

MAANZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES 2019

The President Noula Diamantopoulos opened the meeting at 4:30pm on 21 September 2019

Present: Marian Shapiro, Caitlin Hepworth, Noula Diamantopoulos, David Lacey, Luna Cameron-Parrish, Sue Leitch Sitara Morgenster, Susan Wakeman, Margaret Waterton, Dorothy Burke, April Keogh, Inge Gardner, Janette Hutson, Kristin Wohlers, Francesca O'Donnell, Kim Grant, Dinorah Cortes, Kathryn Portelli, Louise Marson, Rose Kviz, Ruth Geffen, Margaret Whan, Beate Linkelmann, Patricia Thomas, Sally Alexander, Cetta Pilati, Helen Harman, Barbara Uhlenbruch, Wendy Mansell, Janette Mattingly,

Apologies: Paul Perry, Kay Distel, Shirley Abel, Judy Ross, Janet Derbyshire, Pat Manger

1. Minutes of 2018 AGM held on 2 December 2018, were confirmed:

Moved: Noula Diamantopoulos, Seconded: Bev Plowman Carried all in favor.

2. Representative Reports including Branches

SA – Kristin Wohlers reported on activities such as the exhibition held last year that was well received, and the visit to Art Lab. There have not been regular meetings but contact has been maintained through email and Facebook

WA ; Highlights include 15 new members growing to 101 members, there have been monthly meetings and 4 visiting artists. At the annual retreat there were two workshops. The inaugural exhibition saw 48 works exhibited and attendance of 800 during the exhibition. Planning is underway for another exhibition next year. There are 9 WA's at the Symposium. WA will be holding its fifth retreat in November. Congratulations to the organisers of the Canberra Symposium.

NSW: Francesca O'Donnell The exhibition was very successful. Inge Gardner stepped down as the Exhibition Coordinator last year and Caitlin Hepworth is now the NSW Exhibition Coordinator. Francesca has asked members to pass on to her their stories to share, and also thanked the Symposium committee and organisers.

TAS: Member engagement has been low and have trialed webinar as a way of engaging with members who are not in the Southern region with information about what to expect if entering an exhibition.

3. Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were circulated prior the meeting.

The treasurer spoke to the annual financial reports. The invested funds in the bank show the organization is now looking financially secure. The Treasurer David Lacey told the meeting that membership is currently at about 800 members with 71 new members. There has been 20 new members since the end of June. MAANZ has made a \$2,000 financial contribution to the ORO prize and there will be some representation on how the award is selected, under discussion. Finances usually fluctuate between Symposium and non Symposium years. There was an investment in more exhibition prizes this year.

Questions to the Treasurer/President about the report.

What are MAANZ doing to invest in members? Funds are reinvested to state exhibitions each non Symposium year.

Are Branch Exhibitions the same in every branch? State exhibitions generally tend not to be juried and are considered as a good opportunity to be a stepping stone for the National.

Is there a formula for exhibitions? They should be budgeted to cover the costs of gallery etc and opening nights. These costs may vary between states.

Moved: Dorothy Burke

Seconded: Luna Cameron-Parrish Carried

Item 3 (continued) President's Report

Noula Diamantopoulos told the meeting about how the organisation is now in a strong position and has strong dedication from it's volunteer committee, position holders and representatives. She sees our role as an organisation going forward as increasing our education and community involvement. Strong connections are being formed globally with our Symposium speakers, and we have a high quality and respected magazine with editor Marian Shapiro. Our members are being invited globally; for example, previous keynote speaker Toyoharu Kii has recently invited MAANZ members Wendy Edwards and Rachel Bremner to exhibit in Japan, and also for them to present on Australian mosaic art from Australian mosaic artists. Caitlin Hepworth is preparing a slide presentation for them,

There are opportunities in Tasmania with Castle Phoenix who wants a stronger link to MAANZ and this could be an opportunity to create a unique opportunity onsite. There is also potential to do more with children and schools.

Moved; Cetta Pilati and Seconded: David Lacey

Magazine Editor Report (to be circulated by email)

Marian Shapiro gave a report on highlights and data from the Magazine that is issued quarterly with a special edition for the Symposium.

This will be the last year of Marian as editor of the Magazine, there is a nomination for a new editor.

4. Election of National Committee and other representatives

Nominations received:

President; Nominee: Noula Diamantopoulos, nominated by David Lacey

Vice President; Nominee: Luna Cameron-Parrish, nominated by Noula Diamantopoulos

Secretary; Nominee: Sue Leitch, nominated by Kristin Wohlers

Treasurer; Nominee: David Lacey, nominated by Noula Diamantopoulos

Ordinary Member; Nominee Beate Linkelmann, nominated by Kristin Wohlers

SA Representative; Nominee: Kristin Wohlers, nominated by Kate Jenkins

NSW Representative; Nominee Francesca O'Donnell, nominated by Inge Gardner

WA Representative; Nominee: Dorothy Burke, Nominated by David Lacey

TAS Representative; Nominee: Sue Leitch, nominated by Kirstin Wohlers

NZ Representative; Nominee: Sitara Morgenster, nominated by Dorothy Burke

Vic Representative; Nominee Rose Kviz, nominated by Noula Diamantopoulos

Magazine Editor; Nominee Kim Grant, nominated by Sue Leitch

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 5:28pm.