendous results throughout the year. I will leave it to our Federal President to discuss these, but I want to congratulate them on and thank them for their efforts. Their ability to deliver benefit to member together with disciplined capital allocation will, we believe, continue to generate value. On behalf of the board, I thank all members for their support as the Society continues to grow with a focus on generating value for you, our members.

### **President's Report (copy attached)**

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

#### **Highlights:**

The finances of PESA are now fully recovered after the effect of Covid on our activities. We are now running a fairly break-even statement of accounts now. The financial reports show that PESA has halved its expected loss to \$6,569 (actual) compared to budgeted \$11,753k, with a huge clawback from the losses at end 2021 of \$61,676, which reflects the increase in activity across all branches and the successful CABS conference.

Introduced a Code of Conduct as part of its ongoing governance for our organisation

Webinars, continue to be very popular covering a range of topics, special thanks to Peter Hoiles and Rock Flow Dynamics for their ongoing support and sponsorship

The Central Australian Basin Symposium (CABS) held in Darwin in August 2022, was a great success and generated a healthy surplus of approximately \$45,000 for PESA.

GeoClerk-Searcher partnership continues.

Geologize's Practical Geocommunication 2.0 was made available free to PESA members. Members still have until March 2024 to avail yourselves of this important free training).

Energy Transition Special Interest Group is up and functioning. It is planned to expand across multiple like-minded organisations.

Strengthened partnership with APPEA, EAGE, AAPG resulting in member discounts.



## **Challenges:**

To continue the navigation through the Energy Transition - which is a major disrupter of how we've gone about our business in the last 50 years, but offers so many more opportunities to meet the global energy needs through the application of geoscience PESA.

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 key.

## **New Policy: Code of Conduct**

This new policy complements the PESA Code of Ethics, the PESA Diversity Statement and the PESA Rules; and should be read in conjunction with those policy documents. This policy provides guidance regarding:

**Safety:** To ensure a safe working environment all PESA members;

**Bullying and Harassment:** PESA in accordance with the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth), supports an environment that is free from harassment, discrimination, and bullying. PESA is committed to an inclusive, diverse, and non-discriminatory environment (see PESA Diversity Statement and PESA Code of Ethics).

**Transparency:** Care with the exchange of gifts or benefits, guidelines around bribery and corruption, political donations, and avoidance and declaration of potential or actual conflict in PESA's interest

## **Complaint Resolution Mechanism:**

This Code will be reviewed periodically by the PESA Board

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

## **Treasurers Report: (copy attached)**

### **2022 Summary .**

The year end 2022 balance result of the Society was a loss of -\$6,569 (2021: -\$61,6761). The loss in 2021 was due to the cancellation of the in-person part of the AEGC conference in Brisbane that year due to Covid. The operating revenue of the Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was \$502,399 (2021: \$373,441) . Net assets at year-end 2022 totalled \$1,291,003 (2021: \$ 1,297 ,572). Charts showing the Overall Financial Position, Revenue and Expenses for the last 15 years were displayed.

The treasurer displayed four pie charts comparing PESA's expenses with three other professional societies. The PESA Board has tried to keep administrative costs to a minimum.



### **2023 Forward Look:**

2023 is budgeted to return a small loss, with key income expected from conferences, symposiums and short courses, Favourable interest rates and attendance at events could result in PESA reporting a net surplus.

There being no questions or objections, it was moved by Stuart Jones and seconded by Nathan Parker that the Federal Executive Reports be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **5. Auditor's Report**

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

### **6. Appointment of Auditor for 2023**

Carissa noted that we are happy with the auditor StewartBrown and that the Board had decided to continue with them.

It was moved by John Kaldi and seconded by Helen Debenham that the Auditor's Report) be accepted and that we continue this year with StewartBrown as our external auditor. There was no argument against the motion and the Financial Statements were accepted unanimously.

### **7. 2022 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 2022 MSA is awarded to: Stuart Jones of the SA/NT Branch

Stuart has served on the SA/NT Branch Committee since 2015, including Branch President and Branch Treasurer. Stuart was present to receive his award and spoke briefly, acknowledging the efforts of the SA/NT committees he had worked with and thanking them for their help.

#### **The Barry Goldstein Medal**

The Barry Goldstein Medal for Innovation, Collaboration & Communication in Geoscience was established to publicly recognise the value of these skills. PESA is therefore offering a new prize which honours those demonstrating an unusually high skill level in at least one of these criteria.

The inaugural 2022 Medal is awarded to Jon Cocker SA/NT Branch

The President Bronwyn Camac congratulated Jon Cocker on being awarded the inaugural recipient of the Barry Goldstein Medal for Collaboration, Communication and Innovation saying his work showed good strength in all three, with a strong theme of innovation in all of the seismic survey acquisition work he has done both onshore and offshore. The Dombey 3D



onshore was a valuable example of how the impact of onshore seismic can be reduced while maintaining data quality, and the Prion 3D offshore showed his strengths in collaboration and communication with the collaborative research project with the FRDC and DPIPWE. The benefits to future communications with stakeholders will benefit the wider industry as well as just Beach.

#### **8. Recognition of long standing PESA members (See attached list)**

Members present at the meeting were called to the stage to receive their certificates from the chair of the PESA Education Committee (and new PESA President) Helen Debenham. Those not present will receive their certificates at their next Branch Meeting.

