

# Adelaide University Law Students' Society Inc.

## Minutes: Annual General Meeting



**Date:** 22 October 2018

**Meeting Opened:** 6:18pm ACDT

**Meeting Closed:** 8:30pm ACDT

**Location:** Lecture Theatre 231, Ligertwood Building, University of Adelaide SA 5005

<b>Meeting called by:</b> Henry Materne-Smith	<b>Minutes taken by:</b> Henry Materne-Smith
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### **AULSS Committee members present (26):**

Alison Jones (President)\*, Henry Materne-Smith\*, Louis Guglietti\* (left at 7:25pm, returned 7:30pm), Sam Leeson\*, Soraya Pradhan\*, Sophia Laparidis\*, Azaara Perakath\*, James Williams (left 7:26pm), Olivia (Liv) Jay, Gaida Merei, Belal Salih (left at 6:33pm, returned 6:37pm, left 7:27pm, returned 7:32pm), Cloe Jolly, Georgia Penglis, Erin Mack (left 7:17pm, returned 7:24pm), Jack Eccleston (left 7:56pm, returned 7:59pm), Chelsea Chieng, Eloise Dibden, Annabel Bramley, Nicholas Garbas (left 7:17pm, returned 7:24pm, left 8:02pm, returned 8:05pm), Jasmyn Tran, Tim Porter (left 7:29pm, returned 7:34pm), Claudia Boccaccio (left 7:18pm, returned 7:24pm), Peter Tantalos, Lucy Burnett (left 7:09pm), Emma Stone, Mitchell Brunker (arrived 6:26pm)

\* = member of the Executive

### **Other members present (11):**

Sofia Arlotta, Chelsea Fernandez (left 7:50pm), Hongmi Yun, Brooke Washusen, Isaac Trumble, Rachel Chalmers, Rory Clark (left 7:16pm, returned 7:18pm), Mathew Cheung (left 7:27pm), Thomas Blokland, Richie Davis, Ron Beevor (arrived 7:00pm)

**Apologies (4):** India Short, Tyson Leung, Ali Gunning, James Lontos

**Not present without notice (6):** Elliette Kirkbride, Jasmin Teurlings, Hugo Chapman, Daniel Bartlett, Robert Butler, Anthony O'Brien

### **Notice**

In accordance with clauses 37 and 38 of the Constitution, notice for this General Meeting was first provided on 24 September 2018 (and provided on all authorised communication fora by 26 September 2018) following consultation with the President. An agenda and previous minutes were circulated on 24 September 2018. The Annual Report 2018 and Financial Reports 2018 were made available together on 11 October 2018.

### **Quorum**

There were 36 AULSS Committee Members as at the date of the Annual General Meeting. The minimum number of members required to reach quorum was therefore 19. In accordance with clause 21(3) of the Constitution, there being 37 members present (including more than two members of the Executive), quorum was present.

### **Chairperson**

In accordance with clause 23(1) of the Constitution, the President acted as Chairperson.

### **Executive reports**

All members of the Executive provided reports. The Equity and Wellbeing Officer and the Hilarian Editors also elected to provide reports.

## Agenda Items

<b>Item: Acknowledgement of Country</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Alison Jones
<b>Discussion</b>	We would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

<b>Item: Minutes and issues from the AGM held on 26 October 2017</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Henry Materne-Smith
<b>Discussion</b>	The Members of the AULSS, having read and reviewed the Minutes of the last AGM held on 26 October 2017, unanimously accepted the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and raised no further issues in relation to that Meeting.
<b>Moved by</b>	Belal Salih
<b>Seconded by</b>	Annabel Bramley

<b>Item: Minutes and issues from the General Meeting held on 23 July 2018</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Henry Materne-Smith
<b>Discussion</b>	The Members of the AULSS, having read and reviewed the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 23 July 2018, unanimously accepted the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and raised no further issues in relation to that Meeting.
<b>Moved by</b>	Alison Jones
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Eccleston

<b>Item: Presentation of Reports</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Alison Jones, Henry Materne-Smith, Soraya Pradhan, Sophia Laparidis, Sam Leeson, Azaara Perakath, Louis Guglietti, Eloise Dibden & Nick Garbas on behalf of the Hilarian Team
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Each Report from the Annual Report 2018 was presented by its respective author. Further comments and discussion (if any) occurred as follows:</p> <p><b>President's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alison Jones asked if there was any feedback on the Uniform Clerkship Scheme [no feedback was offered].</li> </ul> <p><b>Vice-President's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam Leeson asked what Other Revenue represented in the Financial Statements. Henry Materne-Smith responded that it largely represented miscellaneous Activities income or other items that did not fit within the</li> </ul>

existing chart of accounts (which was set up several years ago).

- Louis Guglietti asked if Henry Materne-Smith had any recommendations about the amount of profit the AULSS generated. Henry responded that aiming to break-even is appropriate, especially given the uncertain nature of the AULSS' environment (particularly regarding sponsorship income, which can vary substantially over time depending on business conditions). Henry suggested that the incoming Committee think hard and creatively at the start of its term about potential investments of the AULSS' funds, such as equity initiatives (e.g. textbook loan scheme). But that is a matter for the incoming Committee.

**Director of Careers & Sponsorship:**

- Soraya Pradhan expressed some further thoughts to the Committee on how to encourage attendance at future careers events.

**Director of Activities:**

- Nil

**Director of Competitions:**

- Sam Leeson expressed his gratitude for the support of the academics and students who acted as ad hoc judges.
- Alison Jones and Brooke Washusen mentioned that certain academics had expressed interest in writing problem questions. Gaida Merei suggested that the incoming Director approach the Dean, Melissa de Zwart, about this.

**Director of Education:**

- Nil

**Director of Social Justice:**

- Nil

**Equity and Wellbeing Officer:**

- Nil

**The Hilarian:**

- Annabel Bramley queried whether Nick Garbas' proposal of a Communications Portfolio was to create a formal portfolio or just a team of people. Nick confirmed that it would be more akin to a group of people.
- Alison Jones suggested that a Director of Communications in the Executive would potentially be useful, but that this could make the position of Communications Officer redundant – a matter for the next Committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick Garbas reported that The Hilarian needs to be part of the decision-making process if the Hilarian is going to be restricted by the Executive approving its content.</li> </ul> <p>All reports having been presented and discussed, the Annual Report 2018 was unanimously accepted by the Members.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Brooke Washusen <b>Seconded by:</b> Annabel Bramley</p>
<b>Action items</b>	None
<b>Conclusions</b>	As above

<b>Item: Acceptance of Financial Reports 2018</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Henry Materne-Smith
<b>Motion</b>	The Members of the AULSS, having read and reviewed the Financial Reports prepared for the 2018 Financial Year, unanimously voted to accept the Financial Reports 2018 and noted no issues.
<b>Moved by</b>	Alison Jones
<b>Seconded by</b>	Nick Garbas

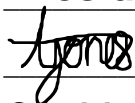
<b>Item: Any other business or announcements as may arise</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	N/A
<b>Discussion</b>	None raised.

**Meeting closed at:** 8:30pm ACDT

Signed by the member who presided at this meeting pursuant to s 51(1)(b)(ii) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* (SA):

Name: **Alison Jones**

Position: **President**

Signature: 

Date: **21-11-2018**