

2021 CAPAD AGM Minutes - Draft

Sunday 12 September 2021; on Zoom

Opened 1406.

1. **Welcome** and acknowledgement of country
2. **Present:** Peter Tait (Chair), Catherine Blunt, Kevin Cox, Petra Cram, Taryn Langdon (InteractConnections), Margaret Lee, Barbara O'Dwyer, David Purnell, Gilles Rohan, Mark Spain, guest Shobha Varkey (Quakers ACT).

Apologies: Beth Slatyer

Meeting agreed to accept the membership of those who membership from 2021-21 is paid but who have not yet paid the 2021-22 membership as current members.

3. **Confirm Minutes** of Annual General Meeting, 1 November 2020 – Moved Petra Cram, seconded David Purnell; accepted unanimously.

4. **Annual Report** to members

Peter Tait drew attention to the report and opened up for questions. He particularly thanked Cath Blunt and the Bean Active Democracy group, the NED Foundation for their financial support for rebuilding of the Resources Hub, and the Committee members for their work and support during the year, and the support of the broader membership base.

Report acceptance: Moved Barbara O'Dwyer, seconded Mark Spain; accepted unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements**

Accept Auditor's Report: Moved Mark Spain, seconded Cath Blunt; accepted unanimously.

Questions and discussion about the need to carry Public Liability Insurance while in lockdown, and whether we can let it lapse and take it up again when face-to-face meetings are again possible?

Gilles raised the matter of the NSW Supreme Court decision about social media libel actions.

Meeting agreed to hand on to the Committee to follow up.

6. **Selection of Committee**

Returning officer - Peter Tait appointed.

Current Board member Gilles Rohan is continuing into the second year of his term. Convener Peter Tait is also continuing in to the second year of his term.

Set out the vacancies.

- a. Co-convenor (1 vacant positions) – no nominations received
- b. Deputy Co-convenors (2 vacant positions) – no nominations received
- c. Secretary (1 vacant positions) – Cath Blunt; nominated Peter Tait, seconded Mark Spain; appointed.
- d. Treasurer – one nomination - Mark Spain; nominated Peter Tait, seconded Gilles Rohan; appointed.
- e. Ordinary Member(s) (up to 6) – Nominations: Bob Douglas, Petra Cram, Barbara O'Dwyer; nominated Peter Tait, seconded Petra Cram; appointed.

7. Other Business

Discussion of 2021-22 activity:

- i. Demfest21; organising team, Peter T, Mark S and Gilles R meeting regularly. Expressions of interest have gone out and a further round of invitations are about to go out.
- ii. Active Democracy
 - a. ACT: The Bean Active Democracy Group is going well thanks to Cath, Plaxy Sue and Gilles; the ACT group has not met recently and will reconvene on an as needs basis leaving the Bean group the time to progress.
 - b. Mark and Peter continue to help and support development of the national website.
- iii. Big Deal screenings: linked with Active Democracy, the ACT group is looking at a couple of options for an ACT screening(s).
- iv. Building a community view of successful Deliberative Democracy processes: Petra is leading this work in collaboration with the University of Canberra Deliberative Democracy group; possible outcomes may be a set of community focused criteria about what makes for a good deliberative process, and how community influence can hold these processes to be transparent and unbiased; and an article in the Deliberative Democracy journal on a community group (CAPaD)'s journey into creating a tool for assessing Deliberative Democracy processes from the community perspective.

Conclusion of Annual General Meeting at 1458.