

Special General Meeting Minutes

Date: 17/02/2022

Attendees: Matthew Stewart(President/Chair), Rob Brockman, Terry Polglase, David Needham, Will Ponsonby, Rose Meaghan, Diana Cossar-Burgess, Lakshini Krishnadasa, Ian Fletcher, Sriram Janardhana, Meera Raja, Garion Weller, Leesa Grundy, Nimmika Thisara, Jiaxiang Huang, Limsing Tang, Sicong Xie, Daniel Chen, Mat Meaden, Matt Gillie, Lasse Bundgaard, Jim Birch, Mohummed Raihan, Soon Rea Lau, Lucy Lei, Casim Al-Adzin, (1 member did not check in)

Meeting Opened: 6.06PM

Apologies: None received

Welcome: Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their attendance. The agenda was read and moved into the first item.

1. Align the STBA Membership Period to the financial year (1st July to 30th June). In year 1 there will need to be a transitional period, which will be addressed by having the next membership period from 1st March 2022 to 30th June 2023. After this initial transitional period the membership period will be 01/07 – 30/06.
 - a. Motion was moved by Will Ponsonby and seconded by Matthew Stewart.
 - b. Discussion held around the benefits/consequences of the motion regarding practical implementation (given our calendar of events is for the calendar year not financial year). Discussed reporting periods for our association, the state body, and the national body.
 - i. Motion passed: 26 for, 1 against.
2. The Executive Committee to no longer be elected by the members. A committee will be elected by the members, and that committee will decide amongst itself on who will form the executive committee. Executive Committee to continue to serve the one year period.
 - a. Motion was moved by Ian Fletcher, and seconded by Matthew Stewart.
 - b. Discussion held on the reasonings behind it (as per circulated information), and also the reasons against it. Discussion of committees being overthrown, whether it should happen at a public level (AGM) or behind the boardroom doors, and whether you could attract people to the specific roles.
 - i. Motion failed: 2 for, 25 against.
3. The STBA Committee requests permission from the members to pay up to \$7,000 in honorariums as per 13.4(e) of the Constitution.
 - a. Motion was moved by Matthew Stewart and seconded by Terry Polglase.
 - b. Discussion held on what an honorarium is, and the reasons on seeking approval by members to pay (as per the constitution). Spoke about the size of the association, whether we had relevant skills at our disposal, and structure of the organisation.
 - i. Motion failed: 11 for, 26 against.

Meeting Closed: 6.58PM