

Australia-Japan Society of Tasmania Inc.
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AGENDA

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2019

Location:

Chapel Room, New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst Street, Hobart

Date / Time:

Saturday 20 July 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven Phipps (Chair), Kira White, Yukiko Burns, Tricia de Jersey, Lachlan Pitt, Melanie Tyson, Fera Sruitami, Christo Sruitami, Robert Wedd, Phil Cooper, Lance Burns, Ben Ivory, Troy Crystal (Minutes taker).

Meeting chaired by: Dr Steven Phipps (President).

AGM opened at: 6.40pm

1. Apologies

Nick Howe, Crystal Hotham, Peter Shelley AO, Lucy Knott, Yota Horiuchi, Michael Bonney, Mayumi Toya, Doug Ezzy, Kim Clifford, Luke O'Brien, Harriet Baillie, Katsuhiko Suganuma, Frances Hanley, Elizabeth Cooper, Bronwyn Wedd.

2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 2018

- Timing typo to be corrected (time of AGM opening).

Moved: Kira White

Seconded: Tricia de Jersey

Carried with no objections.

3. President's Report 2018-19

- Very happy that Society is both growing and finances are in better state
- Left many things out, thought two pages was long enough.
- Had lots of activities we supported throughout the year, eg. taiko drum, dance group, Australia Now activities.
- Next year is our 50th anniversary as a Society.
- Hope to have more activities outside Hobart and become more Tasmanian; support sister cities better.
- More on Cyprus to come, JFF, culture day, Yaizu sister city school exchange, Kumamon 'may' visit (Troy still investigating this option within State Government).
- Thanks to committee and members for all of their support over the past 12 months.

Moved: Kira White

Seconded: Yukiko Burns

Carried with no objections.

4. Treasurer's Report 2018-19

- Funds declined, but membership numbers have increased
- Biggest loss on functions
 - Presentation night for life members
 - Umitaka Maru BBQ equipment hire expenses
- Admin costs stayed firm
- Website costs have decreased due to self-management capabilities
- Ask Karen Rees, Jane Eldershaw about TPN: agreed at their board meeting that funds would be forthcoming for Umitaka Maru donation.
- Melanie Tyson asked about silent auctions? Have we considered. Steven confirmed we have, but haven't moved to action this yet.
- Contact offerer of kimono donation (Salamanca)
- Robert Wedd asked about absence of audit of finances. Kira advised that there are no auditor's costs. Law changes no longer require organisations under \$50k turnover threshold to undertake audit of finances.
- No increase in fees recommended.

Moved: Steven Phipps

Seconded: Yukiko Burns

Carried with no objections.

5. Setting of fees for 2020-21

Moved: Steven Phipps

Seconded: Phil Cooper

Carried with no objections.

6. Motion to amend the Rules

- Name change to *Australia-Japan Society of Tasmania Inc.*
 - Experience from talking with those outside of the Society, that our name implies that we are a small branch of a larger society with a parent name.
 - Noting it's nit-picking, it has taken a while to raise this item.
 - Same procedure as changing Constitution.
 - Phil asked where to put "of" within logo
 - Steven suggested not changing logo
 - Melanie Tyson supported the view that she had thought the Society was part of a larger society.
 - Yukiko asked Robert Wedd whether the brackets it had originally been for a reason. Robert didn't recall any specific reason for it to be there.

Moved: Steven Phipps

Seconded: Lachlan Pitt

Carried with no objections.

- Removal of Common Seal requirement
 - When Kira took carriage of the 'filing cabinet', no Common Seal was known to still exist.
 - No longer requirement for associations such as ours to have one anymore. Decision to, rather than spend money on a new Seal, instead remove requirement for use in Constitution.

Moved: Kira White
Seconded: Phil Cooper
Carried with no objections.

7. Election of Executive and Committee
7.1. President

Steven Phipps nominated by Yukiko Burns

No other nominations. Declared elected.

Seconded: Kira White
Carried with no objections.

7.2. Vice President

Yukiko Burns nominated by Steven Phipps

No other nominations. Declared elected.

Seconded: Kira White
Carried with no objections.

7.3. Secretary

Troy Crystal nominated by Steven Phipps

No other nominations. Declared elected.

Seconded: Kira White
Carried with no objections.

7.4. Treasurer

Kira White nominated by Steven Phipps

No other nominations. Declared elected.

Seconded: Yukiko Burns
Carried with no objections.

7.5. Committee Members (3-6)

Frances Hanley (continuing)
Tricia de Jersey (continuing)
Katsuhiko Suganuma sensei (continuing)
Ben Ivory
Melanie Tyson

Mayumi Toya

No other nominations received.

Moved: Steven Phipps

Seconded: Kira White

Carried with no objections.

- Steven moved a motion as a vote of thanks for the outgoing committee members for all of their work for the previous year and years past.

8. Other Business

8.1. Public Officer

- Raised by Kira White
- Need to appoint a new Public Officer
- Traditionally attached to Secretary role
- Troy Crystal appointed as Public Officer at previous AGM; still happy to continue in role
- Consider adjustment to rules for next AGM to change the need to specifically appoint this position at each AGM, where the previously appointed Public Officer is continuing.

8.2. Kyoto Animation tragedy

- Noting the fires which occurred at Kyoto Animation (KyoAni) two days earlier, resulting in death of 34 people.
- Will look into options to have an event held to fundraise/acknowledge the event. To be further discussed outside of AGM (ie Committee Meetings).

No other business raised.

AGM closed at: 7.18pm

Attachment 1: Agenda Item 6 – Motion to Amend Rules

1. The Name of the Society

Motion proposed by Steven Phipps:

Amendment of Rule 1 – Establishment and Title

Our current name, as defined in our Rules, is “Australia-Japan Society (Tasmania) Inc.”. However, the punctuation of this name is problematic. Placing “Tasmania” in parentheses creates the widespread impression that we are merely the Tasmanian branch of a larger society, which is incorrect. Although there are many Australia-Japan Societies in Australia, each of these is a separate society in their own right.

It is therefore proposed to refine the punctuation of our name by replacing “(Tasmania)” with “of Tasmania”. As well as removing the current ambiguity, this also brings our name into line with that of other Australia-Japan Societies in Australia (e.g. Australia-Japan Society of NSW, Australia-Japan Society of Victoria).

Accordingly, the following Motion is put:

That the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

Amend Rule 1 to read:

“There shall be, in Tasmania, an incorporated cultural and social organisation known as the Australia-Japan Society of Tasmania Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Society.”

2. Removal of requirement for Common Seal

Motion proposed by Kira White:

Removal of Rule 20 – The Common Seal of the Society

As investigated by the Committee during 2018-19, it has been determined that a Common Seal is no longer an official requirement for incorporated associations.

The 2018-19 Committee is unaware of the whereabouts of the Society's Common Seal stamp, and by consensus of the Committee, it was decided that the expense of creating and purchasing a new one was not of notable worth to warrant expenditure of Society funds.

Accordingly, the following Motion is put:

That Rule 20 requiring the use of a Common Seal for the Society be removed.