

Special General meeting of the Australasian Mycological Society

15 July 2011, 8:30 pm Australian EST
Dinning Hall, Denmark Agricultural College, Denmark, WA

Meeting Minutes

Apologies:

Bettye Rees; David Ellis, Peter McGee, David Ratkowsky, Genevieve Gates, Leona Campbell, Dee Carter, Barbara Howlett.

Present:

Diana Leemon, Sandra Abell-Davies, Patrick Leonard, Elaine Davidson, Katrina Syme, Pam Catcheside, David Catcheside, Richard Robinson, Sapphire McMullan-Fisher, Pam Sullivan, Teresa Lebel, Matthew Barrett, Mark Brundett.

1. Meeting opened 8:30 pm.

2. Purpose of meeting:

At the last AMS Annual General Meeting, it was proposed that various points in the constitution should be changed to bring it up to date with the electronic age, since we can now pass information from the council to the membership and back at a far greater speed than had been possible when the constitution was first formulated. Although there was wide agreement with the proposed changes, it was argued that the membership would need to see and vote on the exact wording changes to the constitution that would incorporate these changes. Tom May kindly drafted the necessary special resolution to propose the required changes to the constitution.

3. Business

Consideration of following changes:

i) That the **Notice of AGM** and other meetings be reduced from 4 months to 1 month (*Constitution 24.1*)

Moved: Diana Leemon

Seconded: Sandra Abell-Davis

Carried: 12 + 7 Proxy For; 1 proxy against

ii) The **Nomination of council bearers** be changed from 4 months to 2 weeks before an AGM (*Constitution 13.1a*)

Moved: Diana Leemon

Seconded: Sandra Abell-Davis

Carried: 12 + 7 Proxy For; 1 proxy against

iii) **The need for ballot papers** for nominations to council (should these exceed the places available) to be sent prior to the AGM be removed. Instead these would be decided by vote at the AGM (*Constitution 13.1 g and h*)

Moved: Diana Leemon

Seconded: Sandra Abell-Davis

Carried: 12 + 7 Proxy For; 1 proxy against

4. Other Business:

Sandra Abell-Davis noted that plans were underway to hold another AMS conference September next year in Cairns. Once the date is set a preliminary notice will go out to AMS members.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed 8:45 pm.