

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Association via Zoom. Monday 1 November, 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

Via Zoom

Attendees: Noula Diamantopoulos, Luna Cameron-Parrish, David Lacey, Sue Leitch, Dorothy Burke, Sandra Robertson, Kristin Wholers, Cetta Pilati, Bev Plowman, Beate Linckelmann, Barb Uhlenbrook, Sitara Morgenster, Margaret Shaw

Apologies: Caitlin Hepworth, Inge Gardner

Minutes

1....TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANY SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD SINCE THAT DATE.

Moved: Dorothy Burke Seconded David Lacey Passed with amendments to the spelling of "Woodlock"

2....TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT, BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER PERSON/S DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

Branch Representatives:

NZ: Now has 43 members, have been travelling to meet with members to understand their mosaic practice and has also set up a Private Facebook page – will invite other Branch Reps to be part of this group, the President and the social media manager. Use Mailchimp to do a survey on individual members needs. Also some overlap of members and interaction with the NZMA. Looking at the international collaboration opportunities with the "mosaic hand project" The Brown Bag exchange also looks to be a potential future project for NZ members.

SA – Congratulations on the Symposium

Continuing interviews in the Branch newsletters so members can learn more about each other . The Mosaic arts talks and exhibitions were good opportunities to promote mosaic and MAANZ. Exhibition 45 entries, 18 presenters and 82 participants. Request that Branch representatives can have meetings with the Executive to support work such as the

Symposium work and support member engagement. ACTION: For discussion at the next Committee meeting.

WA: Congratulations on the Symposium

It has been a good year in WA due to low impacts of COVID19 with no disruption to the event calendar, Highlights include the State Exhibition, the Retreat and members going to the SA Mosaic Arts Talk. (see attached report)

QLD - Thanks to the organisers of the Symposium. Queensland members are very spread apart and this has been notable during COVID. Groups tend to be very local and it is harder to get wider engagement such as through Zoom (low attendance). Considering satellite area meetups Exhibition planning has been difficult with booking venues. Dorothy Burke suggested that Branch reps should meet more often to discuss and share ideas on ways to engage members as it has been challenging. Attendees acknowledged Sandy's recovery from injury and the challenges she has faced.

VIC –Barb Uhlenbruch reported on a touch year with lockdowns – two meetups via Zoom have been held. A survey has been sent to members and they have successfully applied to Vic Arts for a grant to support some education for members.

TAS; Zoom meetings have been organized with very low attendance. The Community Garden is getting closer to instillation with lots of delays to COVID. Noted that Sue will not be continuing as Tas Branch Representative due to significant increase in workload outside of MAANZ.

President:

Need to find a replacement for both Secretary and Treasurer and we will be working on what is involved in the role.

The Symposium has brought greater opportunities for collaboration with international – nation-based organisations such as SAMA and BAMM and this could be broadened further.

SAMA is undergoing a restructure back to a volunteer model. MAANZ is also facing challenges with a need for people to action ideas. There are plenty of ideas but we need people to action. Discussion around what could MAANZ do on the international stage and also what role SA recent model could play in engaging members, noting the constraints some branches have faced due to COVID conditions.

Noula spoke of some new projects coming;

- Brown Bag exchanges twice a year (localized if possible)
- Online Workshops for next year and we are looking for a coordinator to take on this role

3....TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 30(3) OF THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981.

Treasurer: Due to the change of format for the Symposium there has been a change in cash flow in receiving Symposium Registration payments. It is a little early to do an analysis of the Symposium finances but a report will be coming when finalised. This is David Lacey's last year as Treasurer. We do not currently have a potential replacement.

43 new members, many new ones from overseas (Symposium effect)

Moved: Bev Plowman Seconded Luna Cameron Parrish Passed

Nominations Received for the Committee

President: Noula Diamantopoulos (elected)

Luna Cameron Parrish (elected)

Three nominations received for Ordinary Member (3 possible)

Kristin Wholers

Beate Linckelmann

Caitlin Hepworth

No nominations were received for Treasurer or Secretary.

David Lacey offered to support MAANZ as a Membership officer.

General discussion: potential to run a poll with members on the type of workshops they might like to see in the Workshop Program.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm