



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 – MINUTES

Time and Date: 4.30 pm, Thursday 2nd February 2023 (AEST / Sydney / Melbourne time)
Venue: In person and via Teams during 34th Australian Colloid and Surface Science Student Conference
Teams meeting details see at bottom of page
Apologies: None at time of announcement
Proxies:
Minutes: Grant Webber (Honorary Secretary)
Current BoD: Erica Wanless (President), Tamar Greaves (Vice-President), Deborah Wakeham (Treasurer), Geoff Willmott (Director), Christine Browne (Director), Frank Sainsbury (Director), Joe Berry (Director), Michael Higgins (Director), Grant Webber (Honorary Secretary)

Minutes of the 2022 AGM are available on the ACIS website.

- 1630 Welcome, discussion of 2022 Minutes, President's Report (Erica Wanless); approval of President's report
- EW welcomed all in person and online
 - **Matters arising from 2022 Minutes**
 - EW notes Minutes of 2022 AGM we circulated.
 - Asked for comments from attendees.
 - None raised
 - Dr Casey Thomas moved to accept
 - Dr Elbourne seconded
 - All approved.
 - **President Report**
 - Slides presented
 - 3 ACIS ECR lecturers on the road; Khay Fong, Joe Berry, Maggie Zhai
 - KF near the end, JB in the middle, MZ just started
 - Discussion points:
 - Board meetings ~ monthly
 - 3rd ACIS 3MT competition online
 - Encouraged all to attend

- Comment from Aaron Elbourne; and RMIT student who entered ACIS 3MT did very well in RMIT competition
 - Awards have been updated by Joe Berry to reword and broaden eligibility with an “EDI lens”
 - Casey Thomas asked about timing of award submissions
 - JB notes many are December, but could be looked at by Board
 - Membership retention and value proposition
 - Many of the awards now have a year of membership as part of the award
 - Notes Michael Higgins has updated the membership list
 - IACIS June 2022
 - Has put some of the regular ACIS conferences out of schedule
 - For example, two Student Conferences in a row
 - Thanks RMIT team and Marta Krasowska for the StuCons
 - General call for volunteers for Committees, Board, Conference Organising Committee, etc
 - Data from 33rd and 34th ACSSSC in terms of attendee numbers and diversity presented
- 1635 Announcement of new Board of Directors and retirement of outgoing Directors (Erica Wanless)
- Board Members vacancies
 - Two members leaving Board
 - Vote conducted online in accordance with Constitution
 - New members are: Prof Marta Krasowska and Dr Maggie Zhai
 - New incoming Honorary Secretary is Dr Andrew Clulow
 - EW thanks current and past Board Member for service
- 1640 Treasurer’s Report (Deborah Wakeham); Approval of Treasurer’s report
- Slide presented to AGM, DW online
 - Good profit for 2022
 - Mostly from 33rd ACSSSC
 - Much of the income for 34th ACSSSC is in 2022, but costs will be in 2023

- Good revenue from membership as well
- Breakdown of awards funded by ACIS presented
- Conferences:
 - 33rd and 34th ACSSSC had good revenue via income
 - IACIS 2022 will be presented later by Prof Ian Gentle
- Q from Prof Ray Dagastine
 - What is the 5-year outlook?
 - DW: Reserves still increasing year-on-year
 - IG notes IACIS made a small profit
- DW notes the final financial report will be circulated to Members
- 1645 Communications Committee Report (Christine Browne)
 - Slide presented to AGM, CB online
 - Communications Team thanked
 - Two new URLs purchased for ACIS
 - “colloids-ausnz.au” and “colloids-ausnz.org.au”
 - Newsletters – four per year
 - New Twitter handle to match new URL
 - Followers up to 957 from 321 last year
- 1650 Membership Report (Michael Higgins)
 - Slide presented to AGM, MH online
 - Current membership is 252
 - 140 Staff
 - 108 Students
 - Next renewal is March 1st
 - Notes 32 members are currently overdue for 2022 membership
 - Members who were lapsed at May 2022 were suspended
 - This caused an on-paper decrease in membership
 - The 12-month free membership as part of IACIS attendance will be active until 1st March 2024
- 1655 Equity report (Frank Sainsbury)
 - Slide presented to AGM, FS in person

- Committee Membership noted, with improved geographical diversity
- Full Diversity report will be circulated to Membership after next Board Meeting
- Membership Survey in 2022 had 40 respondents
 - 100% felt that ACIS events and meetings offer a safe and inclusive environment
- Q from Prof Charlotte Conn
 - ACIS used to run “equity related” events at conferences such as ACIS and/or ACSSSC
 - FS: Not at this ACSSSC. Was discussed as an option, but felt that a panel was only attended by people with an interest and not broadly attended
 - CC: A similar panel at a previous ACSSSC was well attended by students
 - FS: Board will consider for ACIS 2024.
- Q from Prof Chiara Neto
 - Is gender, and other indicators of diversity, collected as part of membership?
 - MH: Can be done for new and current members
 - FS: Noted for discussion by Board
- Q from floor
 - How is bar graph of gender generated?
 - FS: people could select more than one response

1700 Awards Committee Report (Joe Berry)

- Slide presented to AGM, JB in person
- Winners of awards noted
- Eligibility of awards have been rewritten to make clearer
 - Nominations have doubled as a result
- ACIS Best Thesis prize now also includes 12 Month Staff Membership
- Student Conference awards had particular attention, e.g. NZ students eligible, and make distinction between Hunter-Healy and ACIS/ECIS clearer

- Online voting form created and launched
- With rubric to help reduce unconscious bias
- Judges thanked
- Q from the floor
 - JB: Eligibility of students collected at ACSSSC registration
- Q from Dr Isaac Gresham
 - At least one award winner was unable to “cash award” due to COVID. Is there a plan to address?
 - JB: Yes, and unaware of any that have not been addressed.
- Comment from Prof Ben Boyd
 - Awards that drive membership can keep people as members
 - JB: Yes, and Board has plans for “more awards”
 - BB: ECIS is every year, but ACIS is every second year. Is there still an option to get past winners to ECIS?
 - JB: Could have an ACIS/ECIS award every year, at both ACSSSC and student talks at ACIS
- Comment from RRD: what do we want to drive?
 - For example, connection with industry.
 - Could there be an award in this space?
 - Mid-career level?
- EW notes strong drive from Board to advertise awards from other organisations and encourage members to apply
 - Asks members to notify CB and Board of opportunities to advertise in Newsletter.
- Q from CN: what are nomination numbers for Best Thesis like this year?
 - JB: Doubled.

1705 IACIS 2022 report (Ian Gentle)

- Slide presented to AGM, IG online
- Major changes: postponed one year and became hybrid
- 3 Plenaries, 8Keynotes, >200 oral, posters etc
- Workshop at UQ after main IACIS
- Delegates

- 247 in person
- 92 virtual
- Numbers impacted by COVID and main RACI conference on the next week
- These numbers are approximately half the original “low end” estimate
- Attendance from China, Japan and south-east Asia lower than intended
- The Conference made a small profit overall
 - Sponsorship down on ideal
 - Money from Tourism Event QLD of \$35K
 - Workshop after was profitable
- Gender, equity and diversity
 - Organising committee and invited speakers achieved goal
 - Accepted submitted oral presenters was 35% female
 - Regional diversity noted
- Q from CN: delighted to hear of small profit, but can you provide some details?
 - Largely work by Arinex toward the end, e.g. funding from QLD Government and Brisbane Council dependent on goals. Arinex pushed to achieve these goals. Also got reduced costs from the Convention Centre.
 - Workshop achieved a profit sufficient to tip from a small loss to a small profit overall for IACIS
 - EW notes the workshop for the 34rd ACSSSC was successful so these may be a good model
- EW notes work and thanks Prof Vincent Craig as IACIS 2022 Treasurer
- EW thanks Prof Ian Gentle and Prof Gregory Warr as IACIS co-Chairs
- IG thanked Prof Charlotte Conn for work on equity and diversity

1710 Discussion regarding next ACIS Symposium (Tam Greaves)

- Call for volunteers for both ACIS 2024 and 35th ACSSSC
- Particularly need Chair for ACIS 2024
- Two tenders for PCO for ACIS 2024 in place

- EW redrafted tender document from IACIS 2022 and sent to four PCOs
- Two responded
- ACIS 2024 intended to be within an hour drive of Melbourne or Sydney
 - Contingent on securing a location
 - Tentative dates of 4-7 Feb 2024
- Call for information of other meeting in February 2024 to avoid
 - For example, Australasian Polymer Symposium
 - ICONN, Lorn Protein Meeting, Advanced Nanomaterials
 - MH believes ICONN has finished
- EW noted the call for the AE Alexander lecture

1720 Any other business

- Prof Ben Boyd: ECIS 2024 in Copenhagen, 1st to 6th September
 - Satellite meetings possible as well
- Prof Ben Boyd: Thanked EW, DW and GW for serving the ACIS Board.

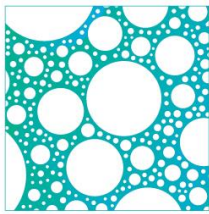
1725 Next AGM and meeting close (Erica Wanless)

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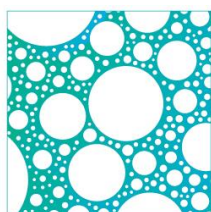
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