



Young Scientists of Australia, Melbourne Chapter

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YOUNG SCIENTISTS OF AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 6th 2013

ROSS HOUSE

Meeting begins: 3.58 PM

Attendees: Keenan Robbie, Ian Leong, Garth Bradbeer, James Salamy, Emily Reinhard, Matthew Shackleton, Alana Galli-Mekestie, Nima Haragozo, Lauren Cracknell, Camille Acuna, Genevieve Lacey, Stephen Beagley, Morgan Borley, Sara Forte, Sarah Reinhard, Jason Taylor, Timothy Newport, Monique McLennan, Rebecca Hall, Bermi Dreyer, Stephanie Terlato, Jaimee Raper, Catriona Laing, Ricardo Cannizzaro, Justin Sorbello, Amelia Wales, Lucy Caine.

1. Intro and Rules

- The purpose of this meeting is to go through position reports for the previous year, dissolve the current committee, and elect a new one.
Justin Sorbello moves to accept the minutes of the previous AGM as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Stephen Beagley seconds. Vote passes unanimously.
- The annual report has been made available to the membership on our website.

2. Position reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Last year has been a big, exciting, positive one.
- Accomplished by an incredibly hardworking exec. Superhuman to produce interesting and diverse events and content. We have a new science show, an incredibly successful podcast, and many new and exciting socials. The executive has attempted to be more streamlined and efficient and has succeeded.
- Thank you to everyone for a truly fantastic year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- This year, we have achieved and maintained financial stability, allowing us to fund and run new and exciting events.
- We opened the year with a balance of \$8762.60, and closed with a balance of \$9123.46.

At this stage, the committee for 2012-2013 is dissolved, and all positions are declared vacant.

3. Elections of the new committee.

Justin Sorbello moves to appoint himself Returning Officer, Ricardo Cannizzaro seconds. Vote passes unanimously.

PRESIDENT

- *Ricardo Cannizzaro.*
 - Ricardo has been involved in YSA for six and a half years, serving 4 of those on the executive, as both an MWOP and the social coordinator. He has Kahunaed several TSEs, as well as leading the first ever YSA Ball Subcommittee. One of the things that Ricardo would do as president would be to attempt to raise our median age, which is currently 17. The loss of members after they graduate high school is this organisation's largest hurdle. He would endeavour to provide further growth to older members – more work and university applicable opportunities, utilising our existing networks, including CSIRO. As well as this, Ric plans to back new initiatives, such as our ball and the tutoring database. Ric wishes to work with the members and the executive to become and train new leaders.
- *Amelia Wales*
 - Amelia has been a member of YSA for 6 years, and has been on the executive 6 times, as an MWOP, the editor, and our vice president. This year, she Kahunaed Monash TSE, and over her time as an executive member (especially as vice president) she has learned much of the valuable knowledge of how the executive, and the organisation, runs on a day-to-day level. She is looking forward to furthering her ability to network and function in a leading role. As president, she would also like to help combat the problem of the older-member drop off, through increasing opportunities for members to participate in outreach and gain valuable skills applicable to the workplace. She envisions an organisation with strong, experienced, and skilled members to teach a new generation of science enthusiasts.

Questions from the floor

- What's your plan for moving YSA forward?
 - MIL: refocus in terms of what our skills are.
 - We may have been biting off more than we can chew
 - Instead of giving up, put in extra effort to give us new avenues for membership. Looking to expand, but not expanding too fast.
 - RIC: we're in a good point at the moment – lots of talent.
 - Look at all our programs, working on tutoring and podcasting and outreach! Varied contribution.
- What's your plan to get MWOPs involved?
 - RIC: how can we work towards your personal goals?
 - Projects and goals.
 - MIL: some people know what they want, some don't – each MWOP should spend some time with a portfolio.
 - And then further their development by leading a project.
 - MWOPs development brilliant. Make them feel useful and give a learning experience.

Ricardo Cannizzaro is elected to the position of President.

VP

Lucy Caine is elected to the position of Vice President.

TRES

James Salamy is elected to the position of Treasurer.

SECRETARY

Emily Reinhard is elected to the position of Secretary.

EDITOR

Camille Acuna is elected to the position of Editor.

WEBMASTER

Alexander Tashevski-Beckwith is elected to the position of Webmaster.

SICENCE LIASION

Amelia Wales is elected to the position of Science Liaison.

SOCIAL CO-ORDIANTOR

Genevieve Lacey is elected to the position of Social Co-ordinator.

MWOPs

- 30 second speeches
- Harley Motteram – family history, member for a while, looked up to many exec members.
- Stephanie Terlato - see through projects that I have already begun with the executive, such as the tutoring program.
- Monique McLennan – 2011 started. Staffed 2012, 2013, incredible working experience. Gym coach. Aerospace eng/science. Mystery inner workings
- Garth Bradbeer – 3-4 years in ysa. Good rep for people to committee. Interested in murder mystery. Currently studying a diploma of Mechanical Engineering. Love to get more involved
- Timothy Newport – TSE 08! But moved to SA. Looking to make up for lost time, get involved in everything. Incredible development.
- Lauren Cracknell – already been an MWOP – done lots of things, editing articles, socials, producer on Lagrange Point, lots of incredible, want do more. Learn about secretary.

Lauren Cracknell, Monique McLennan, Stephanie Terlato, Harley Motteram and Timothy Newport are elected to the position of MWOP.

Meeting closed 4.58 PM