#### **9. Nominations of Elected Member Positions for 2023-2024**

In accordance with Rule 46(1), the two-year term for Office Bearers specified in Rule 46(2) and the rotation requirements stated in Rule 46(3), the financial members below have accepted nominations and therefore stand for election for the nominated positions on the 2023-24 Federal Executive:

<b>Chairman</b>	Dr Steve Mackie (SA/NT)
<b>President</b>	Helen Debenham (WA)
<b>Vice-President</b>	Janny Spilsbury-Schakel (QLD)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Christopher Watts (WA)
<b>Secretary</b>	Matthew Quinn (WA)
<b>Immediate Past-President</b>	Bronwyn Camac (SA/NT)

As there was not more than one candidate nominated for any of the offices in the Federal Executive, an election was not conducted and the candidates were declared elected.

**Representatives of each State Branch** (referred to as "Appointed Members") appointed as per Rule 55 to be the state branch representative on the Federal Executive and to hold office pursuant to Rule 45(2) are:

<b>NSW / ACT</b>	Titus Murray
<b>Queensland</b>	Nathan Parker
<b>SA / NT</b>	John Kaldi
<b>Victoria / Tasmania</b>	Tim O'Brien
<b>Western Australia</b>	Adam Craig



The chairman then commented that due to the small size of the NSW/ACT, Vic/Tas and SA/NT branches, the current Federal Executive were elected from different branches. The new executive will be all from WA with the exception of Janny who is from Qld. the next branch to form the Federal Executive in two years time. Steve then thanked the outgoing executive for all their work.

#### Outgoing Board Members:

Secretary: Phil Cooney - NSWACT Branch: Distinguished Member

Treasurer: Carissa Digance - SAINT Branch

Immediate Past President: Nathan Parker - QLD Branch

State Branch Representatives:

QLD: Sam Ware

SAINT Iain Campbell

The Chairman then called on the meeting to show their thanks by applauding the outgoing PESA Board members. There was generous applause.

#### 10. Other Business

There being no other business, the Chairman, Steve Mackie, thanked those present for their attendance and also our supporting partners. Steve declared the meeting closed at 5:35 pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting,



Steve Mackie  
Chairman

#### Attachments:

Chairman's Report

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Audit Report

Members Recognised for Long Service





## RECOGNITION OF LONG STANDING PESA MEMBERS

### 40 or more years of membership (Joined on or before 1983)

Eric Allison	Peter Glenton	Ric Malcolm
Andrew Andrejewskis	Hector Gordon	Garry Marsden
Andrew Barrett	John Gorter	Mike Martin
Doug Battersby	Stephen Greaves	David McDonald
Marita Bradshaw	Ken Grieves	Bruce McKay
Deidre Brooks	Richard Harrison	John Mebberson
Nigel Brown	Paul Harrison	Mick Micenko
Peter Cameron	David Hearty	Philip Mitchell
Alan Carey	Lindsay Horn	Mark Moore
Chris Carty	Eve Howell	Gary Morony
Phillip Cooney	Robert Iasky	Dennis Morton
Mervyn Cowie	Frank Ingram	Wal Muir
Ian Deighton	Brent Jackson	Ted Naylor
Mauri Delbaere	Andrew James	Andrew Nelson
Len Diekman	Peter Jamieson	Martin Norvick
James Dirstein	Nigel Johnson	Alan Partridge
Irwan Djamaludin	Stuart Jones	Henry Pecanek
Grant Ellis	Stephen Kelemen	Bruce Phillips
Peter Elze	Ashok Khurana	Andrew Pietsch
Julian Evanochko	Rob Kirk	Jaap Poll
Wolfgang Fischer	Ed Kopsen	Keith Potts
Cliff Ford	Charles Lane	Gary Powis
Bill Foster	Ian Lavering	Don Poynton
Bob Frears	Mark Lawrence	Peter Purcell
Malcolm Galloway	Brian Luecke	Andy Rigg
John Geary	Steve Mackie	Anthony Saitta



John Saunders

Joe Scibiorski

Robert Seggie

Doug Short

Keith Skipper

Barry Smith

Saverio Spagnuolo

Paul St John

Phil Symonds

Mark Taylor

Greg Thomas

Larry Tilbury

Henk van Paridon

Michae Walker

David Warner

Bevan Warris

William Waterhouse

Adam Wheatley

Rick Wilkinson

Robert Willink

Michael J Wilson

Philip Wolter

**30 years of membership (Joined 1993)**

Paul Blake

Charlie Butterworth

James Donley

Annette George

Ric Jason

Michael Kenny

Eric Matthews

David Wong

**20 years of membership (Joined 2003)**

Mohammed Badri

Kurt Chambers

Timothy Cotton

Kerrie Deller

Andres Gongora

Malcolm MacNeill

Caroline McKnoe

Peter Nicholls

Sebastian Nixon

Rob O'Leary

David Reeve

Jason Roberts

Jack Woodward





**10 years of membership (Joined 2013)**

Steve Abbott

Martyn Allen

Toby Colson

Chris Elders

Ebelio Espinola

Emanuelle Frery

Frances Hulbert

Max Jeffries

James Komenza

Stephanie Kovach

Dort Macrae

Eujay McCartain

David Moore

Peter Moore

Jeff Roche

Sharon Tianen

Alexander Tutt-Branco

Marlene Woligroski

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