

SUSTAINABLE POPULATION AUSTRALIA (SPA) Inc.
AGM 2019 Minutes

11 a.m. Saturday 27th April 2019
Ecocentre, Nathan Campus, Griffith University Brisbane Q'Ld

1. Welcome & Announcements: Sandra Kanck as President welcomed all to the AGM and outlined the proceedings for the day, which were hosted by the Queensland Branch of SPA.

2(a) Present: Sandra Kanck, Jane O'Sullivan, Michael Bayliss, David Boyd, Jenny Goldie, Colin Lyons, Peter Cook, John Coulter, Glenda Darville, Rob Taylor, Eileen Dunstone, Greg Dunstone, Kate Gannon, Frank Harris, Patrina Hendry, Karin Kochmann, Aria Matta, Tony Matta, Judith Odgaard, David Robertson, Kelvin Thomson, Katherine Tucker, Kay Dunne, Marcia Neely, Marita Schlinke, Nola Stewart.

2(b) Apologies: Alan Jones, Graham Wood, Nick Goldie, Simon Cole, Darren Churchill, Phyllis Coulter, Lucy Clothier

3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM:

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as a correct record.

Mv: Nola Stewart **Seconded:** Jenny Goldie **Carried**

4. Ballots

Returning Officer: David Boyd

David reported that there were no more nominations than there were positions available, so there is no need for elections this year. Positions for which no nominations had been received were: Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary and 3 available Committee positions. The following nominees may be 'deemed' elected:

Sandra Kanck	- President
Jenny Goldie	- Vice President
Nola Stewart	- Meetings Secretary
Jane O'Sullivan	- Committee
Alan Jones	- Committee

5. Reports

5.1 President: Sandra Kanck's Report is attached. Sandra noted that Michael Bayliss had done a good job as Communications Officer. \$5000 had been raised through 'crowd funding' for a new video camera for SPA which Michael has been able to use. Videos such as interviews with SPA patrons are now up on the SPA website and have had many views.

5.2 Treasurer: Rob Taylor's Report is attached. Rob reported that after several years of declining membership there had been a slight upwards turn in membership numbers recently. Several large donations have covered various projects being carried out by SPA and donations are the main contribution to funds. Despite record expenditure we had an excess of \$17,000 enabling SPA to increase the number of days per week that we employ Michael Bayliss as our Communications manager from 2 to 4 days.

Motion: That the President's and Treasurer's Reports be received.

Mv: Peter Cook **Seconded:** Jane O'Sullivan **Carried**

Motion: A formal motion was moved by Jenny Goldie, commending Rob Taylor on 6 years of faithful service as Treasurer.

Mv: Jenny Goldie **Seconded:** Nola Stewart **Carried:** By acclamation
The President made a presentation of a book by Dr Mary White and a bottle of wine to Rob.

6. Election of National Committee

The following are deemed elected because the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions:

Sandra Kanck	- President
Jenny Goldie	- Vice President
Treasurer	(No nominations)
Nola Stewart	- Meetings Secretary
Correspondence Sec	(No nominations)
Jane O'Sullivan	- Committee
Alan Jones	- Committee

The President, Sandra Kanck, indicated that filling the available positions that were left would be an item of business on the agenda of the first meeting of the new Executive the following day, 28th April 2019.

7. Life Membership: John Weaver of the Western Australian Branch has been nominated by the SPA Executive for Life Membership of SPA.[Requires a 75% majority to pass.]

Motion: That John Weaver be made a Life Member of SPA.

Mv: Judith Odgaard **Seconded:** Nola Stewart **Carried**

8. Inaugural Winner of the Dr Mary E White 'Unsung Heroes' Award: Dr Bob Birrell Jenny Goldie announced the winner and explained why Dr Bob Birrell richly deserved the Award. Members present expressed their approval with acclamation.
[*TAPRI = The Australian Population Research Institute]

9. Appointment of Auditor:

Motion: That Pauline Horebe appointed as Auditor.

Mv: Jenny Goldie **Seconded:** Nola Stewart **Carried**

10. Other Business: An announcement was made concerning arrangements for Dinner at a local restaurant for those who could attend.

11. Location of AGM 2020: Sandra will ask the SA / NT Branch if they would be willing to host the 2020 SPA AGM.

12. Thanks to Queensland Branch: The President thanked the Queensland Branch, and its president Jane O'Sullivan in particular, for their excellent work in hosting the 2019 SPA AGM and associated events.

CLOSE: The Meeting closed at 12.07 p.m.