

# 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology Inc

Held on the 19th of November in the SARDI Auditorium, Plant Research Centre, Waite Campus

2b Hartley Grove, Urrbrae

1. **Attendance** Twenty seven (27) members; making a quorum, were in attendance as recorded on sheets at door of meeting;

Barbara Hall	Mark Gishen	Richard Hamilton
Bob Dambergs	Mark Krstic	Richard
Brett McClen	Markus Herderich	Haselgrove
Con Simos	Mike Trought	Rob Stevens
Dan Johnson	Patrick Iland	Russel Johnstone
Greg Dunn	Paul Grbin	Simon Robinson
Kristy Bartrop	Paul Petrie	Sue Bastian
Laurie Stanford	Peter Dry	Tony Batagelene
Marcel Essling	Peter Hayes	Vlad Jiranek
Mardi Longbottom	Philip Laffer	

Nine (9) members submitted proxy forms;

Andrew John Markides  
Bruce Gregory  
Fiona Kerlake  
Jeremy Dineen  
Mark Downey  
Murray Paterson  
Jason Cappello  
Suzanne Franke  
Colin Goad

2. **Apologies** Nineteen (19) member's apologies were recorded.

Chris Pfeiffer	Liz Waters
Mark Babidge	Ed Parker
David Oag	Kate Harvey
Murray Paterson	Stuart Thomson
Brian Smedley	Anne Duncan
Graeme Wellman	Ben Gibson
Sue Caloghris	Paul Evans
Louisa Rose	Dion Mundy
Jason Amos	Warren Mason
	Robert Learmonth

3. **Confirmation of Minutes** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> held Tuesday

The Chair called for any amendments to the minutes. Markus Herderich pointed out that there was an incomplete sentence in last paragraph of Item 8.

*“The president acknowledged that it was a contentious issue and that the ASVO board had looked...”*

*Amended*

*“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.”*

**MOTION: That the minutes are recorded as a true and correct record of the 31st AGM pending posting of an amended item 8 to the ASVO website.**

**The motion was moved by Paul Grbin and seconded by Simon Robinson.**

**The motion was carried.**

**4. Business arising from the minutes**

No business was arising from the minutes.

**5. Chairman’s report.**

The Chair presented his report to the members. It has been another busy and successful year for the ASVO; we presented our first awards for excellence and held a seminar on Efficiency and Sustainability in the Winery which was a great success. We also spent much of the year collaborating with the AWRI to host the 15th Australian Wine Industry Conference. We have posted a considerable surplus which has restored our equity reserves.

The awards for excellence were a new initiative for the ASVO in the 2012-13 year. The Chair called for any questions relating to the Chair’s report.

No further questions were proffered.

**MOTION: That the chairman’s annual report be accepted.**

**The motion was moved by Paul Petrie and seconded by Russel Johnstone.**

**The motion was carried.**

**6. Treasurer’s report**

The Treasurer presented the audited financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2013 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.

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 Richard Hamilton and seconded by Markus Herderich.**

**The motion was carried.**

**7. Board elections**

The Chair reported the outcomes of the election for the five general positions on the board. The chair welcomed newly elected Board members.

Paul Petrie  
Mardi Longbottom  
Brett McClen  
Mike Trought  
Mark Downey

There were seven nominations received and a total of 267 valid ballots were received representing 41.5% of eligible voters.

The Chair thanked the outgoing members for their contributions over the past two years. Special thanks to Mark Gishen who had acted as treasurer for two terms and was instrumental in maintaining a stable financial base, to Greg Dunn whose contribution over two term was invaluable and Alan Hoey who held the role of Vice President for the last two years.

The Chair thanked all candidates for their participation and acknowledged the other candidates for their desire and willingness to play a greater role in the Society.

**8. Appointment of fellow**

The Chair announced that Malcolm Allen had been invited to become a fellow of the ASVO. Malcolm had accepted the award but was unable to be present to receive it. The Chair advised members that the award would be presented to Malcolm at the Mildura Seminar in July2014.

The Chair explained that Malcolm had been awarded the fellowship recognizing his outstanding contribution through major roles within industry, science, education and the Society itself. These contributions include being a Board member and Secretary from 1998 to 2010 and acting as an Associate Editor for the AJGWR since its inception in 1995. Contributions to the industry include training generations of students at the Riverina College of Advanced Education and then Charles Sturt University, and pioneering research into how methoxypyrazines act as grape flavour components.

**9. Other business**

The Chair opened the meeting for questions;

Richard Haselgrove asked whether the move to electronic voting had resulted in a higher return rate.

The Chair replied that the return rate equalled the previous election return rate.

The Chair explained that the move to electronic voting was aimed more at

efficiency than return rate, but that the board had thought that the ease of use would increase the numbers of members voting.

Barbara Hall made comment that there may have been some confusion as the initial email was sent a week before the election opened.

Mike Trought asked if it were known what proportion of emails were received and opened and if it was possible to track which email address had opened the email.

The chair replied that general electronic mail outs were tracked but that that level of details was not available in the official election report.

Paul Grbin congratulated the board in negotiating discounted registration for ASVO members at the AWITC

The Chair thanked Paul Grbin for his positive comment.

No further questions were proffered.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at **6.06pm**