

2023 CAPaD AGM Minutes (Confirmed)

Held: 2-05 – 2-45pm, Sunday 20 August 2023, by Zoom.

Opened 1405.

Business

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

- a. **Present:** John Christensen, Kevin Cox, Barbara O’Dwyer, Gilles Rohan, Peter Tait.
- b. **Apologies:** Cath Blunt, Jane Clifton-Bassett, Sue Ingram, Mark Spain, Fiona Tito Wheatland.

2. Confirm Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

Moved: John Christensen, seconded Barbara O’Dwyer; Accepted by consensus.

3. Accept 2023 Annual Report to members – questions on the annual report Peter Tait

Questions of the Annual Report; no questions.

Accept: Moved: Peter Tait, seconded Gilles Rohan; Accepted by consensus.

4. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Accept Auditor’s Report and Financial Statement (see separate report)

Moved: Peter Tait, seconded Kevin Cox; Accepted by consensus.

- b. Appoint Auditor for the 2023-24 financial year

Moved that we continue with Neville Hurst as the relationship is working well: Moved: Peter Tait, seconded John Christensen; Accepted by consensus.

- c. Approve 2024-25 Membership fees

- i. Motion: that the fees remain at 2022-23 levels for 2023-24 (see schedule below)

Accept: Moved: Peter Tait, seconded Gilles Rohan; Accepted by consensus.

Peter notified the AGM about the policy of assigning membership fees to the operating account and the donations to the Awakening Democracy Fund, with funding for subscriptions and activities apportioned between both accounts.

5. Election of Committee

Returning officer appointed (Peter Tait by consensus of those present)

- | Position | Nominations |
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| a. Co-convenors (1 vacant positions) – | No nominations received from the floor for the vacant position. |
| b. Deputy Co-convenors (2 vacant positions) – | No nominations received from the floor for the vacant positions. |
| c. Secretary (1 vacant positions) – | No nominations received from the floor for the vacant position. |
| d. Treasurer (1 vacant positions) – | Nomination: Mark Spain (Peter Tait / Barbara O’Dwyer), No nominations received from the floor. Mark appointed unopposed. |
| e. Ordinary Member(s) (up to 6) – | Nominations: Barbara O’Dwyer (Peter Tait/ Gilles Rohan), Bob Douglas (Peter Tait/ Barbara O’Dwyer); both appointed unopposed. |
| f. 3 vacant Ordinary Member positions – | call for nominations from the floor. No nominations received from the floor for the vacant position. |

6. Other Business

a. Change of Constitutional Objectives

Motion 1

To change the objectives of the constitution as proposed here:

Current constitutional wording	Proposed new wording (new words in italics)
To promote individual and community well-being and the common good in a healthy environment by:	To promote individual and community well-being and the common good in a healthy environment by <i>advancing education to inspire people to participate in strengthening democracy</i> by:
(1) empowering people in Canberra and Australia more broadly to own and plan for our common future by developing and supporting citizen, community and civil society engagement in public decision making,	(1) empowering people in Australia, and particularly Canberra, to own and <i>effectively participate in creating</i> our common future by developing and supporting <i>genuine</i> citizen, community and civil society engagement in public decision making,
(2) stimulating and facilitating opportunities for citizen and community input to government deliberation,	(2) stimulating and facilitating opportunities for citizens and community to <i>participate in government and particularly parliamentary</i> deliberation,
(3) developing and assisting citizen and community capacity to hold government more directly accountable,	(3) developing and assisting citizen and community capacity to hold government, <i>parliament, our elected representatives</i>

	and policymakers more directly accountable,
(4) advancing education,	Deleted and the words incorporated in the primary purpose; see above.
(5) to establish and maintain a public fund to be called the Awakening Democracy Foundation for the specific purpose of supporting the educational objects of CAPaD. The Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose and any money received because of such gifts must be credited to its bank account. The Fund must not receive any other money or property into its account and it must comply with the relevant subdivision of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, and	(4) to establish and maintain a public fund to be called the Awakening Democracy Foundation for the specific purpose of supporting the educational objects of CAPaD, and [the removed words are to be inserted into the Rules for the Awakening Democracy Foundation]
(6) any other purposes beneficial to the general public and analogous to the other charitable purposes.	(5) any other purposes beneficial to the general public and analogous to the other charitable purposes.

Moved: Peter Tait,

No questions nor discussion.

Note: Cath Blunt wanted recorded that she fully supports the constitutional changes.

Seconded Barbara O'Dwyer; Accepted by consensus.

Motion 2

To amend Rule 6 by adding ***Australia and*** as proposed here:

Current constitutional wording	Proposed new wording (new words in italics)
<p>6. Style of Operation of the Association</p> <p>The Association shall so far as possible</p> <p>(1) Seek broad based participation across Canberra;</p>	<p>6. Style of Operation of the Association</p> <p>The Association shall so far as possible</p> <p>(1) Seek broad based participation across <i>Australia and</i> Canberra;</p>

Accept: Moved: Peter Tait,

Amendment moved: John Christensen:

After '*Australia and* Canberra', insert *in particular*, so the Rule will read '*Australia and* Canberra *in particular*' to align with the wording in Objective 1.

seconded Gilles Rohan;

Further amendment moved Gilles Rohan:

Insert comma after Australia so the Rule will read:

(1) Seek broad based participation across ***Australia, and*** Canberra *in particular*;

Seconded Peter Tait;

Accepted by consensual agreement.

b. Discussion of evolving focus and 2023-24 activity.

John Christensen felt awkward making any comment.

Kevin Cox is involved in his campaign to transform the finance system and is happy to go along.

John also reported, in relation to Education for Civics, that he does talks as he travels Australia about the origins and details of the Australian Constitution. This could be useful. He does this as a live performance. See ozhomenow.au.

7. Conclusion of Annual General Meeting: 1445.