

Down Syndrome Association of New South Wales Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019

Date:	Sunday, 27 October 2019
Place:	Down Syndrome NSW Office, Level 6, 410 Church Street, North Parramatta
Chair	Chris Elenor (Board Member)
Minutes	Hayley Warren (Secretary)

Board members present:

Chris Elenor, Margot Elliffe, Hayley Warren, Nicholas Gotsis, Paula Rix

The meeting opened at 11:15 am

Item	
1. Attendance	Refer to the signed attendance book
2. Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country	Welcome and acknowledgement of country given by Chris Elenor.
3. Apologies	Formal apologies received from Graeme Dube, Vivien Dube, Sara Dube, Robyn Holden, Di Cook, Mary Thompson, Ruth Cromer, Peter Cromer, Maie Barrow, Cassandra McQuillan, Rachel Hagget, Megan Smith, Mark Bezzina, Paulina Bezzina, Jason Lloyd, Evelyn Scott, Miriam Philomena, Jane Conception, Melissa Furguson, Kylie Scott and Morag McLachlan.
4. Proxies	Presented by Brian Aarons
5. Guest Speaker	Jim Simpson, NSW Council of Intellectual Disabilities
6. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting	Copies of the draft minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were tabled.

	<p><i>Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of the Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc. on 28 October 2018 be accepted.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Margot Elliffe</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Paula Rix</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p>
7. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting	None arising.
8. Annual Report	<p>Presented by Dr Kathy Chapman, CEO</p> <p><i>Motion: That the Annual Report of the Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc. 2018-2019 be accepted.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Julie Cromer</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Carolyn Frichot</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p>
9. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer's Report presented by Nicholas Gotsis.</p> <p>KPMG audited financial reports were tabled at the meeting.</p> <p><i>Motion (1): That the audited Financial Statements of the Down Syndrome Association for 2018-2019 be accepted.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Nicholas Gotsis</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Leonard Elliffe</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p> <p><i>Motion (2): That a tender be prepared in order for the Board to select an auditor for the financial year 2019-2020.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Paula Rix</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Rene Pennock</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>
10. General Business	<p>Members asked questions about membership fees (whether the Board would reinstate fees), what actions DSANSW would be taking to assist younger people with Down syndrome and their parents, member survey and the recent appointment of board members prior to the AGM. Questions were addressed by the Chair.</p>

	Members spoke about learnings from other countries.
11. Announcement of Office Bearers and Board	<p>The report of the Returning Officer was tabled.</p> <p>At the close of nominations, the following were received as nominations for the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayley Warren – President • Margot Elliffe – Vice President • Chris Elenor – Secretary <p>There being no other nominations, all candidates were elected unopposed.</p> <p>At the close of nominations, the following were received as nominations for Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Hinde • Rene Pennock • Sonja Volker • Janey Concepcion • Megan Smith • Evelyn Scott <p>There being no other nominations, all candidates were elected unopposed.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the Returning Officer's report be accepted.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Tara Elliffe</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Sonja Volker</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p>
12. Close of formal business	<p>Chris Elenor thanked all for attending the AGM and welcomed the new Board.</p> <p>Meeting was declared closed at 1:10pm.</p>