

**Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology Inc**  
**5.45pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**'Spirit Bond'**  
**Penfold's Magill Estate, 78 Penfolds Road, Magill, SA**

1. Attendance – 24 members were in attendance as recorded on sheets at door of meeting; 3 members submitted proxy forms.
2. Apologies – 26 member's apologies were recorded.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> AGM  
The President called for any amendments to the minutes. None were proffered.

**MOTION:** That the minutes are recorded as a true and correct record of the 29<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**Moved** Peter Hayes; **Seconded** Sue Caloghris

4. Business arising from the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> AGM – none
5. President's report.  
The President presented his report to the members.

**MOTION:** that the president's report is accepted.

**Moved** Mark Krstic; **Seconded** Luke Johnston

6. Treasurer's report  
The Treasurer presented the audited financial reports for the year ended 30.6.2010 to the members. He noted that ASVO has been operating with large deficits for several years. Accumulated funds have therefore decreased, however the changes in expenditure have reduced the extent of the deficit for this year.

Some discussion was held around various expenditure items compared with the previous year. Catering costs were noted to be higher because of more events held this year. The Treasurer discussed some of the budgetary impacts of organizational changes in the current year, and that a small surplus was planned as a result.

In response to a question, the Treasurer advised that approximately half of membership fees go toward the journal. It was recommended by Peter Hayes that in future the costs of the journal be explained by a footnote.

**MOTION:** that the financial report is accepted.

**Moved** Mark Gishen; **Seconded** Simon Robinson

There was general discussion about the impact factor of the journal and its position in relation to that of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture journal. Greg Dunn advised that they are impacted by special issues. ASVO has sought funding for a special issue but has not been successful to date. Luke Johnstone noted that funding is down for research and queried if it will have an impact on in the journal? Greg advised that it is a potential issue but noted that we currently receive a large quantity of submissions to the journal; competition to be published is high and should help sustain the quality of AJGWR.

7. Board elections

The President noted that no candidate nominated for the Board in the SA region. The President queried if anyone at the meeting would like to express their interest in joining the Board. Peter Hayes commended the role to people in the Future Leaders group. No member present expressed interest in joining the Board.

Rob Bramley queried if the constitution could be changed to remove the requirement for regional-based members of the Board. The President advised that regional representation is required by the Constitution and was introduced to avoid any perception of ASVO being SA-centric when it is a national organization. He noted that this could be changed should there be an expression of interest in this idea by a majority of members.

8. Other business

The status of the ASVO's strategic planning was raised. The President noted that an ambitious plan had been developed and some progress had been made, however a lot of the strategies hinged on securing funding through sponsorship. Despite a significant effort by Board and staff, only minimal sponsorship was achieved. He also noted that the AWITC had trouble securing sponsorship for the conference despite employing professional assistance and that the difficulties were probably a reflection of tight economic circumstances.

Professional membership benefits were discussed – the technical seminars and the journal remain the main reasons for the existence of the ASVO. It was commented that seminars would be difficult to stage whilst we don't have a large reserve behind us to underwrite any potential loss. ASVO is still keen however to make sure it presents technical information to members. It is noted that demand for specific technical information needs to be carefully reviewed before deciding on seminars and ASVO is likely to continue its current path of partnering with other organisations to deliver key events.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm