



Special General Meeting
Saturday, 16th January 2016
Ellery Theatre, Royal Society of Victoria

Meeting Commences 5:00pm

1. Statement of the Land

Ricardo acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet.

2. Attendance

Attendees: Ricardo Cannizzaro, Monique McLennan, Camille Acuña, Maxine Lotherington, Daniel Keirnan, Jessica Woolley, Michael Beards, Dylan O'Connell, Marcus Bradbeer, Loughlin Turpin, Justin Sorbello, Pravind Eswaran, Anagi Wickremasinghe, Grace Wang, Hieu Minh Tran, Lauren Robertson, Sarah Reinhard, Genevieve Lacey, Jessica Soares, William Orrell, Christopher Anderson, Ben Keirnan, Lucinda Aulsebrook, Rebecca Hall, Melina Jablonka, Orion Lymaris, Rebecca Neville, Stuart Lyall, Nathan Schammer, Jayne McLucas, Aemilia Sherwell, Garth Bradbeer, Bridget Jackson, Georgia Wiley, Tallon Smith, Alexander Tashevski-Beckwith.

3. Confirmation of Proxy Holders

No proxy nominations were received.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous AGM

Ricardo Cannizzaro moves a motion to accept the minutes of the previous AGM as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Five votes for. 0 votes against. Rest abstain. The motion passes by simple majority.

5. Description of Committee Positions by Current Holders

The current executive committee members give a brief explanation of their portfolio positions. Ricardo gave explanations for the portfolio members that were unable to attend.

6. Election of Content MWOP

Ricardo explains the role of the Content MWOP so that everybody is aware of what it entails. As there were no nominations for the role of Content MWOP, Ricardo opens nominations to the floor.

a) Rules of Voting Explained

To run for a position, a person must have been a member of YSA Melbourne for over seven days. You will also require a seconder to run for the position.

Loughlin Turpin nominates Jayne McLucas for the position of Content MWOP. Camille Acuña seconds the nomination. Jayne declines the nomination.

Nathan Schammer nominates himself. Genevieve Lacey seconds the nomination. Nathan accepts the nomination.

There are no further nominations from the floor. Ricardo closes the nominations, leaving a total of one accepting nomination.

b) Confidence Motions

Elections are run in a way that is compliant with the YSA Melbourne Constitution. Ricardo, as chairperson of the SGM, will be conducting the SGM elections.

The nominees will be escorted outside during the voting process. A confidence motion is run before the ballot to ensure a voice in elections, and is run using a closed-eye ballot. The three options are: For, Against, and Abstain.

If simple majority support is not received for the nominee, the nominee does not enter the ballot. Since there is only one candidate, if the motion fails for the candidate, the floor will open again for additional nominations.

Nathan gives a brief speech for his candidacy for Content MWOP.

Ricardo allows for 2 points of interest from the floor to Nathan:

Alexander asks Nathan how he plans to motivate the YSA community to engage with the blog and begin to submit content for it. Nathan states that he would like to bring people into the community, and has past experience working with science communication.

Keith asks Nathan if he believes his future studies will interfere with his ability to commit to the role. Nathan is confident that he will be able to juggle this well.

Ricardo runs the confidence motion for Nathan Schammer as a closed-eye ballot. The motion passes, and Nathan is entered into the ballot.

c) Ballot

The ballot is run as a closed-eye ballot after the confidence motion.
Nathan is elected to the role of Content MWOP.

Ricardo thanks everyone for attending the SGM, and wishes the Monash TCSE staff cohort good luck for the week ahead.

The meeting is closed at 5:38pm.