

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Minutes

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the members of Spinal Cord Injuries Australia was held on Thursday 28 November 2019 at 3.00 pm at St Michaels Golf Club Jennifer St, Little Bay NSW.

In attendance: Christine Tink (President and Meeting Chair) and Board Members, Michael Rabbitt (Board Chairman), Brett Stevenson, Chris Nicholls, George Panos, Paul Crake, Robert Vander Kraats, Stewart Calderwood, Dianne Lucas (CEO) Jemma Smyth (Company Secretary) and SCIA members as recorded.

The meeting was also streamed live to SCIA members.

- 1 Christine declared the meeting open at 3.10 pm and did a Welcome to Country
- 2 **Apologies**

Patricia Gray

- 3 **President's Report**

Christine Tink gave a summary of her report in the Annual Report covered the following points:

- Launch of new website and online forum.
- Our appreciation to Tommy Little and his fundraising efforts to raise
- The purchase of the CHOICES House in Perth and refurbishment of CHOICES Little Bay
- The Bunbury House bequest and gift of the Belmore property

- 4 **CEO report**

Dianne Lucas gave her CEO report and covered following points from the annual report:

- The growth of the member base by 22% to over 2300 members

Key service statistics include:

- 501 NDIS plan management and support co-ordination clients at the end of the financial year,
- 2300 hours of exercise provided through the NeuroMoves program
- 500 students were given work experience through NeuroMoves
- 12 nights of accommodation per month were provided in our accommodation service
- 120 clients were supported by the peer support team as well as expansion of service into the community
- The acquisition of Ability Advocacy in Northern NSW
- Expansion of employment services to employ more people with a disability

There were no questions from the meeting attendees.

5 Financial Statements and Report of the Auditors:

Scott Tobutt from PKF gave an update on the financial statements and the audit process for the 2019 financial year. He confirmed that the audit process was completed satisfactorily. There were no issues noted in the audit and that the information provided paints a clear position of the organisation. This enabled a clean unmodified audit opinion issued by PKF. Scott gave details of the key financial information as per the financial statements.

Key highlights include

- Strong cash position on the balance sheet
- \$1.7 million surplus which was boosted from a bequest
- There is an outflow of cash flow for operational activities which is offset by the income from the bequest.

There were no questions from the members' present

6 Election of Directors

Jemma Smyth advised the meeting as follows:

There had been one nomination for the one vacant president position, and accordingly Christine Tink was duly elected.

There had been one nomination for the one vacant director position and accordingly Chris Nicholls was duly elected.

7 Special Business

Proposed Special Business, dealing with amendments to the Company Constitution and the election of Life Members, had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

An explanation was given about why these amendments are being proposed.

Jemma Smyth declared there were 9 proxies. 13 members at the meeting voted in favour of the amendments to the constitution. There were no members that voted against. Taking into account the proxy voting and the votes of those at the meeting, the proposal was declared as being passed, as follows:

I. Modification of Company Constitution

“That, for the purposes of section 136(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and for all other purposes, the Company modify the constitution of the Company by inserting the words in underline in the marked up copy of clauses 41 and 43 of the constitution tabled at the meeting.”

Christine advised that there had been 2 recommendations for Life Time Members. Jemma Smyth declared there were 9 proxies. 15 members at the meeting voted in favour of both nominations.

II. Election of Life Time Members

“That Ken Hutchinson be elected as a Life Member of SCIA”

“That David Stern be elected as a Life Member of SCIA”

8 Any Other Business

Nil

9 Christine Tink declared the Meeting Closed at 3.43pm.

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