

## Minutes of the ATA Annual General Meeting – 12 November 2019

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From 6.15pm at the Victoria Room, Queen Victoria Women's Centre  
210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria

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### 1. Attendance and Apologies

**Members Present:** (*\*Board Members*)

Robin Gardner, Michael O'Connell, Sally Moxham, Kulja Coulston, Dominique La Fontaine\*, Gerlinde Scholz\*, Maxine Hardinge, Elizabeth Wheeler, Andreas Tobler, Martin Powell, Danny Mathews, Norman Kennedy, Tony Rizkalla, Richard Bassett-Smith, Ione McLean, Meredith Jewson, Thessalie Reeders, Helen Millicer\*, James Maude, John Bailey, Jo Crothers, Chris Moss, Teck Tan, Paul Sorrentino, Matt Bond, Geoff Andrews, Peter Stanley, Louisa Scott\*, Tim Drinkall\*, Kylie Taylor\*, Jim Castles, Brendan Condon, Doug Ferguson, Gary Elleata, Grant Downie\*, Kevin Lanigan, Stephen Whately, Andrew Gordon, Tim Isaacson, Rachel Ollivier, Michael Atkinson, Russell Anderson

**ATA Staff:**

Donna Luckman, Katy Daily, Damien Moyse, Doug Rolfe, Dean Lombard, Ian Robertson, Sophie Weiner

**Non-Members:** Anne Martinelli, Darren O'Beirne, Chris Rhoderick

**Apologies:**

Tristy Fairfield, Alan Strickland, Greg Walters, Miriam Juntunen, Margaret Mitsikas, Mark Bytheway, Simon Molesworth, Mark Burford

**Proxies:**

Alan Hill (Kulja Coulston), Jim Crosthwaite (Elizabeth Wheeler), Dick Clarke, (Kulja Coulston) Dorothea Dowling (Chair), Graeme Jessup (Kulja Coulston), Mark Burford (Danny Mathews), Miriam Juntunen (Chair), Norman Kennedy (Chair), Paul Josif (Chair), Paul Michna (Chair), Sue Mathews (Danny Mathews), Tony Edye (Kulja Coulston)

The President of the ATA, Ms Helen Millicer, formally welcomed members and opened the Annual General Meeting at 6.15 pm, advising that a quorum of a minimum of 10 members as required under Clause 12(2) of the Constitution was present to permit the meeting to proceed.

### 2. Disclosure of Interests

No conflicts of interests were disclosed by anyone present in relation to any items noted on the agenda.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and were presented for confirmation.

**Resolution: That the meeting accept the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.**

Moved: Helen Millicer      Seconded: Louisa Scott

**CARRIED**

#### 4. CEO, President and Treasurer's Reports

The CEO, Donna Luckman, summarised key events and successes of 2018/19, noting in particular the continuing growth of Sustainable House Day and Renew's leadership in establishing a coalition of partners advocating for improved building standards for more climate resilient housing.

The President, Ms Helen Millicer, presented her report also highlighting Renew's focus on advocacy over the previous financial year, and on-going work in progress to build Renew's organisational capacity. She thanked the Renew team and board for their work throughout the year.

The Treasurer, Ms Louisa Scott, presented the financial statements of the organisation for the year ended 30 June 2019. The Treasurer noted that while total revenue at \$2,476,462 was 6.5% higher than the previous year, cost increases had outstripped revenue growth and the ATA finished the year with an operating deficit of \$113,156. Equity at 30 June 2019 was \$64,228.

The following resolution was then put to the meeting by the Treasurer:

**Resolution: That the members receive the Financial Statements of The Alternative Technology Association Incorporated (trading as Renew) for the year ended 30 June 2019 as provided to members with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting, and accept the accounts as presenting a true and fair view of the ATA's financial position.**

Moved: Grant Downie

Seconded: Gerlinde Scholz

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Election of Board Members

In accordance with Clause 22(3) of the Constitution, three Board members – Grant Downie, Dominique LaFontaine and Gerlinde Scholz - were retiring at this meeting by rotation. All three were eligible for re-appointment and made themselves available to serve a further two-year term.

In addition, there were five vacancies following a number of resignations from the board through the year and retirement of President Helen Millicer from the board at the conclusion of this AGM on completing six years as a board member.

The following candidates had nominated for election to the board in accordance with Clause 22(4) of the Constitution: Mark Burford, Jim Castles, Doug Ferguson, Sally Moxham and Michael O'Connell.

Candidates nominating for election or re-election made a brief presentation on their candidature. Mark Burford had provided a written statement, which was read in his absence on his behalf by Kulja Coulston.

In the absence of the Secretary Tristy Fairfield, the President had asked former board member John Bailey to conduct election formalities.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting, with members electing the board members in turn after each resolution being put through a show of hands of all those in favour and those against each candidate.

### **Resolutions:**

1. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Mr Grant Downie** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
2. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Ms Dominique LaFontaine** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
3. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Ms Gerlinde Scholz** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
4. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Mr Mark Burford** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
5. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Mr Jim Castles** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
6. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Mr Doug Ferguson** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
7. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Ms Sally Moxham** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.
8. In accordance with Clause 22(1) of the Constitution, that **Mr Michael O'Connell** be elected to the Board for a term of two years commencing at the end of this AGM on approval by the members.

**All resolutions CARRIED.**

### **6. Other Business**

Ms Donna Luckman announced that she had decided to step down as CEO and leave Renew in December. Members also noted that this AGM marked the conclusion of Ms Helen Millicer's tenure as a board member and as President.

Deputy President Gerlinde Scholz paid tribute to the outstanding leadership of the outgoing CEO and outgoing President, thanking them both on behalf of the board and the members for their passionate commitment and tireless work for the ATA/Renew and for their contribution to growing sustainable living in Australia.

Following brief remarks of thanks from the outgoing CEO and President, the meeting closed at 7.10pm.