

MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

HEALTH INFORMATICS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Date: Wednesday 13th August 2014
Time: 7.40am to 8.40am
Venue: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

1. Welcome and attendance

1.1 Attendance

Members present were noted by name by HISA Staff members on entry to the meeting

 List of attendees attached

1.2 Apologies

Martin Seneviratne has had his viva voce examination for med school scheduled on Wednesday so needs to stay in Sydney

Sean O'Donnell was unable to make it to Melbourne.

Someone else from Liz

2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

Minutes accepted as true and correct; motion was proposed by Lis Herbert, seconded by Nick Buckmaster.

3. Chairperson Report

Tam Shepherd gave a verbal chairpersons report.

The chairperson reported that it was a tough year for HISA financially, primarily due to the HIC conference in Adelaide. While it was generally considered that HIC was an excellent conference in Adelaide and that delegates were well rewarded for their attendance, it was financially disastrous for HISA. This was due to low delegate numbers and a lack of support from the state government.

Tam then praised the HISA staff for delivering a balanced budget for the year despite the poor performance of the HIC conference. Tam in particular praised the leadership of Louise in delivering this outcome and the positive effect of Greg Moran joining recently as a BD manager for HISA.

Tam pointed out that this showed the dependence of HISA on HIC and the need for HIC to be on the eastern seaboard to ensure a successful conference and secure HISA's future.

Tam discussed the potential game changer that CHIA will be for HISA and for Health Informatics in Australia and thanked everyone who was involved in getting it ready and running.

Turning to the year ahead, Tam reflected that there was lots of movement in the market, with changes likely to PCEHR, Medicare etc. HISA needs to sit in the market as a professional body, well respected in the market

The Report was accepted; motion for member acceptance was proposed by Leigh Donoghue, and seconded by Michael Gill.

4. Treasurer Report

Phil Robinson reported on the financial report 2012-2013. The Treasurer requested his report be accepted; proposer to this motion Leigh Donoghue and it was seconded Nick Buckmaster.

Aside: Tam thinks we have a question to answer about our place as a professional organization. Who are we and what are we doing in the market.

5. Approval of the Audited Financial Accounts 2013-2014

Karen Gibson moved acceptance of the 2013-2014 Audited Financial Report which was made available at the meeting.

Motion: that the audit reports and declarations be adopted was seconded by Peter Williams

6. Appointment of auditors

The Auditors, Sean Denham & Associates were approved for 2014-2015 by all present voting unanimously. Moved by Denis Tebbutt, seconded by Jen Bichel-Findlay.

7. Election of four (6) Board members

The returning officer, Jo Foster, advised the meeting that she had received 12 valid nominations for the six vacant positions on the HISA Board, Four of those positions are for 2 years and 2 of the positions are for one year. The 2 candidates with the least amount of votes of the 6 will serve the one year term. The returning officer advised the meeting that an election was necessary.

126 votes were submitted electronically prior to the board meeting, 2 proxies were received. Further voting took place during the meeting. Counting will be performed by Jo Foster and Vera Jovanovic. The successful nominees will be notified at the HISA Board Meeting held at 12.40pm today and announced at the HISA conference dinner. Existing Board and all nominees were invited to attend the board meeting.

8. Other Business

Tam acknowledged Katerina as the Chair for the first 4 months of the year

Meeting closed: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8:40am.