

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (ACN 000 438 648)
58th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Level 1, 162 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Wednesday 9 December 2020

MINUTES

1. Opening

Present: J Scudder, A Levine, R Lock, W Lazer, G Mundell, P Cox, R Ward, W Robinson, P Gumby, M McAuliffe, H Dawson, J Foster, M Scudder, W Roberts, R Kumar, R Thode, R Krochmalik, C Chaffey, A Penklis

The Secretary of the NSWBA declared that a quorum was present, including those who joined the meeting through ZOOM. The meeting opened at 5:40pm. The Chairman was unable to address the meeting due to dental procedures. Pursuant to S14(9) of the NSWBA Constitution it was for the members present to choose a chair for the meeting.

Motion: (M Scudder / W Robinson) *that the Company Secretary, Agnes Levine, preside as Chairman for the meeting.*

Motion CARRIED

The NSWBA Chairman, John Scudder, had prepared a video presentation for the meeting. The transcript of that presentation is Attachment 1 of these Minutes.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Judy Mott.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 11 December 2019

Motion (R Lock /M McAuliffe): *That the circulated minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.*

Motion CARRIED.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

6. Annual Report and Financial Statements

The 2020 Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report included separate statements from the Chairman, Treasurer, Events Committee Chairman, State Committee Chairman, Assets Committee Chairman and Acting Chairman of the

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Operations Committee in addition to the audited financial statements. The meeting Chair drew attention to these reports, noting they could be accessed on the NSWBA website.

Motion: (A Levine / M Scudder) *That the Annual Report 2020 be accepted.*

Motion carried 17/18. Peter Cox voted against the Motion.

7. Special Business— Motion to amend constitution

Notice of a Motion was given on 12 November 2020 by Rob Ward, as Mover, and Alex Penklis, as Seconder, to amend the Constitution in relation to the incorrect references to the NSWBA's Australian Company Number (ACN) as follows:

Motion (Rob Ward / Alex Penklis) *that the letters and numbers being 'ACN 61 000 438 648' where appearing on the Cover Page and in Clauses 2 and 5 (1)(a) of the Association's Constitution be deleted and the letters and numbers being 'ACN 000 438 648' be substituted therefor.*

Reference was made to the explanatory note addressing the need to correct the error. The meeting Chair called for a response resulting in a unanimous vote of 18 for the motion and nil against.

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Election of Council Chairman, Treasurer and Councillors

8.1 Chairman

A nomination had been received in respect of John Scudder for the position of Chairman. There were no other nominations and he was declared elected.

8.2 Treasurer

A nomination had been received in respect of Richard Lock for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations and he was declared elected.

8.3 Six Ordinary Councillors

Four nominations had been received for the six positions of Ordinary Councillor.

The nominees were: Warren Lazer, Agnes Levine, Giselle Mundell and Rob Ward and they were declared elected.

In accordance with the Constitution, the two casual vacancies on Council can be filled by Council.

Zonal Councillors

Nominations had been received for Zonal Councillors as follows:

Metropolitan Zone: Peter Cox

Outer Metropolitan Zone: Alan Bustany

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Northern Zone: Neil Badger

Southern Zone: Rakesh Kumar

Peter Cox, Alan Bustany, Neil Badger and Rakesh Kumar were declared appointed.

No nomination was received from Western Zone. In accordance with the Constitution, this position can be filled by Council.

9. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

One nomination had been received for the position of Honorary Solicitor, that of Warren Robinson. Warren Robinson was declared elected.

10. Appointment of Auditor

No appointment was made so the current auditors, CBC partners, will remain in the position until they either resign or new auditors are appointed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

11. General Business

The meeting Chair opened the floor to any questions or comments members wished to make.

Rakesh Kumar commended the Events Committee, chaired by Warren Lazer, for their significant contribution to state-wide bridge by the introduction and promotion of online sessions on the *RealBridge* platform. Warren noted that the take up of entries in the On-line State and Country Pairs was very poor compared to the face-to-face event of previous years. The very poor entry in the <100 MP Pairs indicated that Novice and Restricted players were not interested in entering online events. A suggestion from the floor was that this may be due to poor advertising/marketing.

12. Closure

The meeting Chair thanked those who attended in person and virtually. The meeting was declared closed at 6.03pm.

Explanatory Note in respect of Agenda Item 7

Explanatory Note for Motion to replace the letters and numbers ACN 61 000 438 648 with the letters and numbers ACN 000 438 648

During the drafting of the current version of the Constitution, a logic error occurred when quoting the company's Australian Company Number (ACN). The number used was in fact the company's Australian Business Number (ABN).

This motion is to correct that logic error by replacing, in the three places that it occurs, the letters and numbers that were shown as the ACN with the company's actual Australian Company Number.