



Action Learning and Action Research Association Inc Annual General Meeting

ALARA Website <https://alarassociation.org/?q=about-us/annual-general-meetings/alara-agm-2018> and Zoom platform

The electronic section of the meeting opened at 12:01 am, 6 September 2018 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

The Zoom section of the meeting opened at 8.00pm, 20 September (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

1. Attendance: 13 members attended the meeting (Joan Bulcock, John Molineux, Vicki Vaarjtes, Colin Bradley, Bob Dick, Christopher Sigle, Deidre Seeto, Andrew Cook, Chivonne Algeo, Shankar Sankaran, Emmanuel Tetteh, Michelle Redman-MacLaren, Robyn Lynn).

Attendance at Zoom meeting: Colin Bradley, John Molineux, Robyn Lynn, Winston Jacob, Tome Mapotse

Total members attending AGM: 15

2. Apologies: Yoland Wadsworth, Michelle Redman-MacLaren for the Zoom meeting

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted. Votes For: 15, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 0 (a copy of the Minutes are available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/ALARA2017AGM_Minutes20170928.pdf)

4. Annual Report for 2017/18

The Annual Report for 2016/17 was adopted - Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 1 (a copy of the Annual Report is available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/ALARA_AGM_Report2018.pdf)

5. 2017/18 Financial Report

The 2017/18 Financial Report was accepted - Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 1 (the Financial Report is Part Four of the Annual Report)

At the Zoom meeting, John Molineux reported that the financial position of the organisation is not healthy and we need a successful event to boost the funds. We are trying to minimise expenditure until we have an event that will bring more income. We have tried other ideas to bring in more long term income e.g. Chapters but the funds from these are minimal. A refund of a major part of the seed funding from the World Congress in Vermont is still to be received.

6. Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report for 2017/18 was accepted - Votes For: 13, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 2 (the Auditor's Report is available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/finances/ALARA_AuditReport_Signed2018_web.pdf)

7. Election of Management Committee

As there were less than two nominations for each position, no election was required. These nominees were elected unopposed as indicated.

a. President until 2020

Colin Bradley proposed by Dr Emmanuel Tetteh and seconded by Dr John Molineux

b. Vice President until 2021

Dr Emmanuel Tetteh proposed by Colin Bradley and seconded by Dr John Molineux

c. Australasian Vice President

No nominations received

d. Secretary

Constitutional until 2020

Robyn Lynn proposed by Colin Bradley and seconded by Dr Emmanuel Tetteh

Administration

No nominations received

f. Web Services Coordinator

No nominations received

g. Publications Group Coordinator

No nominations received

h. Streams Coordinator

No nominations received

i. Membership Coordinator

No nominations received

j. Marketing Coordinator

No nominations received.

In accordance with the Association Rules, John Molineux continues as the Treasurer until ALARA's 2019 AGM.

8. Appointment of Auditor

The current Auditor, Bennett and Partners, were appointed as auditor for 2018/19 - Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0 Votes Abstain: 1

9. Discussion on the Future of ALARA

MRM email comment - I appreciate the plans for a 2019 ALARA event in Australia, or a 2020 conference in Australia - I think this is important as the ALARA networks has relied heavily on personal networks and recommendations and this is hard to achieve in a competitive global context. Thinking about CD/networking principles, is it possible to align more closely with the functioning group of Brisbane or the other geographic/relational spaces ALARA inhabit, and grow out again from there?

There were 3 comments made on the electronic survey. These included:

- Could not access annual reports.

The meeting discussed this issue and agreed to identify the browser these members were using as this may be part of the problem. We will also send these members a copy of the reports.

- I cannot access the Auditor's report. The link results in a page not found message so I've abstained from the last two items. Regarding the losses from the Congress, what have been the lessons learned for the future?

There was no clear reason for the low numbers at the Congress. Perhaps it could have been the ARNA conference being held a week later. Vermont was also difficult to get to by air. Those who attended from the USA were within driving distance of Norwich. A good relationship was established with Norwich University. This lesson suggests that in future we need to ensure that there is easy plane access to where the event is being held and it will guide the location of the joint conference to be held with CARN in Europe in 2019.

- Thank you to the Committee and President for your ongoing hard work to keep ALARA moving forward.
- Robyn Lynn asked how ALARA will move forward in relation to its financial situation. Colin Bradley advised that ALARA is moving towards transitioning to a company with a view to developing partnerships and sponsorships to build the financial situation of ALARA. As a company limited by guarantee, ALARA could seek philanthropic funds. There is also the idea from Michelle about building local chapters. However we do need more people on the Management Committee to build the local chapters.
- Winston suggested organising some Webinars. The Zoom software would allow this to happen and to share what ALARA has done. However we need 1 or 2 people to create the Webinars.
- Winston also suggested that the United Nations could be a source of funding under NGO's. Colin Bradley will look into this further.

10. Electronic section of the meeting closed 11:59 pm, 19 September 2018 (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

Zoom section of the meeting closed 8.35 pm, 20 September, 2018 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)