



Aspergers Victoria Inc. 33rd Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held by zoom at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 26th November 2024

Present (Board):

Board: Jon Northorpe (Chairperson), Matthew Rowe (Secretary), Harm Ellens, Alf Uhlherr, Renee Barnes

Staff: Jack Palit, Jacob Kness, Leslie Clements (General Manager) and volunteers.

Apologies: Gareth Downie (Treasurer)

Note: Captions for next year

Quorum As a quorum was present the meeting was declared open.

Chair: Jon Northorpe (AV President) was declared as the chair for the meeting

1. Welcome

Jon Northorpe declared there was a quorum and welcomed members and guests to the 2024 Aspergers Victoria Inc.'s 33rd Annual General Meeting. The Board acknowledged the Wurundjeri_tribe and other Indigenous tribes as the traditional owners, past, present and future.

2. Apologies:

None noted

Financial members:

refer to the register of members who attended.

The meeting was attended by 33 members and no proxies were received.

3. Looking Forward – the year ahead for AV

Leslie provided an update on the year ahead for AV including an update on the Services AV had delivered, and the Peer Support Groups. Jacob Alan Kness provided an update on AV's World of Work, Program Pilot, AV Job Coaching Program, AV's Impact in the Victorian Public Service, Employer Training & Consulting, AV Career Network.

4. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes

See '*2023 Minutes of Meeting*' - attached.

The minutes of the 2023 AGM (sent to members prior to the 2024 AGM) were confirmed and approved by a majority vote of members.

5. Annual Report 2023/24

See 'Annual Report' of the Aspergers Victoria AGM presentation - Attached.

Jon Northorpe went through the Annual Report which included an update on the Membership and Strategy objectives achievements and highlights that Aspergers Victoria had achieved over the last 12 months.

Motion to accept the Annual Report was carried by majority vote.

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements 2023/24

See 'Financial Statements' of Aspergers Victoria - Attached.

Jon Northorpe went through the Financial Statements (as at 30 June 2024)

Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2024 were confirmed and accepted by a majority vote.

7. Confirm the 2024 Committee membership / Membership Fees Proposal

Jon went through the board members that held office during 2023/24 and those nominated for 2024/25 (below),

- **Chairperson** – Jon Northorpe
- **Vice President** – Harm Ellis
- **Treasurer** – Gareth Downie
- **Secretary** – Matthew Rowe
- **General Member** – Renee Barnes(capabilities) Alf Uhlherr (Member Advocate), Nicole McMillian (Comms)

There were no other nominations.

There were no proposed changes to membership fees in 2024/25.

The Membership Fee Proposal and Committee Membership for 2024/25 was confirmed and accepted by a majority vote.

The nominees were accepted by a majority vote.

8. Thank you to the AV community.

Jon thanked the AV community for their dedication and support throughout the year, including:

- Members and their supporters
- Volunteers past and present
- AVs Ambassadors
- Board members past and present
- Donors
- Grant contributors
- Performers
- Speakers

Questions.

Jon opened the meetings to questions. Several questions were asked and answered on topics including NDIS support around changes and potential routes to increase membership and a member's resource group.

9. Other Business

No other business items were raised for discussion.

The formal part of the meeting was followed by two presentations:

- Lyndel Kennedy presented on her PhD research on higher education for neurodivergent students.
- Anita Aherne spoke to her work though Living on the Spectrum.

10. Close

The 33rd Aspergers Victoria Inc. AGM formally closed at 9.10 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING**
- 2. ANNUAL REPORT (2023/24)**
- 3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (As at 30 June 2024)**
- 4. TREASURERS REPORT**
- 5. BOARD (2024).**
- 6. Presentation**

List of members attending – excluding staff and members of the committee