

# 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology Inc

Thursday 22nd November 2012  
at  
Italian Centre,  
262 Carrington Street, Adelaide

1. **Attendance** 31 members were in attendance as recorded on sheets at door of meeting;  
  
Two members submitted proxy forms.

Nick Bulleid

2. **Apologies** 13 member's apologies were recorded.

Dan Johnson

3. **Confirmation of Minutes** of the 30<sup>st</sup> held Tuesday 22nd November 2011 2012 at the SARDI Auditorium, Plant Research Centre, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

The Chair called for any amendments to the minutes. None were proffered.

**MOTION: That the minutes are recorded as a true and correct record of the 31st AGM.**

**The motion was moved by Paul Grbin and seconded by Elizabeth Waters the motion was carried.**

4. **Business arising from the minutes**

No business was arising from the minutes.

5. **President's report.**

The President presented his report (tabled) to the members. The president made mention of the following highlights of the past year;

- Success of the Managing difficult vintages prior to the last AGM in November and the Objective measures of quality seminar held in Mildura;
- The renegotiation of the publishing contract with Wiley Blackwell with terms that are more advantages to the society financially;
- Announcement of the Inaugural Awards for Excellence;
- Membership level had been maintained at a stable and sustainable level;
- Management of overheads and restructure has led to a return to financial stability.

The president noted that he had regretfully accepted the resignation of Vladimir Jiranek from his role of Editor, and announced that he was pleased to advise the appointment of Terry Lee as Vladimir's replacement.

The Chair called for any questions relating to the President's report.

Paul Grbin asked what plans in place to increasing the number of members

The President replied that growing the membership was one of the core strategic areas and that there were programs that were being developed to increase engagement with students and to make greater contact with major wine regions through a regional program that he was hoping to roll out in the new year.

No further questions were proffered.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer presented the audited financial reports (tabled) for the year ended 30 June 2012 to the members. The Treasurer summarised the report noting that membership income was stable and that events had contributed considerable revenue returning equity to the ASVO.

This year has seen a lot of behind the scenes work in driving down costs to increase the bottom line in a good way.

Major factors that contributed to the strong surplus were the renegotiation of the publishing contract and a one off bonus from Wiley Blackwell.

The Treasurer called for any questions relating to the Treasurer's report.

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's report is accepted.**

**The motion was moved by Angus Davidson; and seconded by Elizabeth Waters the motion was carried.**

## **7. Board elections**

The Chair reported the outcomes of the election for the four regional positions on the board.

### **South Australian Region**

There were four nominations for the South Australian position. The Chair noted that there was over 118 ballots received and that the voting was very tight with only two votes separating the top three candidates. The successful candidate was Vladimir Jiranek.

### **TAS Qld and WA Region**

There were two candidates nominate for the TAS Qld and WA position. The successful candidate was Bob Dambergs

### **Victoria region**

There was only one candidate nominating for Victoria and therefore an election was not required. The successful candidate was Mark Krstic

### **New South Wales Region**

There was only one candidate nominated for the New South Wales region and therefore an election was not required. The successful candidate was Kristy Bartrop

The Chair thanked the outgoing members for their contributions over the past year. Special thanks to Geoff McCorkelle who spent a total of six years on the board and was very helpful in this role and to Hugh Armstrong who kindly stepped into a seconded role and whose contribution was invaluable. The Chair acknowledged the other candidates for their desire and willingness to play a greater role in the Society.

## 8. **Other business**

The Chair opened the meeting for questions;

Paul Grbin asked about the planning and preparations for AWITC.

The President replied that the preparations were going well and that registrations and sales of exhibitor space were going well to date.

Elizabeth Waters asked for an update about the negotiations around discounted registration for ASVO members.

The President replied that whilst ASVO was a part owner of the AWITC the ASVO was not able to extract a concession for members because the entities were completely separate. The president acknowledged that it was a contentious issue and that the ASVO board had looked at ways of negotiating a discount but that these had not been successful to date given the issues of the structure of the organisations.

Mark asked about scholarships for the next International symposium.

The President replied that the modest surplus from the 8<sup>th</sup> international had been held in trust on behalf of the symposium and that there would be a call for students to apply for scholarships to attend the forthcoming symposium

Alan Hoey opened a discussion regarding membership and asked for ideas on how to reach or increase membership

Paul Grbin spoke about students having access to the journal through their university and thus negating the need for membership, but that recent graduates who would have effectively lost their access could be target for membership.

David Wollan suggested requesting that employers be asked to recognise or place a premium on ASVO members when they are hiring.

The President replied that the ASVO was considering certification schemes but had not found anything that was cost effective.

Wendy Cameron spoke of the importance of employers recognising that membership in a professional society was an advantage and that more employers should look to pay fees for their employees.

No further questions were proffered.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.28pm