

Balint Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual General Meeting

at 11.30am on 13th October 2018
Suite 16, 121 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, 4000

Minutes

1. Present: Chel Quinn, President, Kerrie Collings-Silvey, Secretary, Penny Love, Venkatesh Govindiah, Meredith Waugh

2. Present by Zoom (audiovisual platform): Judy Griffiths, Hilary Ash, Laurie Lovell-Simons, Rutger de Ridder

3. Apologies: Di Nash, Prue Bonifant, Hamish Wilson, Frank Meumann, Ruth Dunn, Leonie Sullivan, Bill Betts, Henry Luiker

4. Proxies received from: Ruth Dunn, Judy Griffiths, Hilary Ash, Leonie Sullivan, Di Nash

5. Introductions: CQ began with introductions of those present.

6. Use of Zoom: CQ clarified that legal opinion was that the BSANZ Constitution does not allow voting when attending an AGM via Zoom video conferencing. All those present agreed that an amendment to the Constitution allowing for this development was desirable.

7. Minutes of the 11th November 2017 AGM:

Minutes of AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved PL, seconded VG. Carried unanimously (C/U).

No business from the minutes of the last meeting was discussed.

8. President's Report: see attached full report.

The report was presented by Chel Quinn who spoke about the activities in the Society during the last 12 months, in particular the 10th Annual Balint Group Workshop in Hobart and the second Accredited Leaders Weekend. CQ also noted that Hamish Wilson is stepping down from the Board and Frank Meumann is leaving the Accreditation Committee. Ruth Dunn, Di Nash and Kerrie Collings-Silvey will form the new committee. CQ expressed her appreciation of Hamish Wilson's valued contributions to the Board over five years, in particular in the area of the Board's and the Society's governance structures and processes. CQ also wished to thank Frank Meumann for his commitment to training leaders and building the leader accreditation pathways since the inception of the Accreditation Committee.

PL moved that the report be accepted. Seconded MW. C/U

9. Secretary's Report: see attached full report.

This was presented by Kerrie Collings-Silvey who spoke about the number of accredited leaders and leaders-in-training, and the discrepancy between numbers of GPs to psychotherapists in the Society and as accredited leaders. KCS drew attention to the 2019 IBF Congress Call for Papers with closing date of 31st January 2019. Also noted was the new communication initiative of the Board to send a bi-monthly bulletin reporting on the Board's activities.

Moved to be accepted by VG, seconded MW, C/U

10. Treasurer's Report: see attached

In the absence of Prue Bonifant, KCS provided an overview of the financial position of the Society, reporting on the AU and NZ Westpac bank account balances, the income and costs incurred for the Society's events and costs of general running, and the Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility while investing financially in new ventures to promote Balint Group work, such as the Medical Student Essay Prize, and to offer professional development and support for the community of accredited leaders, such as the Accredited Leaders Weekend. A full report of balance of accounts is attached.

Proposed to be accepted by MW, seconded VG. C/U

11. Election of the Board – President, Vice president, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Ordinary Members: CQ stepped down from chairing the meeting and handed over to Penny Love to chair.

PL spoke of the nominations that had been received and were available for the following positions, due for re-election and election.

President: Chel Quinn

Vice President: Ruth Dunn

Past President: Frank Meumann

Secretary: Kerrie Collings-Silvey

Treasurer: Prue Bonifant

Ordinary Members: Di Nash, Judy Griffiths, Hilary Ash

PL called for nominations from the floor. None were offered.

Motion: VG moved that all the above nominations be accepted. Seconded MW, C/U

12. CQ resumes Chair of the AGM:

CQ congratulated the new Board and expressed her appreciation to those who are continuing. CQ clarified that according to the Constitution, as President she can serve for a first 2-year term which has just ended and then be nominated annually for a further 2 years, a total of 4 years in office. CQ encouraged those present to look to becoming involved and considering nominating next year. CQ called for any other business.

13. Vote of Thanks to President:

KCS expressed her appreciation of Chel Quinn in her role as President of the Society and moved for a vote of thanks, seconded warmly by all present and extended by Laurie Lovell-Simons, C/U

14. Use of Video-conferencing for AGM: MW proposed that the BSANZ Constitution be changed to provide for full voting rights for members attending by video conferencing platforms such as Zoom. Seconded VG.

A fruitful discussion ensued about how to enhance the experience through wide camera lens, separate microphone and improved lighting, and about the value in video meeting as opposed to audio only to enhance the sense of being involved, of understanding the workings of the Board and in belonging,

[NOTE: As notice was not provided on this matter it could not proceed as a motion]

ACTION: It was agreed that the Board be asked to consider this, noting that the meeting was unanimously in support of allowing full participation in meetings through available technology.

15. Meeting Ends

CQ thanked all present for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.