

THE AUSTRALASIAN DERMATOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY



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Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Dermatopathology Society

Held on **Sunday 11 September 2022** via Zoom
**1pm WST Perth, (2:30pm CST Adelaide), (3pm EST Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane),
(5pm NZ Auckland)**

1. **Chair:** Ben Tallon

Apologies: None received

Attendees: Ben Tallon, Nima Mesbah Ardakani, Alex Nirenberg, Michael Hitchcock, Benjamin Wood, Amanda Ireland, Ian McColl, Gillian Marshman, Werner Sinclair, Paul Freeman, Louise Jackett, Edwin Tan, Jan Ibbetson, Peter McQuillan, Saurabh Prakash, Niamh O'Sullivan, Cathy Reid, Kerry Crotty, Jaqueline Robinson, Vanya Hristova, Tim O'Brien and Trevor Beer.

2. **Confirmation of minutes** prepared by Nima Mesbah Ardakani from the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22 August 2021, held online via zoom.

Proposed by Alex Nirenberg, Seconded by Ben Tallon.

3. **Office Bearers & Directors 2021-2022**

The current executive members and office bearers remain on the Board;

Ben Tallon	President
Gillian Marshman	Dermatology Vice President
Alex Nirenberg	Pathology Vice President
Trevor Beer	Treasurer
Nima Mesbah Ardakani	Secretary
Louise Jackett	Education Officer

Non-office bearing directors

Robert Rawson
 Saurabh Prakash
 Peter McQuillan
 Michael Hitchcock



Benjamin Wood has been re-nominated for election in 2022 to remain on the Executive Board.

There was a vacancy for which three nominations received. Dr Niamh Anna O'Sullivan was voted as the most appropriate applicant by the Board members.

The nominations from Dr Ben Wood and Dr Niamh Anna O'Sullivan were accepted and ratified at the AGM.

Proposed Michael Hitchcock, seconded Alex Nirenberg

4. Treasurer's report

Ben Tallon on behalf of Trevor Beer reported that the Society is in a very good financial position, with continuous cash flow from membership and conference. Any members who wish to receive a copy of the report are asked to contact the Secretariat directly.

5. New members and membership report.

Thirty-four new members were accepted and ratified, including:

Elham	Amini
Vivek	Ashoka Menon
Luke	Beaumont
Rakhi	Bhuta
Sean	Chang
Jacqueline	Chen
Fenella	Devereux
Irani	Dissanayake
Carrie	Gallivan
Robert	Granger
Charity	Hope
Nancy	Huang

Buddhika	Jayasinghe
Melinda	Jiang
Joe	Kattampallil
Helen	Keeman
Louise	Killen
Ronan	Knittel
Ranjula	Liyanage
Fiona	Makowski
Martha	Nicholson
Niamh Anna	O'sullivan
Thomas	Pagliari
Anuradha	Pareek
Jonathan	Peek
Maya	Raj
Christina	Saywell
Candice	Sher-locketz
Aaron	Spasich
Adam	Swalling
Rupert	Templeman
Charlotte	Thomas
Kathleen	Wang
Catherine	Zilberg

Including the new members, the membership number remains at above 150 members.

6. Scholarships and travelling sponsorship.

The ADS members and directors were encouraged to make an attempt in further advertising ADS scholarship and travelling sponsorship via their other society affiliations or local meetings to attract appropriate applications.

7. 2022 meeting Perth.

The meeting was successful both financially, attracting around 225 registrants, and in terms of the quality of educational materials provided by the international and national speakers. The presentations with an emphasis on clinicopathological correlation were the highlight of the meeting.

It was discussed at the AGM that the possibility of running hybrid virtual and physical meetings or providing online on-demand educational material after in-person live meetings should be explored in the future as a potential way of attracting more registrations.

8. 2023 meeting Melbourne.

The organisation of the meeting is well on the way. The meeting would be held on 1 - 3rd September 2023. The keynote speakers have been selected and approached. A number of national speakers of both dermatopathology and dermatology background have been invited to speak at the conference. The venue has been decided. Arinex has been very helpful in the organisation of the meeting.

9. 2024 meeting New Zealand.

The 2024 meeting will be held in New Zealand. No further details are available at this stage. The possibility of holding the meeting in Queenstown was raised and supported by several members.

10. RCPA Diploma update.

No significant update except for the report of a single candidate taking the International Committee for Dermatopathology (ICDP) exam and three candidates registered for the RCPA Diploma exam this year.

11. Education Officer's Report.

A bank of educational cases has been built during to be sent out by Arinex continuously as a monthly basis. Louise Jackett thanked the contributors and

encouraged the members to continue to submit interesting cases to be added to the collection. Path Presenter will be used as the hosting platform for virtual slides. A plan to establish a permanent ADS account with a higher capacity on this platform has been discussed and favoured.

12. International Society of Dermatopathology and Asian Society of Dermatopathology.

No significant activity to report by Alex Nirenberg. Ben Tallon stepped down from the Board of ISDP, however, Dr Andrew Ryan has been nominated and accepted to serve as a board member.

13. Other business

There was no other business to discuss.

Signed

Dr Ben Tallon
ADS President



Date:

26/9/22