



Action Learning and Action Research Association Inc Annual General Meeting

ALARA Website <https://alarassociation.org/?q=about-us/annual-general-meetings/alara-agm-2017>

The Meeting opened at 12:01 am, 15 September 2017 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

1. Attendance: 17 members attended the meeting (Colin Bradley, Emmanuel Tetteh, Michelle Redman-MacLaren, Chivonne Alego, Quixi Sonntag, Andrew Cook, Bob Dick, Vicki Varjtes, Brian Jennings, Ross Colliver, Sarah Choudhury, Gina Blackberry, John Molineux, Anne-Marie Carroll, Ortrun Zuber-Skerritt, Joan Bulcock, Robyn Lynn).

Apologies: Nil

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted. Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 3 (a copy of the Minutes are available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/ALARA2016AGM_Minutes201609.pdf)

3. Annual Report for 2016/17

The Annual Report for 2016/17 was adopted - Votes For: 16, 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_Report2017.pdf)

4. 2016/17 Financial Report

The 2016/17 Financial Report was accepted - Votes For: 15, Votes Against: 1, Votes Abstain: 1 (the Financial Report is Part Four of the Annual Report)

5. Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report for 2016/17 was accepted - Votes For: 16 Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 1 (the Auditor's Report is available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/finances/ALARA_AuditReport2017Signed.pdf)

6. Changes to ALARA's Association rules (Constitution).

The proposed changes to Clauses 11 (2) and 11 (3) (a) of the Association's Rules as described at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/docs/agm/Proposed_Change_to%20ALARA_Rules_20170801.pdf were accepted. Votes For: 14, Votes Against: 3, Votes Abstain: 0

7. Appointment of Auditor

The current Auditor, Bennett and Partners, were appointed as auditor for 2017/18 - Votes For: 16, Votes Against: 0 Votes Abstain: 1

8. Election of Management Committee

As there were less than two nominations for each position, no election was required. These nominees were elected unopposed for 2017-18.

a. President

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

b. Vice President

Dr Emmanuel Tetteh proposed by Colin Bradley and seconded by Jessie Givens

c. Australasian Vice President

No nominations received

d. Treasurer

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

e. Secretary

Constitutional

At the close of nominations for the Management Committee, no nominations were received for the Constitutional Secretary position. As ALARA must have a Constitutional Secretary, the AGM was delayed while the Management Committee identified a candidate from within the relevant section of the membership. Sarah Choudhury was identified.

Sarah Choudhury proposed by Robyn Lynn and seconded by Colin Bradley

Administration

No nominations received

f. Web Services Coordinator

No nominations received

g. Publications Group Coordinator

No nominations received

h. Streams Coordinator

Tome Mapotse proposed by John Molineux and seconded by Robyn Lynn

i. Membership Coordinator

No nominations received

j. Marketing Coordinator

No nominations received.

9. Other Business

There were 4 comments made. These included:

- I found it difficult to navigate the website to find the information needed to make informed decisions.
- I love this form of AGM. Nicely organised. Thank you.
- The deficits in the Association's accounts are alarming. What steps are being taken to address this?
- I have voted against accepting the financial report and against the change in rules. I would much prefer to have been able to ask questions and discuss these issues but received no response to my messages asking how this was catered for in the e-meeting approach.
My concerns re financial report:

1. What is the Liability Listed in the Balance Sheet as Congress Sth Afr Provision (2016 & 2017)?
2. For consistency and comparison year to year, I think the Loss from the 2016 conference should be shown in the P&L analysis against Conference income
3. A technicality- the balance sheet history Is actually P&L?
4. There was no discussion re the budget for the next year and projection for the coming year.

My concerns re the rule change:

1.It is not a big Imposition to stand for re-election. If you wish to continue and are doing a good job, you will be re-elected. I see no justification for extending the term of some committee members.

More broadly, I was expecting some reflection and honest discussion of what led to the loss and how something similar will be prevented In the future. It must be a difficult situation with only 4 Management Committee positions filled. You are all making a valiant effort but is this sustainable? I don't think AGMs conducted electronically will help solve the problem. It is often at the face to face meetings and events that people are energised and pressured into volunteering. I strongly recommend that you look at that for next year. Or use webinar technology that allows for interaction on-line.

10. Meeting closed 11:59 pm, 28 September 2017 (Australian Eastern Standard Time).