



Action Learning and Action Research Association Ltd

Annual General Meeting 2024

ALARA Website <https://alarassociation.org/about-us/annual-general-meetings/alara-agm-2024>, Zoom platform and

University of Technology, Building 10, Level 4

The electronic section of the meeting opened at 12:01 am, 22 October 2024 and closed at 12.00 pm (Noon), Wednesday 6 November 2024 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

The face-to-face and associated Zoom section of the meeting was held at 5.00 pm, Thursday 7 November 2024 (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

- 1. Attendance:** 16 members attended the AGM, either via the electronic meeting or the face-to-face and Zoom meeting (Colin Bradley, Bob Dick, Natalie Dao, Keith Heggart, Kavita Goel, Marina Harvey, Mitchell Lenehan, Terry Love, John Molineux, Stephanie Rosestone, Shankar Sankaran, Emmanuel Santos, Deidre Seeto, Alison Talmage, Anienie Veldsman, Lesley Wood)
- 2. Apologies:** Chivonne Algeo, Ernie Stronger, Yoland Wadsworth
- 3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM of Action Learning, Action Research Association Ltd**
The minutes of the 2023 AGM of Action Learning, Action Research Association Ltd were accepted. Votes For: 15, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 0 (a copy of the Minutes are available at https://www.alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd_Docs/AGM/ALARA_Ltd_2023_AGM_MinutesSec.pdf)
- 4. Annual Report for 2023/24**
The Annual Report for 2023/24 was adopted - Votes For: 16, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 0 (a copy of the Annual Report is available at https://alarassociation.org/sites/default/files/ALtd_Docs/AGM/ActionLearningActionResearchAssociationLtdAnnualReport_2024SEC.pdf)
- 5. 2022/23 Financial Report**
The President noted an error in the financial report – Accounts payable in Liabilities had \$258.20, when it should have been \$19.95 – the remaining figures in the Balance Sheet being correct. With this adjustment, the President moved that the Financial Report, which commences on page 16 of the Annual Report be accepted, which the meeting agreed - Votes For: 16, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 0
- 6. Auditor's Report**
The Auditor's Report for 2023/24 was moved by the President and accepted - Votes For: 16, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 0 (the Auditor's Report is on page 18 of the Annual Report)

7. Election of Board

As the Returning Officer received no more than one nomination for each position, no election was required. These nominees were elected unopposed as indicated.

a. President

Colin Bradley – proposed by Natalie Dao and seconded by John Molineux.

b. Secretary

Kavita Goel – proposed by John Molineux and seconded by Natalie Dao

c. Vice-President Australasia

John Molineux – proposed by Kavita Goel and seconded by Natalie Dao.

8. Election of Committee Group's Co-ordinators

As the Returning Officer received no more than one nomination for each position, no election was required.

a. Indigenous AL / AR Coordinator

No nominations received.

b. Marketing Coordinator

No nominations received.

c. Membership Coordinator

No nominations received

d. Publications Coordinator

No nominations received

e. Streams Coordinator

No nominations received

f. Volunteers Coordinator

No nominations received

g. Web Services Coordinator

No nominations received

The President invited members to be actively involved in the committees.

9. Appointment of Auditor

The Board recommendation that the 2023/24 annual audit be conducted by the Treasurer was accepted - Votes For: For: 15, Votes Against: 0, Votes Abstain: 1

10. Life Member

At the face-to-face meeting, the President displayed the list of criteria that the Board use when considering a nomination for Life Membership of ALARA. The Board had decided to award Life Membership to Eileen Piggot-Irvine for her outstanding contributions to ALARA and the Action Learning / Action Research communities over the last 30+ years. The President read the supporting statement for the nomination of Eileen to the meeting, after which those present applauded.

11. Other Communications by Members

No comments were received from members at the Electronic part of the meeting.

The President opened the floor to a discussion on the future for ALARA.

At the face-to-face meeting, the President and Vice-President Australasia mentioned the intent to create a schedule of webinars over 2025, with various people approached to present those webinars. The meeting considered this an appropriate arrangement, and also suggested that approaches be made to universities to seek support.

The President re-emphasised the need for more support for the Board in being able to continue ALARA's activities. A question was asked about ALARA's purpose, to which the President referred to ALARA's vision and purpose statements on the website. ALARA's desire is to improve the world through the greater use of action learning and action research. ALARA aims to provide opportunities for members to network and communicate, such as the conference, to learn and improve their activities and to encourage others to use action learning and action research, and through that work, improve the world.

A suggestion was made for ALARA to regularly post items on social media, given the infrequency of current posting. The President highlighted the need for volunteers to support this work, to which one member offered assistance.

A suggestion was made for ALARA to propose to other associations that it participate in their conferences by offering a session / section / symposium presenting on action research. This idea has much merit, but it will require members to assist in the presentations.

The President thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

Face-to-face section of the meeting closed 5.40 pm, 8 November 2024 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)